

Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

Autumn Newsletter: 25th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

These Fridays keep coming round quickly! I can't believe another weekend has arrived. I hope you get to do something nice and manage to enjoy some time together.

Thank you for helping us to keep our school safe and wearing face coverings when you drop off and pick up your children. Staff will also be doing the same if they are on the playground before and after school.

I have had lunch with Year 5 today, they were telling me all about their space topic - they seem to be having lots of fun and really enjoying it. I have also seen Year 1 having fun in their new outdoor areas - they have been solving some exciting maths and phonic challenges. Well done.

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Take care, Ellie Game

Parking

I have had a couple of queries regarding parking around school. Some parents are struggling to get pushchairs past cars that are parking on pavements and I have also been informed that some parents are gathering in groups near school and forcing some of our Year 5 and 6 children who walk alone to walk in the road to get past them. I ask for your consideration in addressing these things and keeping our school community safe.

Thank you

World Mental Health Day

Saturday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. We would like to celebrate this day in school on Friday 9th October.

We would like our whole school to 'shine brighter' on this day and would love the children (and staff!) to come dressed in their brightest clothes.

We are also going to be speaking to the children about what makes them shine. It would be really helpful if you could talk to them about this too so they are ready to share on the 9th. Sharing our talents is a great way to make everyone feel good. Charlotte and Abigail have also been to talk to me about kindness and would like to challenge everyone in school to do a random act of kindness on this day - another way to boost our mental health. Thanks girls.

Harvest

This year for our Harvest celebrations our worship will focus around being thankful for the things we have. We have been in touch with Rev'd George from Giving Hands food bank and he has informed us that they have more people than ever accessing their service. We know lots of our children would still like to collect donations for the 'Giving Hands' food bank so we have thought carefully how best to do this while making sure we follow safety guidelines.

We would like all donations to come in on the same day - Monday 5th October. We will be putting boxes in each classroom where food can be dropped off safely. The donations will then be quarantined for at least 48 hours before being collected by 'Giving Hands'.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your support.

We know all your donations will be very much appreciated. I have asked for a list of most needed items so I will get this to you as soon as I have it.

Home learning

If your child is off school awaiting the results of a test or because they are isolating, the following home learning can take place.

- Rising stars, reading planet online books (school resource)
- Athletics/TT Rock stars (school resource)
- Oak academy online lessons via this link <https://classroom.thenational.academy/>
- BBC bitesize online learning via this link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/terms-topics>

In the unfortunate incident that a whole year group has to isolate, staff will post work via DOJO.