

Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

Autumn Newsletter: 4th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have to admit it is lovely to be writing my first newsletter of the year. I know we are not quite back to normal yet but it very much feels like we are getting there! Thank you very much for all your support with the systems we have put in place at school. The new systems that are in place in school are working extremely well and are keeping all our families and staff safe. Hearing the school full of fun and laughter again has been amazing!

On Monday, the children will move to their new year groups so will have new routines to follow. They will have spoken about these in their classes and met their new teachers this afternoon but it would be really helpful if you could speak to them too.

Please do get in touch if you or your child have any anxieties or questions and we will do very best to answer your questions and reassure you.

Best wishes and have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Game

Value of the half term...

Resilience

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me,' Phillippians 4:13

Over the coming weeks we will looking at how resilience is a Christian value and how being resilient can help us when things are difficult.

Dinners

From Monday children in year 1 will be able to have a hot dinner. Once we have this system in place we are hopeful that we will be able to offer this to additional year groups.

The contents of a grab-a-bag has also been reviewed and children can now choose from: white or brown bread or a wrap. They can also choose if they would like salad in their sandwich/wrap. The sandwich filling choice is ham, cheese or tuna. In addition to this they can choose either an apple, satsuma or yoghurt. They will also get either biscuits or a cake.

- Your child will be asked what they want when they come into school.
- School grab-a-bags/lunches cost £2.40.
- Only children in Years 3,4,5,6 need to pay for lunches.
- Children entitled to free school meals do not need to pay for lunches.
- Any money should be sent in in the usual way.

Play equipment

Please can we ask for your support in keeping the children off the outdoor play equipment before and after school. We have certain equipment allocated to different bubbles and if other children play with/on them it increases the risk of any possible transmission.

Thank you for your support with this.

Times:

Please remember to stick to your staggered start and end times. Thank you

Surnames A-G: 8.45-8.55/3.00-3.10

Surnames H-M: 8.55-9.05/3.10-3.20

Surnames N-Z: 9.05-9.15/3.20-3.30

Year 1 entrance and exit

Please note that Year 1C drop off and pick up from their fire door near the field.

Year 1L drop off and pick up from the lower playground.

Lockers

Children in Year 3,4 and 5 will need to take their bags and coats straight to their classroom on Monday where their teacher will allocate them a locker to use.

Children in Year 6 will keep their current locker.

New reception children

Can we take this opportunity to welcome all the new families who are due to start with us next week.

We look forward to a long and happy relationship with you.

Gates system

To ease congestion we are going to put a 1 way system in place on field lane. Please can we use the narrow green gate to enter the school grounds and the large field gate to exit.

Marlborough Drive Gate will be used as normal but we ask that you be cautious as it is narrow.

Thank you for your help with this.

Upper playground

We would also like to put a 1 way system in place going to and from the upper playground. Where possible can we please go up the slope and down the steps.

Thank you for your help with this.

Reading books

Could you please check if you have any school reading books at home and send them into school please. Thank you.

Reading records

Some children will have started to come home with our new reading records and a new book. Please encourage your child to read at home and fill in the record when they have read. We will be doing the same in school. It is going to be a great way to record your child's reading journey.

We aim to have every child with a new reading record and book by the end of next week.

Please remember that we haven't heard your children read for quite a while so we might not get their book level right first time. We'll do our very best though!

COVID reminder

Please remember if you or a family member becomes unwell with Covid symptoms, please follow the government advice and isolate and get tested.

Symptoms can include:

- a recent onset of a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Thank you for your support in keeping our OCEPS community safe and well.

