



## OUSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL: KEY DATES FOR PARENTS/CARERS 2021-22

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you have had a lovely Summer; it's been lovely to see the children return to school today and to hear their holiday news. A big welcome also to our new Reception and Nursery pupils and new pupils who have joined classes across the school. To help you plan ahead, I thought it would be useful to inform you of key dates for the coming year. More details about these events will be given nearer the time. We will try to keep to these dates, however circumstances may alter our plans as we progress through the year and we will keep you informed of any changes. Please note that this year County Durham schools have been asked to take **five** training days within term time.

Our **'Welcome to the New School Year'** meeting for parents/carers is on **Monday 13th September from 5.15pm - 6pm**. This gives you the opportunity to:

- meet your child's teacher
- hear about how the class have settled in so far
- find out about the work and topics your child will be covering this year
- find out about homework and organisation for the year ahead
- meet other parents/carers in your child's class (especially useful for new Reception/Nursery parents!)
- ask questions and discuss any areas of concern

*Please note that this meeting is for parents/carers only. Children should not attend wherever possible*

### **Other reminders and information:**

- Our updated Risk Assessment is attached. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns
  - Please continue to be vigilant with regards to Covid 19 symptoms; do not send your child into school if they have these symptoms and book a PCR test as soon as possible.
  - Our drop off and collection routines went very smoothly today, many thanks for your support with these. Just a reminder that Year 6 can come straight into school from 8.45am, coming down the steps from the yard and through the entrance opposite their classroom. They will be brought onto the yard at the end of the day. Mr Storrar has gone through this routine with them today.
  - If Year 5 and 6 pupils who walk home alone wish to bring a mobile phone into school, the sheet attached should be completed by parents/carers and returned to school.
  - Children should not bring their own pencil cases and stationary into school. Individual pencil cases and pencils, rulers, pens etc are now provided by us.
  - Children will be asked to come to school on their PE day in their PE kits. **Please note that we now expect all children to wear the school PE uniform** which is a white t-shirt and black shorts or jogging bottoms. Class Teachers will let you know your child's PE day.
  - As Year 3 last year did not access any swimming lessons due to the pandemic, swimming lessons have now moved to Year 4. The current Year 3 will therefore access these next year.
  - A reminder about healthy packed lunches. Chocolate, sweets and fizzy/high sugar drinks should not be included in lunch boxes. Please try to include fruit and vegetables and keep crisps and biscuits/cakes to a minimum.
  - Please complete the Health/Medical Info sheet sent out as soon as possible and return to school
- I'm sure our children will settle back into school really well and I will send a newsletter in the coming weeks with further information and news about school events so far. Best Wishes, Mrs Lavelle

## SEPTEMBER

**1<sup>st</sup> : Training Day - School Closed to Pupils**

2<sup>nd</sup> : New Term starts

7<sup>th</sup> : Photographer in - Class and House Team photos

13<sup>th</sup>: Classes choose School Council/RRSA Team reps this week

13<sup>th</sup>: New School Year meetings with parents/carers, 5.15pm

29<sup>th</sup> : Photographer in - Individual and Siblings

## OCTOBER

4<sup>th</sup> : Book Fair Week

11<sup>th</sup> : Harvest Festival Week. Pupils may bring in donations

15<sup>th</sup>: Year 3 Harvest Assembly 9.15am and Reception, Nursery, Year 1 and 2 Harvest Assembly at 2.15pm

Parents/Carers of these year groups are invited to these

19<sup>th</sup> : Reception English and Maths workshops for parents/carers pm

22<sup>nd</sup>: Mr Storrar (Year 6) Class Assembly at 9.15am. Parents/Carers invited to this.

22<sup>nd</sup> : End of half term.

## NOVEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> : Back to School

8<sup>th</sup> KS1 and Reception/Nursery Parents/Carers Evening (2.30-5pm)

9<sup>th</sup>: KS1 and Reception/Nursery Parents/Carers Evening (3.30-6pm)

15<sup>th</sup> : Blue Monday today (pupils may wear blue clothing) and start of Anti-Bullying week. Theme- 'One Kind Word'

15<sup>th</sup>: KS2 Parents/Carers Evening (2.30-5pm)

16<sup>th</sup>: KS2 Parents/Carers Evening (3.30-6pm)

19<sup>th</sup>: Children in Need Day - children may come to school in non-uniform

**26<sup>th</sup> : Training Day - school closed to pupils**

## DECEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> : Christmas Lunch (children/staff can wear Christmas jumpers, hats etc)

6<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Performances this week as follows:

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> pm - Nursery/Reception parents/carers

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> pm - KS1 parents/carers

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> pm - Year 3/4 parents/carers

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> pm - Year 5/6 parents/carers

13<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Parties this week

16<sup>th</sup> : Y6 Cinema visit am

17<sup>th</sup> : Miss Allen (Year 5) Class Assembly at 9.15am

17<sup>th</sup> : End of Term

## JANUARY

**4<sup>th</sup> : Training Day - school closed to pupils**

5<sup>th</sup>: Back to school

## FEBRUARY

8<sup>th</sup> : Safer Internet Day

14<sup>th</sup>: Valentines Day Discos

18<sup>th</sup>: Mrs Baum (Year 5) Class Assembly at 9.15am, Mrs Exley (Year 2) Class Assembly at 2.30pm

18<sup>th</sup> : End of half term.  
28<sup>th</sup> : Back to school  
28<sup>th</sup> : One Britain Week

## **MARCH**

3<sup>rd</sup> : World Book Day - children may come to school dressed as a book character  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>: Nursery/Reception/KS1 Parents Evenings from 2.30pm in hall (Mon) and from 3.30pm (Tues)  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>: KS2 Parents Evenings from 2.30pm in hall (Mon) and from 3.30pm (Tues)  
25<sup>th</sup>: Mothers Day Breakfast

## **APRIL**

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> : Egg Decoration Competition  
6<sup>th</sup> : Easter Coffee Afternoon  
8<sup>th</sup>: Mrs Dadswell (Year 4) Class Assembly, 9.15 and Mr Walsh (Year 1) Class Assembly 2.30pm.  
8<sup>th</sup> : End of Term  
25<sup>th</sup> : Back to School

## **MAY**

3<sup>rd</sup> : May Day Bank Holiday  
4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>: Year 5 at Robin Wood  
9<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 SATS Week  
16<sup>th</sup>: Year 2 SATS during next 2 weeks  
27<sup>th</sup> : Miss Stebbings (Year 3) Class Assembly at 9.15am, Reception Class Assembly at 2.30pm  
27<sup>th</sup> : End of half term

## **JUNE**

6<sup>th</sup> : Back to school and start of Science Week  
6<sup>th</sup>: Year 1 Phonics Screening this week  
6<sup>th</sup>: Year 4 Multiplication Check within next three weeks  
9<sup>th</sup> : New Reception Parents/Carers meeting  
13<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 Weardale Week  
16<sup>th</sup> : KS1/Reception/Nursery Sports Day pm  
17<sup>th</sup> Fathers' Day Breakfast  
23<sup>rd</sup> : KS2 Sports Day pm  
**24<sup>th</sup>: Training Day - School Closed to Pupils**

## **JULY**

11<sup>th</sup>: Careers and Enterprise Week  
15<sup>th</sup>: Summer Fair  
18<sup>th</sup>: Reports to Parents/Carers. Nursery/Reception 'Teddy Bears Picnic' pm to share reports with parents/carers.  
18<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 Trip pm  
19<sup>th</sup> : Team Winner trip to Cinema, am  
19<sup>th</sup> : Attendance Winner Ice cream Van pm  
20<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 Celebration/Leavers Afternoon  
**20<sup>th</sup>: End of Term for Pupils**  
**21<sup>st</sup> : Training Day - School Closed to Pupils**