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NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS 21st OCTOBER 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of our first half term, I have lots of news and reminders to share with you. We have had a very busy half term with some lovely events and activities. We are also so impressed with how our children have settled into their new classes particularly our Nursery and Reception children.

I hope you all manage to find time to relax and enjoy some family time over half-term and we will look forward to welcoming children back on the 31st October. Please note that we will not be doing a Halloween dress-up day this year but I'm sure children will have opportunities to wear their outfits that evening and at events during half term (more about these below!)

Best Wishes,
Mrs Lavelle

Admissions to Reception 2023

Please note that the deadline for applications for admission to Reception in September 2023 is 15th January 2022. We have already held Open Events for prospective parents/carers but I can arrange further appointments to look around our school if needed. If you know of someone who is considering our school and would like to visit, please ask them to ring the School Office on 0191 410 2599 and we can arrange this for them.

This also applies to any parents/carers who are looking for a Nursery place for their child



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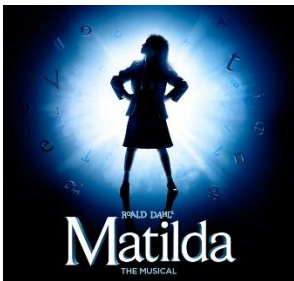
Harvest Festival



Thank you so much to our families for your very generous donations to our Harvest collection as always. We very much appreciate this and The People's Kitchen were delighted when they came to collect this yesterday.

We were delighted to welcome Nursery, Reception, KS1 and Year 3 parents/carers to our Harvest Assemblies and we really enjoyed these. The children shared some very interesting Harvest information, Harvest poems, riddles and prayers in addition to some lovely songs and dances!

Year 5 Theatre Visit to Lord Lawson



Year 5 really enjoyed their visit to Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy to watch this show performed by their students and it was nice to spot some former Ouston Primary pupils! The behaviour of our pupils was superb and it gave them a great theatre experience. Other Theatre visits are planned this year for Years 2, 4 and 6.

Other School Visits

Years 1 and 4 have participated in Gymnastics Festivals this term and loved trying out a range of activities and new skills.

Year 6 also enjoyed a very interesting trip to carry out a river study at the Cong Burn at Waldrige Fell as part of their Geography topic plus KS1 had a walk around Ouston today as part of their Local Area Geography topic – you may have seen them!



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Irish Dancing



Just a reminder about our Irish Dance Club that takes place after school here every Wednesday. This is £3 per class and finishes at 4.30pm. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to join this. It is open to all year groups.

The club also has classes on Fridays and Saturdays in Birtley plus runs a holiday club in the Summer. Here is some additional information about the club.

Inchigeelagh O'Gorman Academy of Irish dance is well known and has been well established for more than 39 years. We teach for fun and fitness but also to world championship level for those who wish to compete. We teach boys and girls aged 2 years to adults. The classes and participation in competitions help to boost confidence in addition to teaching new skills. The club also arranges a number of social events including discos, parties and presentation nights.

We offer free taster class to all. Contact number to book a place 07790247214. We love to welcome new children and their families into our happy little dance family. We teach an after school club at Ouston Primary on Wednesdays and ordinary classes at St. Joseph's Catholic Club every Friday 4pm to 5.15pm or Saturday 12.30pm to 2pm.

Half Term Halloween Activities



There are a number of activities for children and families taking place at Ouston Community Centre this half term. Please see the email we sent earlier today for more details.

There is also a Trick or Treat drop in at Pelton Police Station between 4pm to 7pm on Saturday 29th October. See the flyer attached for more details.



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Parking/Drop Off

As always, can I remind parents/carers that parking on yellow lines and markings outside the school entrance is not permitted and poses a safety risk to our children walking into school. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe. Please also be considerate to our neighbours and do not block driveways or roads. Parking Wardens do make unannounced visits to our school and will issue fines where needed.

Headlice

Just another of our regular reminders about checking your child's hair for head-lice. This is a common problem, particularly in school children aged 4-11 and if you would like further information about detection and treatment the NHS website (www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice) gives very clear information. Alternatively, if you would like to speak to the School Nurse, please ask at the School Office for her number. A number of easy to use treatments are available at your local chemist and they are another source of advice.

Water in School

Please can I remind parents/carers that only water should be brought into school in children's water bottles. This has always been school policy and is part of our healthy schools' ethos and curriculum. If there are medical and/or SEND reasons that your child needs to have juice, please let us know and we will of course follow the guidance you have been given by other professionals.

During the course of the day, children are reminded to drink their water and can top up bottles if needed. They are also given a cup of water with their school dinner and with their packed lunch if needed.

School Uniform



Our lost property collection is growing again! Items with names on are returned to children. Items without names will be brought out and hung on railings at our Parents Evenings. If your child has recently lost items or you are in need of replacements, please take any items free of charge.

Dates for the Diary

31st October: Back to School



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7th and 8th November: Nursery, Reception and KS1 Parents/Carers Evenings. Letters will be sent out after half term with more details about these.

11th November: Mr Storrar's Class Assembly at 9.15am

14th and 15th November: KS2 Parents/Carers Evenings. More details to follow

14th November: Anti-Bullying Day Week starts. More details to follow.

18th November: Friendship Friday and Children in Need day. Children can come to school in colourful outfits and/or Children in Need merchandise. We will ask for donations to Children in Need on this day.

25th November – School closed to pupils due to a Teacher Training Day



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