

# Oldfield Park Infant School



## Newsletter

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### Dear Parents

*It has been lovely to have all our reception children in school this morning. Everyone seems to be settling well into their new classes and routines.*

### School Photographs

These will take place during the school day on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October. If you do want your child to have their photograph taken with siblings who attend another setting, the photographer will be here from 8.00am onwards.

### NSPCC Speak out. Stay Safe Programme

The NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme is visiting our school for assembly on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language. We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are confident that they are appropriate for our aged children. By the end of their visit, we're certain children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website [nspcc.org.uk/schools](http://nspcc.org.uk/schools)

### Information Sessions for Parents of Reception Children (Frog and Fox Classes)

We would like to invite all parents with children in YR to come and find out more about how we teach reading in school and how you can support reading at home by attending on

**Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm**

The session will include information about:

- ❖ The range of activities that form our reading programme in school
- ❖ Letters and Sounds ~ how we teach phonics
- ❖ How to help your child at home

Please can we encourage as many of you as possible to come along to this session in the school Hall as promoting reading at home is proven to be one of the most important ways that you can help your child. Parents found the sessions to be very helpful when we ran them last year.



## Reminder for Y2 Parents

### Y2 transfer from Infant to Junior Stage Education

All Y2 parents will need to submit their application for a junior school place for their child by midnight on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2019. Please be aware that there is **no automatic transfer** from ourselves to any junior stage education.

### School Funding Cuts

If you would like to find out more about the impact of school funding cuts on Education please come along to meeting at Ralph Allen School on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 7pm – 9pm.

### Harvest 2018

*Harvest will soon be upon us. These are our outline plans for celebrating Harvest this year.*

### Harvest Celebrations - Wednesday October 10th



#### Fox and Frog Classes

The reception children will enjoy their own low key celebration sharing in the singing of harvest songs to each other and listening to harvest stories and poems. This worked really well for our youngest children over the last few years as they can become rather overwhelmed at whole school events with an audience so early on in their school life.



### Years 1 and 2

This year Years 1 and 2 will hold their harvest celebration in the school hall which will unfortunately mean that due to limitations on space we will be unable to invite parents. Please look out for the photographs on the website.

### Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner - Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>

We will be having a special Thanksgiving Roast Dinner during our Harvest Celebration.



### Supporting the Homeless at Harvest Time



We would appreciate it if every child could bring a gift from the following list on the **morning of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**. The produce will be given to the Genesis Project in Bath who provide for the homeless and needy via the Bath Foodbank. These are the items that they are most in need of at the moment.

❖ Milk (UHT)	❖ Instant Coffee
❖ Sugar	❖ Mashed Potato (Instant)
❖ Fruit Juice (Long life)	❖ Noodles/Snacks
❖ Pasta Sauces	❖ Tinned vegetables
❖ Tinned Meat	❖ Spreads (Jams, Marmalade, Marmite)
❖ Sponge Pudding (Tinned or packet)	❖ Vegetarian Meals (Tinned or packet)
❖ Tomatoes (Tinned or canned)	❖ Biscuits or Snack Bars
❖ Packets of cereal	❖ Chocolates/Sweets
❖ Rice Pudding (Tinned)	❖ Feminine Hygiene
❖ Custard (Tinned or packet)	❖ Deodorant/Toiletries/Toilet rolls
❖ Tinned Fruit	

Please send your gifts to the classroom - the children will bring them to the hall to create a display and a backdrop for a harvest assembly on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

## Moorland Road Library

I am sure you are aware of the council's plans for the Moorland Road Library. One of our parents, Mrs Boden has taken on the role of trustee for the new community organisation which will be taking on the Moorland Road Library from March 2019 and they would like to raise awareness and encourage as many people as possible to get involved and volunteer. You can help by completing a short survey online so they can gather your views at:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2XSFQLT](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2XSFQLT)

## Progress Evenings

We will be holding our Autumn Progress Evening just before half term where you can meet with your child's teacher to discuss how they have settled in to their new class and the progress they have made so far this year. Ten minute appointments will be available on Tuesday October 16<sup>th</sup> from 2.30pm to 5.30pm and on Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup> from 3.30 to 6.30pm. Lists for all classes will go up in Otter Room a couple of weeks beforehand so that you can select a convenient time. If it is difficult for you to get into school please call the school office who will be happy to book you a convenient time.

Please do not feel you need to wait until then to talk to the class teacher if you have any questions/concerns. Class teachers are always happy to meet with you between 8.30 and 8.50 in the morning or after pick up, just let the school office know.

## Bath Building Society's Fireworks Safety competition

Blank Posters have been sent home with the children and the completed posters will need to be returned to school by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at the latest**. Please remember that the theme is Firework Safety and the art work should have a message to let others know that fireworks and bonfires can be dangerous/ how to keep safe.

## Open Afternoons

The dates for Term 1 and 2 Open Afternoons are listed below. This is a great opportunity for you to come along and see some of the super learning taking place in class and to also find out how you can support your child's learning at home.

Please note a change of date from the dates given in the final newsletter of the year.

Rabbit Class	Badger Class	Barn Owl Class	Frog Class	Fox Class
Friday Sept 28 <sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm * Please note change of date	Friday Oct 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm	Friday Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm	Friday Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm	Friday Nov 16 <sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm

## PTA News

Many thanks to all those who were able to come along to the PTA AGM last week. Please see below the committee members:

Nyk Macey – Chair  
Mel Newson – Treasurer  
Jo Bamford and Kelly Dorgan – Secretary

The PTA have already set a few dates for upcoming events so please put these in your diary;  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 9am – 10am – Coffee morning for Reception parents in The Hive  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December for 11.30am – 2pm – Christmas Fayre

## Scooters / Bicycles : Code of Conduct

Scooter parking is situated behind 'The Hive' (canteen).



Please follow these few simple rules so that our scooter scheme works for everyone.

- ☺ **No scooting and cycling may take place on the playground at any time.**
- ☺ **Scooters and cycles must be stored in the racks provided.**

**Please remember that these rules apply to pre-school children too, thank you.**

Whilst I know that many of you encourage your child to be independent in putting 'vehicles' behind 'The Hive' this really **must** be done with parental supervision. It is not an area that can be seen from a distance. We do not have the time to police scootering so we do rely on everyone to play their part and enforce the rules with their own children. We also ask that when your child is scooting to school on the pavements you make them aware of other pedestrians.

#### **Dates for Academic Year 2018-2019**

Please see below dates for the next academic year as well as the INSET days already planned.

<b>2018 to 2019 Academic Year Oldfield Park Infant School and Oldfield Park Junior School will be following the BANES Term dates.</b>
<b>Term 1:</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2018 to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018
<b>Term 2:</b> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
<b>Term 3:</b> Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 to Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
<b>Term 4:</b> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
<b>Term 5:</b> Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019 to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
<b>Term 6:</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019 to Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019

Both Oldfield Park Infant School and Oldfield Park Junior School will be having 6 INSET days for the academic year 2018/2019.

Remaining Inset days at Oldfield Park Infant School have been confirmed as:

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Please note the school email address is [office@oldfieldpark-inf.bathnes.sch.uk](mailto:office@oldfieldpark-inf.bathnes.sch.uk)

**Yours sincerely,**

**Claire McMurtry  
Head Teacher**

Please see a list of dates below which are also displayed in our new '**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOU DIARY**' noticeboards which are on the corner of the building and in the Playground by the tree.

Autumn – Term 1	
W/B 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	All Reception children in every morning and stay for lunch
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Rabbit Open Afternoon at 2.15pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please note change of date</b></li> </ul>
W/B Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2018	Reception in full time Monday to Wednesday and all morning with lunch on Thursday and Friday
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Badger Open Afternoon at 2.15pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	School Photographs
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Reading information session for EYFS parents at 6pm
Wednesday 10 October 2018	Harvest service and lunch
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Barn Owl Open Afternoon at 2.15pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Progress Evening from 2.30pm-5.30pm 10 minute slots will be available nearer the time
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Progress Evening from 3.30pm-6.30pm 10 minute slots will be available nearer the time
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	End of Term 1
Autumn – Term 2	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Start of Term 2
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Frog Open Afternoon at 2.15pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Fox Open Afternoon at 2.15pm
Monday December 17 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Reception and Y1 Christmas performance to Y2 and parents with pre-school children at 9.45am (More information to follow)
Tuesday December 18 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Reception and Y1 performance to Badger and Fox parents at 9.45am (More information to follow)
Wednesday December 19 <sup>th</sup> 2018	Reception and Y1 performance to Barn Owl and Frog parents at 9.45am (More information to follow)
Thursday December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service at 2pm End of Term 2
Friday December 21 <sup>st</sup> 2018	INSET day – School closed to pupils