

Oldfield Park Infant School



Newsletter

2018-19

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October 8th 2018

Dear Parents

We have really enjoyed having all our reception children in school together over the last 2 weeks and we are amazed at how well they have settled into the new routines.

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 10th 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 15th 2019. Please be aware that there is **no automatic transfer** from ourselves to any junior stage education.

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 10th

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 10th 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 10th October.

Goodbye and Good Luck

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mandy Jones at the end of this week who will be moving on to pastures new. I'm sure you will join with me in thanking her for her contribution over the last 17 years and in wishing her well for the future.

Maths Fun

One of our parents, Mrs Fieldhouse, has kindly offered to run some fun workshops to share with you some practical ideas of games you can play to approach maths in a positive way and increase your child's confidence. They will run for about 45min and will be at 9am on Friday 9th November, 2.15pm on Friday 16th November and 9am on Friday 23rd November.

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 16th from 2.30pm to 5.30pm and on Wednesday October 17th from 3.30 to 6.30pm. Lists for all classes are available in Otter Room 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.

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.

Barn Owl Class	Frog Class	Fox Class
Friday Oct 12 th at 2.15pm	Friday Nov 9 th at 2.15pm	Friday Nov 16 th at 2.15pm

PTA News

Our next PTA meeting is at 2pm on Wednesday 10th October, please come along and see how you can get involved in supporting your children.

Please keep the date - Saturday 1st December from 11.30am – 2pm for our 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.

Yours sincerely,

Claire McMurtry
Head Teacher

Please note the school email address is office@oldfieldpark-inf.bathnes.sch.uk

Dates for Academic Year 2018-2019

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

2018 to 2019 Academic Year Oldfield Park Infant School and Oldfield Park Junior School will be following the BANES Term dates.
Term 1: Monday 3 rd September 2018 to Friday 26 th October 2018
Term 2: Monday 5 th November 2018 to Friday 21 st December 2018
Term 3: Monday 7 th January 2019 to Friday 15 th February 2019
Term 4: Monday 25 th February 2019 to Friday 5 th April 2019
Term 5: Tuesday 23 rd April 2019 to Friday 24 th May 2019
Term 6: Monday 3 rd June 2019 to Tuesday 23 rd 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 21st December 2018
Monday 4th March 2019
Friday 3rd May 2019
Monday 17th June 2019
Friday 28th June 2019

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	
Monday 8 th October 2018	School Photographs
Wednesday 10 th October 2018	Reading information session for EYFS parents at 6pm
Wednesday 10 October 2018	Harvest service and lunch Please send all donations into classes.
Friday 12 th October 2018	Barn Owl Open Afternoon at 2.15pm
Tuesday 16 th October 2018	Progress Evening from 2.30pm-5.30pm 10 minute slots available
Wednesday 17 th October 2018	Progress Evening from 3.30pm-6.30pm 10 minute slots available
Friday 26 th October 2018	End of Term 1
Autumn – Term 2	
Monday 5 th November 2018	Start of Term 2 Theme Week
Friday 9 th November 2018	Maths workshop for parents at 9am Frog Open Afternoon at 2.15pm
W/B 12 th November 2018	Friendship Week
Wednesday 14 th November 2018	Book at Bedtime from 5pm-5.45pm – More information to follow from the PTA
Friday 16 th November 2018	Maths workshop for parents at 2.15pm Fox Open Afternoon at 2.15pm
Friday 23 rd November 2018	Maths workshop for parents at 9am
Friday 30 th November 2018	Non – uniform day in exchange for Christmas Fayre donation – More information to follow from the PTA
Saturday 1 st December 2018	Christmas Fayre from 11.30am-2pm
Monday December 17 th 2018	Reception and Y1 Christmas performance to Y2 and parents with pre-school children at 9.45am (More information to follow)
Tuesday December 18 th 2018	Reception and Y1 performance to Badger and Fox parents at 9.45am (More information to follow)
Tuesday December 18 th 2018	Y2 Christmas Performance at The Roper Theatre, Hayesfield School (More information to follow)
Wednesday December 19 th 2018	Reception and Y1 performance to Barn Owl and Frog parents at 9.45am (More information to follow)
Thursday December 20 th	Christingle Service at 2pm End of Term 2
Friday December 21 st 2018	INSET day – School closed to pupils