



# NEWSLETTER

Children First  
**OUTWOOD**  
PRIMARY ACADEMY KIRKHAMGATE

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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## UP COMING DATES



**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** - Individual and family photos

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Y4 trip to Wakefield Cathedral

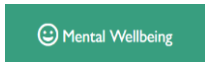
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October** - Halloween Disco KS1/KS2

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** - break up half term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – return to school

For support with Mental Health visit our website and click the green button or click this link:

<https://mentalwellbeing.outwood.com/>



## Safeguarding



We take safeguarding very seriously. Please find below some links that you might find useful or speak to one of our designated staff in school if you have any concerns.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-childabuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-andcyberbullying/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keepingchildren-safe/childrens-mental-health/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keepingchildren-safe/online-safety/>



## Twitter

If you would like to see all the wonderful things we do each day then follow us on Twitter @OPA\_KHG. To follow your child's class Twitter page search for the Twitter handle on your child's welcome letter or just ask your class teacher or at reception if you are unsure.

## A great start to the year ...

We are really delighted about the positive start to this academic year. There is a real buzz around school with lots of exciting learning experiences and super examples of work. We are looking forward to sharing more of these as the term progresses. Our pupil voice groups are up and running and we are excited to see what they will be organising.



## Clubs

This half term we have a variety of different clubs running as part of our enrichment curriculum. These include football, Rocksteady music, martial arts, gardening, hockey, choir and dance. School Parliament have completed a pupil voice survey, in order to ask all the children which clubs they would like to see for the rest of the academic year. We will be taking the responses into consideration for our future club offers.



## Year 6 Residential

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their residential at Kingswood. They were extremely supportive of each other, offering praise and they also demonstrated skills of resilience, team work and listening.



## Attendance

Attendance is essential for your child's academic progress and social interactions. At OPAK, we have an expectation that every pupil should 100% attendance. By making regular school attendance a priority, you can help set your child on the path to success. Our attendance year to date is 95% and our target is 97%. Please ensure your child arrives on time each day as every minute late is a minute lost learning



## Owlets

Owlets is a set of 6 'fun packed' sessions for pre-nursery children where, in the security of your presence, your child will have the opportunity to explore exciting activities such as painting, building with construction, playing with imaginary small worlds and much, much more. The sessions will enable your child to play with other children that will be starting nursery at the same time. It will support your child in making friends and provide a smoother transition from home.

## Parent Meetings

We have been delighted that so many of you have attended our class parent meetings. It has been a great opportunity to share what is happening and for you to ask questions. Thank you for the positive feedback we have received. If anyone missed their child's parent meeting or was unable to attend, please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher to discuss any queries you may have.

## Diploma

The Outwood Diploma is an essential part of our enhanced curriculum and this half term the focus is to 'Be A Good British and International Citizen'. Each year group has a different set of activities and the children are enthusiastic to build on previous learning and extend their knowledge.



For further information about our Diploma please click the link below:

<https://www.kirkhamgate.outwood.com/posts/3255>