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# OPAK NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter aims to provide any updates, important links or information we think you may find useful at this time.

We have had a fantastic start back to school and are so incredibly proud of every single child. It has been a pleasure to see so many smiling faces across the academy and the children immersed so enthusiastically in their learning. We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout lockdown and our return to school. Thank you for helping to prevent the spread of Covid-19, by ensuring that only one adult drops off and collects and for wearing masks when on school site at all times (unless exempt).

## World Book Day

World Book Day was fantastic and we loved seeing everyone dressed up as a favourite book character. Our Reading Ambassadors did a super job of reading extracts from their favourite book to their class.



Don't forget to spend your  
£1 book tokens.



## Attendance Matters

**Our average attendance since 8th March has been 97.95% and we have had 43 lates.**

We appreciate that parents and carers may have felt apprehensive about the return to school but attendance continues to be essential for a child's academic progress and social interactions. Here at Kirkhamgate, we have an expectation that every pupil should aim for 100% attendance. By making regular school attendance a priority, you can help set your child on the path to success.

## Well done to our top 3 classes for attendance this week:



## Anthology

Our Anthology entries this year were poetry themed and we have enjoyed reading all the entries. Here is one lovely example:

### **My Mum is a Superhero**

My Mum is a superhero because...

She can warm my cold heart when I'm sad,  
She can do nails perfectly like a salon owner,  
She plays with me in the snow and makes me laugh a lot,  
She can iron as fast as flash,  
She can tell us fantastic stories,  
She is as beautiful as a rainbow maned unicorn,  
And when she looks at me her eyes shine like stars in the midnight sky,  
And I love her and she loves me...

Winnie (Year 2)

## Photographs

Photos will be taken of all children in their class bubbles during the morning of **23rd March 2021** by tempest photography. Details of how the pictures can be purchased remotely will be issued on the day of the photographs.



## Parking

A polite reminder to please park respectfully and away from school gates. Please see your children across the road safely, away from parked cars.

## Uniform

Outwood Primary Academy Kirkhamgate uniform consists of: purple sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo); white polo t-shirt or white school shirt (see guidelines); grey skirt or trousers; dark grey socks or tights and black shoes. Please ensure that your child is wearing the appropriate footwear as per our school uniform policy.

**Earrings (including plastic, clear ones) and nail varnish are not permitted.**



## Risk Assessment

A reminder that the most recent and up to date copy of our Risk Assessment is on the school website. You can find it using the following link: <https://www.kirkhamgate.outwood.com/covid-19>

## Mental Wellbeing

Please visit the school website and click on the Mental Wellbeing buttons for support.

<https://www.kirkhamgate.outwood.com/mental-wellbeing>

Outwood Mental Wellbeing Website

## Red Nose Day

Today we join in the fun and laughter [@comicrelief](https://www.comicrelief.com) to help raise money for some incredible causes!



Congratulations to our class winners in the 'Design your own red Nose' competition. Super designs! Thank you to School Parliament for organising and judging this. Great job!



If you wish to donate visit the website here: <https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday/>

