



OUSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL: KEY DATES FOR PARENTS/CARERS 2022-23

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you have had a lovely Summer; it's been lovely to see the children return to school and to hear their holiday news. A big welcome also to our new Reception and Nursery pupils and new pupils who have joined classes across the school. To help you plan ahead, I thought it would be useful to inform you of key dates for the coming year. More details about these events will be given nearer the time. We will try to keep to these dates, however circumstances may alter our plans as we progress through the year and we will keep you informed of any changes. Please note that this year County Durham schools have been asked to take **four** training days within term time.

Our **'Welcome to the New School Year'** meeting for parents/carers is on **Monday 19th September from 5.15pm - 6pm**. This gives you the opportunity to:

- meet your child's teacher
- hear about how the class have settled in so far
- find out about the work and topics your child will be covering this year
- find out about homework and organisation for the year ahead
- meet other parents/carers in your child's class (especially useful for new Reception/Nursery parents!)
- ask questions and discuss any areas of concern

Please note that this meeting is for parents/carers only ideally. Children should not attend wherever possible, unless you have no other childcare at this time. Let us know if you have any issues with this as we may be able to provide some places in our Kidz Club during the meeting.

We do advise that if you have two children in school, two parents/carers attend so that you can cover the meetings for both children (as these happen at the same time). If you have more than two children in school, you can still meet with your child's class teacher following your first meetings and receive all the information needed.

Other reminders and information:

- If Year 5 and 6 pupils who walk home alone wish to bring a mobile phone into school, the sheet attached should be completed by parents/carers and returned to school.
- Children do not need to bring their own pencil cases and stationary into school. Individual pencil cases and pencils, rulers, pens etc are now provided by us.
- Children will be asked to come to school on their PE day in their PE kits. **Please note that we expect all children to wear the school PE uniform** which is a white t-shirt and black shorts or jogging bottoms. Class Teachers will let you know your child's PE day.

Where children come to school in PE clothing that is not our PE uniform, we will contact you and ask you to bring their correct uniform to school. It is really important that children continue to look smart and part of our school community on PE days also.

- A reminder about healthy packed lunches. Chocolate, sweets and fizzy/high sugar drinks should not be included in lunch boxes. Please try to include fruit and vegetables and keep crisps and biscuits/cakes to a minimum. We have children in school with nut allergies so please be vigilant and do not include nuts/nut products in packed lunches.
- Our drop off procedures seem to be going well as we begin the new term and children are getting used to their new routines. Collection times can be busy so please ensure that you are looking out for your child when the teacher brings them out onto the yards. **Please do leave the collection areas as soon as your children are collected so that we can ensure the premises are clear and staff can get on with their remaining tasks for the day. Please also ensure that children do not play on the Timber Trails or on the school field at this time.**
- Please complete the Health/Medical Info sheet sent out as soon as possible and return to school
- **Please ensure that children arrive at school on time, ready to start the school day at 8.55am.** Once the doors close at 8.55am, parents/carers need to bring their children round to the main entrance and we will need to record your child as a late entry. Where our records show that this is a regular occurrence, I will need to contact parents/carers to discuss this issue and how it can be resolved.
- A reminder that earrings should not be worn in school. Where ears have only just been pierced and parents/carers feel they cannot be removed at this time, children will need to wear a plaster to cover these.
- The majority of our After School Clubs will start from October onwards. We will send an information leaflet out later this half term which gives details about the clubs that will be on offer for your child. Our Irish Dancing Club runs every Wednesday after school and will start on Wednesday 14th September. This is open to children from Reception to Year 6. We will send a letter out this week with more information.

We are looking forward to another exciting and successful year. I'm sure our children will settle back into school really well and I will send a newsletter in the coming weeks with further information and news about school events so far. In the meantime, please contact us as usual if you have any questions or concerns.

Please see also the latest guidance about respiratory infections below the dates.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Lavelle

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KEY DATES 2022-23

SEPTEMBER

5th : Training Day - School Closed to Pupils

6th : New Term starts for pupils

19th: New School Year meetings with parents, 5.15pm

27th and 28th : School Photographer in - classes, individual/siblings, House Teams

OCTOBER

10th : Harvest Festival Week. Pupils may bring in donations for this

14th: Y3 Harvest Assembly for Parents/Carers 9.10am

14th: EYFS/KS1 Harvest Assembly for Parents/Carers at 2.15pm

21st : Mr Storrar's Class Assembly at 9.10am and end of half-term

31st: Back to school

NOVEMBER

7th : KS1 and EYFS Parents Evening (2.30-5pm)

8th: KS1 and EYFS Parents Evening (3.30-6pm)

14th : Anti-Bullying week. Theme- 'Reach Out'

14th: KS2 Parents Evening (2.30-5pm)

15th: KS2 Parents Evening (3.30-6pm)

18th: Friendship Friday - end of Anti-bullying week. Children may wear non-uniform - bright colours ideally.

25th : Training Day - School Closed to Pupils

DECEMBER

2nd : Christmas Lunch (children may wear Christmas jumpers, hats etc)

Thurs 8th pm - KS2 Christmas Show (Y3/4 parents/carers)

Fri 9th pm - KS2 Show (Y5/6 parents/carers)

Mon 12th : Y6 Cinema visit am

Tues 13th pm - EYFS/KS1 show (EYFS parents/carers)

Wed 14th pm - EYFS/KS1 show (Y1/2 parents/carers)

15th /16th /19th /20th afternoons - Christmas Parties. Teachers will confirm dates nearer the time.

16th : Carols around the Tree, 9.10am (Reception & Year 6 Buddies)

20th : Mr Walsh's Class Assembly at 9.10am and end of Term.

JANUARY

4th : Training Day - School Closed to Pupils

5th: Start of Spring Term for pupils

FEBRUARY

14th : Safer Internet Day

17th : Miss Allen's Class Assembly at 9.10am, Mrs Baum's Class Assembly at 2.30pm and end of half term.

27th : Back to school

27th : One Britain Week

MARCH

2nd : World Book Day

6th : EYFS/KS1 Parents Evening (2.30 -5pm)

7th : EYFS/KS1 Parents Evening (3.30 -6pm)

13th : KS2 Parents Evening (2.30 -5pm)

14th : KS2 Parents Evening (3.30 -6pm)

17th: Mothers' Day Breakfast

27th and 28th March: Egg decoration!

29th : Easter Coffee Afternoon & Performances for EYFS parents/carers and KS2 Choir parents/carers

31st : Mrs Dadswell's Class Assembly at 9.10am and Mrs Exley's Class Assembly at 2.30pm. End of Term

APRIL

17th : Back to School

MAY

1st : May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed

3rd -5th : Year 5 Robin Wood Residential

8th: Y6 SATS Week

15th: Year 2 SATS during next 2 weeks

26th : Miss Stebbings' Class Assembly at 9.10am and Miss Curle's Class Assembly at 2.30pm. End of half term

JUNE

5th : Back to school and Year 6 Weardale Residential Week

5th: Year 4 Multiplication Check within next three weeks

8th : New Reception Parents meeting, 5pm

12th : Science Week

12th: Year 1 Phonics Screening this week

16th Fathers' Day Breakfast

21st : KS2 Sports Day pm

23rd June: Training Day - School Closed to Pupils

29th : KS1/EYFS Sports Day pm

JULY

10th : Careers and Enterprise Week

14th: Family Picnic and Stalls, 2.30pm

17th : Year 5/6 Disco 4.45pm-6pm

19th : Reports to Parents/Carers. EYFS 'Teddy Bears Picnic' pm to share reports with parents.

20th: Y6 Bowling Trip am

20th : Team Winner Ice Cream van pm

21st : Y6 Leavers Assembly pm

21st: End of Term

Respiratory Infections Guidance

Respiratory infections including Covid-19, can spread easily and cause serious illness in some people. By following the guidance everyone can help to reduce the spread of respiratory infections:

- *Get vaccinated, a full course of Covid-19 vaccine provides protection against severe disease, and get a booster dose if you are offered one*

- *Ensure good ventilation to allow fresh air into spaces*
- *Wash your hands regularly*
- *Cover coughs and sneezes*
- *Clean your surroundings frequently*

Children and young people

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

Children and young people aged 18 and under with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. The day of the test should be counted as day zero. After three days if they feel well enough and no longer have a high temperature, they can resume normal activities.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as norm