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Uniform Reminders:

Children should be wearing a white polo t-shirt, a purple jumper or cardigan, grey skirt or trousers, black school shoes and no jewellery (apart from a watch).

Due to the cold weather, please can we ask that children have a coat in school each day.

Gardening Club

Mrs Schofield has set her gardening club which is running each week on a Friday. The club have been busy preparing the school garden for Spring. The gardening club have a request for any old tools, seeds, old planters, gardening gloves any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Welcome back...

What a fantastic start we have made to the Spring term. The children have been keen to explore their new topics. Also this half term, one member of each primary school was invited to attend a sustainability summit which was hosted by Mr Oliver. Gracie was selected to represent OPAD with Mr Bullingham. All of the Outwood Primary Academies attended. The children discussed many ideas of how to make our schools more sustainable. Gracie will now work with school parliament to implement her actions from the summit.

Reading Books

If your child attends phonics during the school day they will bring home 3 reading books. In order for your child to be able to transport these books to and from school please bring your child's book bag. Inside the book bag you will find the book your child has been taught from in their phonics lesson. Your child should be able to read this book to you. They should have a 'book bag book' - this book uses the phonics they have learnt in a new story, again the children should be able to read this book to you. Finally, you will receive a library book, this is a picture book for the children to explore with you and talk about the story – not to read.

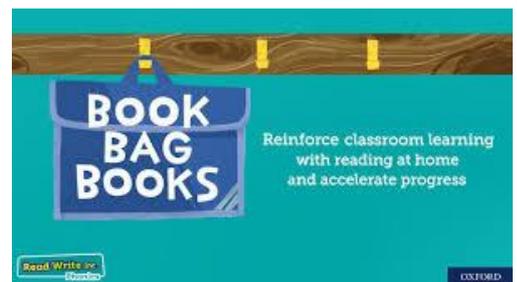
Valentine's Disco

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Valentine's Disco on Thursday 13th February. A letter will be sent home about this this week.

THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RUNNING ON THIS DAY.



Sustainability Summit held on the 14th January, well done Gracie!



Remember to send the book bag in for a new book and if your child attends phonics look out for your 3 new books!



Remember in the line for 10 to 9! We want to see more classes achieving 100% attendance each week.



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Road Safety

It has been brought to our attention that there are a number of vehicles not parking safely outside of the school gates. Please follow the road markings when parking on the main road as these are there for the safety of our pupils.

Children should also be strapped in to vehicles and in appropriate child safety seats when necessary. This is a legal requirement and does carry a £60 fine and three penalty points if observed by the police.

Keeping Children Safe

Keeping children safe in our Academy is an absolute priority every single day. We are constantly reviewing our procedures and practices to ensure safeguarding is effective.

Our latest review of this has helped us to identify areas that we could improve further with a little help from yourselves.

Breakfast Club

All children (Y4 and below) attending breakfast club need to be brought **in to the building** by a responsible adult.

Start of the School Day

Parents (with the exception of Nursery and Reception) should not be entering the school building via cloakrooms and classrooms in a morning.

Teachers are on classroom doors to ensure that children safely enter the building and are on time and ready to learn.

If you need to speak at length to your child's class teacher about an issue or concern, please ask for an appointment at a more convenient time, speak to the school office about arranging a telephone call or speak to Mrs Jackson or Miss Burnett.

Whilst we appreciate first thing in a morning being easiest for yourselves, every minute the teacher spends at the door speaking to yourselves is a minute away from the classroom full of children who are waiting to start their school day.



Road Safety



The most recent guidance on child car seats can be found at:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/child-car-seats-restraints-and-seatbelts>

Internet Safety

Does your child use apps that you're not up to speed with?

Is your child using these apps safely?



As part of Safer Internet Day on **Tuesday 11th February 2pm-4pm in the Community Room** we will be running a drop in session where parents and children can bring in their apps and we will support with setting up parental controls and privacy setting as much as possible. We will also be able to answer questions and chat about any issues that your child has been having online.