

Owls Newsletter

Summer Term 2018

Welcome back to the Summer term, as we begin our topic 'Into the Secret Garden'. I hope you have enjoyed a restful Easter and are ready for an exciting Summer term. As you will already be aware, this is an important term for the children as they will be undertaking national tests for the end of Key Stage One.

School Uniform

Take time to **check all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name**. The children will be making use of the outside areas and will require suitable clothing for any wet or hot weather we may have over this term. Please ensure your child has a **waterproof coat and a sun hat**. **A reminder that sunscreen should be applied at home in the morning before school and should last the whole school day.**

Drinks

Please ensure your child brings a labelled bottle of water to school every day. This will be sent home regularly for cleaning.



"We loved creating sounds with different parts of our bodies, to make a dance."



Dance Workshop

Dates for your Diary

- The Key Stage One national assessments will commence at any time during the month of May.
- We are looking forward to a visit around Houghton Conquest to identify trees. The provisional date booked is for the afternoon of the 16th May, with an alternative date of the 23rd May.
- Sports day will be on Tuesday 27th June in the morning with the alternative date of Thursday 3rd July (if the first date is postponed due to weather).
- Towards the end of the summer term the children will begin their transition into year 3 and will spend the day as a Year 3 on Tuesday 17th July.

Learning Enrichment Activities

Over the course of the term, Owls children will be making a fruit smoothie in Design Technology. As we have full details of every child's medical requirements, a separate letter **WILL NOT** be sent out when we are completing taste tests and cooking. **Therefore, it is essential that you ensure the office are aware of any medical needs your child has and inform them of any new medical requirements promptly.**

We will be spending time this term planting and upkeeping our class garden area. **Please provide children with a change of clothes and shoes/wellies for gardening.** Our Stunning Start afternoons have begun, where the children are given opportunities to clear weeds, prepare the ground and plant some seeds. They will also have time to explore the school grounds and discuss what they see.

Learning at Home

Thank you for your continued support with helping your child practise their learning at home!

Spellings

Please continue to learn the spellings **three times a week**. The home spellings will be checked regularly at school to check their progress. I will highlight the words your child has spelt correctly at the back of the spelling book.

Mathematics

Many children have been excelling through their multiplication/division tests as a result of your support at home and are confident in their knowledge of multiplication and division.

Please continue to complete the maths homework, remembering that the maths homework alternates weekly. The week commencing the 30th of April, a MyMaths task will be set, and the following week, the 7th of May, a maths task will be set in their Home Maths Book. This will help to support your child in preparation for the tests which they will be completing in May.

Reading

Reading books will be checked daily and changed when necessary. **Please ensure your child has their book in school every day.** A reminder that the children earn a tick/stamp towards a reading reward every time they read **three or more times per week.** Encourage your child to refer to the text when answering questions. Comprehension and understanding of texts is assessed during the May 2018 assessments and **your support at home does make a huge difference.**

Values

This term the themes are...

April - Patience

May- Caring

June - Appreciation

July - Joy

Volunteers

Tree identification walk around Houghton Conquest:

We will be having a walk around the village to identify and name different trees in the locality as part of our Science and Geography learning. We require volunteers to accompany us and lead a group for this activity. If you are able to help on **Wednesday 16th May** in the afternoon please could you let me know, it would be much appreciated. We have an alternative date of the 23rd of May, weather permitting.

Attendance

We did not manage to win the bear this term for the best attendance despite our great efforts; we were only 0.5% off! Let's continue to try our best to win the attendance bear back this half-term!

University of Bedford PGCE Student Placement

Mr Tannock has been working in Owls class over the last half term for his final teaching placement and we are pleased to say he will be continuing his work in Owls class over the Summer Term. He has also been working with other classes across the school and he continues to look forward to working with more children.

Finer Diner Tokens

Owls class and the rest of the school are working hard to earn their Finer Diner tokens at break and lunch time, for showing the school values. Those children with the most tokens at the end of the week get to have their lunch at the Finer Diner table!

Curriculum

Please find attached our curriculum map taking us up to the end of summer.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Heaslip