



Sunningwell Primary School

Newsletter – September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We are so pleased to have all the children back at school and that they have settled so well. We are pleased to welcome many new children and their families to our school.

Thank you for all the gifts that our staff received at the end of last term. Your kindness and thoughtfulness were very much appreciated.

Dates for this term

Monday 19 th September	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 22 nd September	Meet the teacher 3.10pm
Friday 7 th October	MacMillan Non-school uniform and Fundraising
Thursday 13 th October	Harvest Celebration
Thursday 20 th October	End of term

Meet the Teacher – 22nd September

We warmly invite parents to come and meet their child's teacher and ask any questions about the class or learning this year. Classes will be open from 3.10pm and light refreshments will be available. Teachers feel this is a good chance to touch base with all parents and would love to see as many as possible. If you have more than one child, you are welcome to visit each teacher as the session will be repeated so you will not miss out.

Voluntary contribution

Historically in our school, each class used to ask for a small voluntary contribution each year for the purchase of consumables such as cooking ingredients, award treats etc. Over the past few years this type of expenditure has often been borne by staff members and as you will appreciate, this cumulative cost is quite a lot for our staff.

We are very mindful that everyone is experiencing increases in cost-of-living expenses. If you feel you are able, therefore, may we suggest a donation of £5 per child that will go towards sundry expenses this year. This can be paid on ParentMail under Voluntary Contribution.

Uniform Standards

We have high expectations of standards of uniform in the school. This enables children to feel part of the school and ready to learn. We expect that children are sent to school in clothing, footwear, hair and jewellery that meet these standards.

We are aware of the cost of school uniform. Uniform items, however, do not have to bear the school logo and can be purchased from a variety of outlets, furthermore, we do have a pre-loved uniform supply with donations going to our PTA.

Details of school uniform are available on the school website.

Attendance

Our school has prided itself on attendance levels which are well above the national average, and we are very keen that this is maintained.

Learning activities commence in every class at 8.40am and we would encourage that your child is in class as close as possible to this time.

Holidays during term time cannot be authorised and may incur a penalty charge.

Free School Meals

If you would like to know if you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please do check out the link to the County Council website

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/school/schoolmeals>. We do also have links with the Abingdon Food Bank are able to refer families who are in need. For further details on Free School Meals or help from the Abingdon Food Bank, please email Mrs Givinchi in the School Office.

Lost Property

We have lots of requests to help find lost property. We often have a pile of unnamed and unclaimed clothing in every class – so can we please ask you to name everything as this does help to get property back to the rightful owner.

Should any school uniform arrive at home that is not yours, please return it to your child's class.