



THE OFFLEY OBSERVER

Offley Primary Academy January 2020 News Bulletin

This newsletter is packed with information, so please take the time to read it and make note of any dates that you will need.

Happy New Year!

As you are all aware last week we had an Ofsted inspection. We were expecting Ofsted to visit during 2020 but were unsure when during the year it would take place. It has definitely kick-started the New Year (and decade) for us here at Offley Primary Academy!

As a staff we would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all of you who took the time to complete the Parent View questionnaire, sent in well wishes via email or in person and to those parents who shared their experience when spoken to by the inspector. We really do value your feedback; parent and pupil comments mean so much to us as a staff. The report will be available in approximately 30 days' time and this will be shared with you.

Midday Activity Assistant Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Mid-Day Activity Lunch Assistant here at school.

The hours of work are between 12.15pm – 1.15pm every day, term time only.

Details are available from our school office with an application form to complete and return to school.

Staff News

Congratulations go to Mrs Maddox who is expecting a baby in June. She will be going on maternity leave after our Year 6 pupils have completed their SAT's. We will inform 6JM nearer the time who will be covering her maternity leave.

Parking

Once again, please can we remind parents, carers and grandparents to park with consideration to our neighbours on Offley Road, Congleton Road and the nearby estates on Claymore Road. We received an email last week from a resident who was unable to exit their driveway due to a parent parking across their drive. Please can we ask that parents park considerately and do not park on the zig-zag lines to drop off children. Parents and carers should not be using the school car park unless this has been arranged with the school office.

Please can parents use the Rugby Club car park and the path which runs down the side of school. We are very fortunate to have this facility and it is the safest route for our pupils.



School Lunches

A school lunch is provided free of charge for pupils in Reception and KS1 (infants) under the Universal Free School Meals scheme. For our Pre-School pupils and KS2 pupils (juniors years 3-6), the cost of a school lunch remains at £2.30 per day.

All money must be paid for in advance as we should not offer credit to any parent. When paying by debit or credit card at the school office, please ensure that you have your mobile phone with you. This is because banks are doing extra security checks and are often sending a code to the card users mobile phone. For this reason, we cannot take payment from anyone else's credit card unless they are present with you. School should have provided you with a password to access our www.schoolmoney.co.uk, where you will be able to pay for school lunches, trips and residential visits.

Children in low income families may already be eligible for a free school meal and it is important that parents still register for this additional funding which helps with all educational needs. This financial support that school receives may help your child with uniform or support in class, reduction in the cost of trips as well as a free school meal. If you are claiming any form of support/benefit please speak with Mrs Gray (Family Support Worker) who can help to see if you are eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant.

Science Week

Once again we will be hosting Science week in school. This event allows our pupils to get involved with hands on experiments and listen to science and engineering professionals. We want to engage pupils in jobs for the future and this is a great insight for them, so please come and share your skills and passion for science and engineering. Examples of previous helpers:

- Structural engineers doing a hands on experiment teaching how to make structures out of spaghetti and paper
 - Nurse – teaching children first aid or talking about their role
- Forensic team - setting up a crime scene and getting the children to solve the crime

These are just a few of the ideas that we have had in previous years, so if you know anyone who could spare half a day or even an hour, then we would love to hear from you. Please call the school office on **01270 685355** to express your interest or email admin@offleyprimaryacademy.co.uk or see Miss Allan or Mrs Till.

Science week takes time to organise so your early interest would be appreciated.

Science week is Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March 2020



Healthy snacks and lunchboxes

Please can we remind parents that we are a Healthy School and would like to encourage healthy eating habits from an early age. Therefore, we would be grateful of your support in helping provide healthy snacks for your child's break time snack or in their lunchbox.

Just a reminder that we are a nut-free school and so pupils should not be bringing in nut based products, including Nutella, into school. We have pupils and staff with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Coats

Please can we remind all pupils that they need to have a warm, waterproof coat in school with them at all times, especially for playtimes and walking to swimming.

Bad weather

In the event of bad weather, please can we ask that pupils and parents stick to the gritted pathways.

PTA Masquerade Ball

Once again, our fantastic PTA will be hosting a Masquerade Ball which is being held on Saturday 21st March 2020 at 7pm at Sandbach Town Hall. There will be a glass of fizz on arrival, followed by a 4 course meal, live band and much more.

Tickets are priced at £42.50 per person.

Dress to impress.

Contact wrstockdale@btinternet.com 07810 447786 to order and pay for tickets or see Mrs Gray here in school. This was a wonderful event last year, so we hope you'll be able to support the night. Our PTA raises valuable funds for much needed resources and towards school trips.

Clothes donations

Our EYFS team are running low on spare clothes of trousers (aged 5-6) and tights.

Please can you send any donations into school via the Reception class teaching staff or the school office.



PLEASE CHECK THE DATES BELOW

Term	Date	Event	Time	Who	Where
Spring	Thursday 23 rd January 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	6JM	Junior Hall
Spring	Thursday 30 th January 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	6LF	Junior Hall
Spring	Thursday 6 th February 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	1SA	Infant Hall
Spring	Thursday 13 th February 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	1LM	Infant Hall
Spring	Friday 14 th February 2020	INSET Day – School CLOSED	All day	All pupils	-
Spring	Thursday 5 th March 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	4LW	Junior Hall
Spring	Thursday 12 th March 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	4KW	Junior Hall
Spring	Thursday 19 th – Friday 20 th March 2020	Residential visit	All day	Year 3 pupils	Stanley Head
Spring	Thursday 19 th March 2019	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	2HJ	Infant Hall
Spring	Thursday 26 th March 2019	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	2NF	Infant Hall
Summer	Thursday 23 rd April 2020	Class photographs	During the school day	All pupils	In school
Summer	Thursday 30 th April 2019	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	3SM	Junior Hall
Summer	Thursday 7 th May 2019	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	3GB	Junior Hall
Summer	Friday 8 th May 2020	Bank Holiday	All day	Whole school	-
Summer	WB: 11 th May 2020	SATs Week		Year 2 & Year 6	
Summer	Thursday 11 th June 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	5NC	Junior Hall
Summer	Thursday 18 th June 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	5HH	Junior Hall
Summer	Thursday 25 th June 2020	Class Assembly	9-9.30am	Reception	Infant Hall