

Newsletter 6th September

Happy New School Year

Welcome back to all our families and a warm welcome to our new group of parents and carers. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to sharing our news and learning experiences this year.

Please remember we love hearing about your child's successes out of school. Please send any photographs or information about an activity or event to the school office and we will include in our newsletter.

Our Stay and Play sessions will continue this half term and the grounds are open to our families until 4.20pm. Please remember pupils need to be supervised by an adult.

Schoop Settings- Change of Class

If you have not yet changed your settings in Schoop, please follow these instructions to receive class specific information from teachers.

Please open Schoop, click on 'My Schoop' and select Osbaston Church in Wales School. Then click the blue wheel in the top right-hand corner of the page and click change groups. Select your child(ren)'s class by moving the toggle button and save.

Attendance Matters

It is extremely important your child is in school and on time every day. Every day of missed learning means your child is missing key learning experiences.

Across Wales there is a focus upon raising attendance levels in schools. Attendance levels have not returned to where they were pre-pandemic and Osbaston is no exception to this. As such, we will be sharpening our processes this year.

If your child is going to be absent from school you must ring the office and leave a message on our absence line explaining why your child is off. If we do not receive a call, Mrs Kift will contact you during the morning.

If your child is slightly under the weather, please consider if it really does warrant a day at home. Remember, your child can come into school and we will always contact you if they are unwell and ask you to come and collect them. If your child is sick, they do need to stay at home and must be clear of vomiting or diarrhoea for 48 hours before returning to school to avoid passing germs and causing further illness across the class.

Medical appointments are inevitable and we do ask you to consider if you could make a dental appointment after the end of the school day or during holidays. If they do need to attend an appointment, your child should return to school or be at school before collection.

Holidays will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Repeated lateness or regular absence will result in a meeting at school. This may then be referred to the Education Welfare Service.

Contacting School

Please can we ask you to send any emails to the school office using osb.primary@monmouthshireschools.wales Any information will be passed on to class teachers. Personal staff emails should not be used as staff do not access these during the school day and important information could be missed.

PE Kits

You should have received information from your child's class teacher outlining PE days each week. All classes have two PE sessions per week which will include swimming this year for Upper School pupils.

PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, dark shorts or joggers and trainers. Clothing should be plain and should not be branded or display logos. A school jumper or cardigan is preferable as a warm layer over a t-shirt, but pupils may wear a hoodie, zip up jacket or sweatshirt if it is dark in colour and plain.

Pupils are not to wear jewellery to school. If your child has their ear pierced, ear-rings should be removed for PE. It is sensible not to wear ear-rings for the day. If your child cannot remove ear-rings as they are newly pierced, they will be required to apply micropore tape (we have this in school) and cover the ear-rings.

Key Dates

Here are the key dates for the new term. Please note new dates will be shared as further events and activities are planned.

Class Forums

Teachers in Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be holding a short meeting to introduce themselves and to share key information about the year and expectations. These took place in the summer term for Reception and Y3.

Year 1: Tues 17th Sept 3.30pm

Year 2: Thurs 19th Sept 3.30pm

Year 4: Tues 17th Sept 4.00pm

Year 5: Monday 16th Sept 3.30pm

Year 6: Thurs 19th Sept 4.00pm

Other dates:

Tues 10th Sept (weekly)- Upper School swimming lessons (9.30-10.30am)

Tues 17th Sept: Individual and sibling group photographs

Mond 30th Sept- Rags to Riches collection

Fri 11th Oct: Harvest Festival (10am St Mary's Church- all welcome)

Fri 18th Oct: Parent Share Afternoon (come into school to look at your child's books and digital folders)

Fri 25th Oct: INSET day

Wed 6th & Thurs 7th Nov: Parent Consultations (3.30-6.10pm)

Monday 25th Nov: Careers Week

Thurs 12th & Fri 13th Dec: Lower School Nativity (1.45pm)

Wed 18th Dec: Christmas lunch

Thurs 19th Dec: Christmas Party Day

Fri 20th Dec: Upper School Carol Service (1.30pm- St Mary's Church- all welcome)

Asthma Medication

If your child has asthma and requires an inhaler, please can you ensure we have an inhaler in school that is clearly labelled with your child's name and the dose required.

Traffic Congestion

On Thursday this week there was a noticeable change in the volume of traffic around town as the Haderdashers' School returned. Due to the ongoing roadworks the congestion and waiting times are significant at these busy periods. Please remember to allow time for sitting in traffic when you are leaving home.

WOW Travel Tracker

This year we will be continuing to work with Living Streets and promote active travel. Each day our pupils will record their mode of transport to school/ home and those who walk/ cycle/ scoot or park and stride will earn points towards a badge at the end of the month. We have set an ambitious target of 3 active travel journeys each week to earn the badge. It's a healthy way to start the day and avoid the stress of the traffic around the town too!

Monmouth Rugby is Recruiting!

If your child is interested in attending a young rugby trial session, please contact admin@monmouthyoungrugby.co.uk . Remember no experience is necessary!



Year 6 Confirmation Classes

Please see the information below from Rev Catherine.

I will shortly be starting Confirmation classes which will be open to all students in year 6. The classes will be held on a Monday and Tuesday lunchtime in school and the Confirmation will take place in St Thomas Church on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30pm. If your child is interested, then please let the school office know.

When children are baptised, parents and godparents are asked to encourage them to make these promises for themselves when they are older by coming to Confirmation. The classes are an opportunity for students to explore their faith and to decide whether this is right for them, as a commitment of faith is their decision in the end. The students who have taken part in the past have found the experience enjoyable and fulfilling as they take the step to becoming adult members of the church; and they have found great encouragement for their Christian journey. Please encourage your child to consider exploring Confirmation for themselves. Revd. Catherine.

Parent Pay Accounts

Please can we remind you to ensure you keep up to date with any payments for Breakfast Club and trips as they arise. You should not be waiting for a reminder to make a payment. Accounts should be in credit for the week ahead. If you have childcare vouchers associated with your work, you will be able to use these as part payment.

School Meal Menu

Dydd Llun/ Monday- Mac 'n' cheese OR tomato pasta bake OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mawrth/ Tuesday- Battered fish OR salmon fishcake OR cheese and onion quiche with chips OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Mercher/ Wednesday- Roast beef OR quorn with Yorkshire pudding OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Iau/ Thursday- Beef OR veggie bolognese OR filled jacket potato

Dydd Gwener/ Friday- Chicken OR veggie korma OR filled jacket potato