



Newsletter

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Message from the headteacher

I hope that everyone is enjoying the start of the half term. It has been a very long half term for the pupils and the staff, so I think that everyone is looking forward to taking some time to relax over the next week. I can not believe that my first half term as headteacher at Old Park is already complete, the last 8 weeks have flown by. A massive thank you to all the parents/carers, pupils and members of the wider community for making me feel so welcome during my first half term. It has been a pleasure to get to know everyone, watch the pupils be excited for school every day and have such a passion for learning. I hope you all have a relaxing half term and stay safe and well.

Winter coat and shoe scheme

Telford Crisis Support have launched their Winter coats and shoes project, with the aid of funding from Telford & Wrekin Council.

If any parents need a new coat or shoes for a child in your family, please email the office with the child's name, coat and shoe size.

Please note that the scheme will provide one coat and one pair of shoes per family



Charity work

We have a very brave year 2 pupil who will be cutting 12 inches off her hair next week to donate to the Little Princess trust. If you feel you could support her please follow the link <https://gofund.me/743731a2>

Secondary admissions

The deadline for year 6 parents/carers to apply for secondary school places is 31st October 2023. If you need any help during half term please contact Telford and Wrekin at the email addresses below:

admissions@telford.gov.uk

supportteam@telford.gov.uk

Attendance

Well done to the following classes for having the best attendance in their year group last week:

FW, 1J, 2V, 3U, 4H, 5F and 6W.

A special **well done 5F** who had the highest attendance last week of 100%. An amazing achievement to all be at school every day last week! A special treat will be on its way to them after half term!

School uniform

A reminder that when we return after half term all pupils should now only be wearing shoes or black trainers for school. There should not be any white or coloured trainers worn with school uniform. Pupils can still wear coloured trainers for their PE days.

In Harmony Practise Tools

A reminder that pupils wishing to complete practise for their In Harmony lessons can do so by logging in to the practise website, and entering the username and password below: [In Harmony: Login \(inharmonyonline.org\)](https://inharmonyonline.org)

Username: oldpark

password: music





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Diary Dates

Autumn 2

Week beginning 6th November	Parent interviews (please sign up via parent pay)
Monday 13th November	Anti bullying week (Pupils to wear odd socks)
Friday 17th November	Children in need (Children to wear sports clothes or something spotty)
Friday 24th November	Malinslee Christmas light switch on
Thursday 30th November	Orchestra open event (more information to follow)
Wednesday 6th December	Flu vaccinations
Week beginning 11th December	Year 6 Arthog trip
Wednesday 13th December	Year 1 Christmas performance (pm)
Thursday 14th December	Year 2 Christmas performance (pm)
Monday 18th December	Year 5 and 6 Christmas concert (pm)
Tuesday 19th December	Foundation Christmas sing along (am)
Tuesday 19th December	Year 3 and 4 Christmas concert (pm)
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch
Thursday 21st December	Last day of term
Friday 22nd December	Staff PD Day



Term dates 2023-2024

21st December	Last day of term
22nd December	Staff PD day
8th January 2024	Spring term starts
12th - 16th Feb 2024	Half term
22nd March 2024	Last day of term
25th March—5th April	Easter holiday
8th April 2024	Summer term starts
27th - 31st May 2024	Half term
3rd June 2024	Staff PD day
Friday 19th July 2024	Last day of term

