

# Old Park Primary School



Newsletter 6: 7th October 2024

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## Message from the headteacher

Good morning, I hope that everyone had a great weekend. It was another busy week at Old Park with activities in school and pupils competing in sporting events. The Year 5 and 6 footballers represented the school well and progressed to the knock-out stages, and the tag rugby team also did an amazing job in their matches. **Thursday 10th October** it is World Mental health day which is an international day for global mental health education and awareness. During the day pupils will receive a session on mental health awareness and how to seek support in school. The theme this year for young people is 'come together in yellow, so are asking pupils to come into school **wearing something yellow on the day**. Please do not feel you have to go out and buy something as pupils can just wear non-uniform if they do not have anything yellow. Have a great week.

## Coats

As we are now in autumn and experiencing more rain can all parents/carers please ensure that pupils come to school with a coat each day. Pupils will still go outside for break and lunch time if there is some drizzle, so need a coat to keep them dry.

As with all uniform can you also please ensure that coats are named. so that if they get lost they can be returned to pupils quickly/easily. Many thanks for your support with this.

## TAARC workshops



A big thank you to Heather from TAARC for delivering our 'chase respect' workshop last week as part of Black History month. All pupils from Year 3-6 engaged well in the activities and listened to the important messages being shared around everyone deserving respect no matter their background and identity.

## ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Whole school attendance last week: **95.1%**

Well done to the following classes for beating the 96% attendance challenge last week.

**FW, 1/2H, 1G, 2K, 2V, 3/4P, 4C, 4W and 6A**

**A special well done to 4C who had the highest attendance across the school last week.**

## Key stage 2 fruit

Due to rising costs and reducing quality we have taken the difficult decision to no longer provide fruit to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 21st October onwards. EYFS and Key stage 1 will still get fruit as this is funded by the DFE. Pupils in Year 3-6 will still get toast each day and can bring a fruit snack to school with them if they wish.

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## Autumn 1

Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health day ( <b>non-uniform: wear something yellow if possible</b> ).
Tuesday 22nd October	School photographs
Thursday 24th October	Last day of half term for pupils
Friday 25th October	Staff PD day

## Term dates 2024-2025

Tuesday 3rd September 2024	Autumn term starts
25th October—1st November	October half term holidays
Monday 4th November	Autumn 2 term begins
20th December-3rd January 2025	Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 2025	Spring term begins
17th—21st February 2025	February half term holidays
Monday 24th February	Spring 2 term begins
14th April—25th April	Easter holidays
Monday 28th April	Summer term begins
Monday 5th May	May day bank holiday
26th May—30th May	May half term holidays
Monday 2nd June	Staff PD day
Tuesday 3rd June	Summer 2 term begins
Friday 18th July	Last day of term/academic year

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## *Year 6 Secondary school admissions*

A reminder that applications for secondary schools need to be completed by **31st October** via the Telford and Wrekin portal, the address of which can be found below

[How do I apply? - Secondary School Admissions - Telford & Wrekin Council](#)



If you need any support with your child's secondary school application please see one of the Year 6 team. To ensure that you get the best chance of securing your first choice school it is important your application is submitted by the 31st October deadline.



## **YEAR 6 OPEN DAY**

**TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 9-10AM**

Registration information will be sent out after the Entrance Test results have been released in mid-October

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Every Wednesday 9.30am - 12:30pm  
Southwater Library – children's section

- Advice and signposting
- Information on parenting/ courses
- Support and guidance around accessing local community activities
- Family hubs information



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