St. Oswald's Church of England Primary Academy



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Dear Parents / Carers

First of all, I would like to welcome you all back to school after our long, summer holiday. It is lovely to see all the children in their new uniforms, keen and eager to start work in their new classes. We have had a fantastic first week back, starting with our year 5 and 6 graduation ceremony. Our year 6 children are immensely proud to be wearing their new blazers. These children will be my first year 6 class as a new Head and I have high hopes for them! It was good to see so many parents at the school development plan meeting Tuesday morning too - thank you for your support.

Welcome also to our new style weekly news bulletin. From next week, our assembly stars of the week will also be included in this as I feel it is important to celebrate our children's achievements. One of my key priorities this year is around improving communications between school and parents and therefore feel that a weekly news bulletin would be a more effective way to achieve this.

We have some exciting events lined up for our children this week:

Library re-launch week

We have a week long list of events planned to re-ignite our children's love of reading (please see separate letter). Watch out for our 'Reading Promise' - this needs to be signed and returned to school. Watch out for an article appearing in the Telegraph & Argus to commemorate this occasion!

Book bags

Last term, every child received a new book bag and reading record. Please can parents ensure that book bags are returned to school every morning.

PE kits

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.

Rainy mornings



Autumn seems to have well and truly started with a vengeance. During heavy rain and adverse weather conditions, doors will be opened from 8.45am so that children can just come straight into the building to avoid getting wet. This is something we are starting this week and hopefully should avoid a repeat of our soggy start to the week! Any problems with this, please let the school know.

Art Shirts & paint splashes!

Last week saw the launch of our exciting new curriculum, with the first week being our 'engagement week' where lots of artwork took place. Unfortunately, we seem to have had quite a few mishaps with paint on uniforms. Please can I ask that children bring in an old shirt/T shirt to paint in - these can be kept in their PE bags and should hopefully avoid children coming home with paint on their uniform.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss G Wilson, Head of School.