



NEWSLETTER

1ST OCTOBER 2021

Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book Winners who were presented with their certificates during assemblies this morning. This week's theme for Golden Book was "Good Manners".



- Reception - Flynn, Jacob and Lauren
- Year One - Ruby, Thomas and Sanvi
- Year Two - Harry, Tom and Mili
- Year Three - Scarlet and Harry
- Year Four - Harry, Leon and Darsha
- Year Five - Laurie
- Year Six - Charlotte and Leo

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Enhanced Covid Measures

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have shown their support to us this week following the revised guidance we received from the Local Authority on Wednesday.

If your child is displaying any of the three main Covid symptoms we ask that they attend a testing site for a PCR test :-

- high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- loss or change of smell

The Local Authority have also added the following list of precautionary symptoms and ask that your child attends for a PCR test if they exhibit any of the following:-

- Headache
- Aches and pains
- Feeling very tired for no good reason
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Tummy ache

Although there is no legal requirement to self-isolate, following the significant increase in cases in Staffordshire, we are asked by the Local Authority to advise you that children should stay at home following a PCR test until a negative result has been obtained.

If your child has been a close contact with someone who tested positive, parents should re-test again using a PCR 7 days after the first test to allow for incubation of the virus.

We understand that some of the measures can be challenging and we are continually reviewing our measures in response to Local Authority guidance.

Contact Details

If you have moved house or changed mobile phone number in the last few months could we please ask that you let the office know so that our records are up to date

Thank you.



Class of the Week!

Now that we have re-started our Golden Book Assemblies we have also started celebrating class of the week along with the cake!

This week's winners of class of the week were Year Four for producing some wonderful written work and setting descriptions as part of their literacy learning.

Well done Year Four!

Census Day—7th October

Thursday 7th October is our school census day and the data that is collected on this day is used to allocate school funding for the next 12 months. There a number of ways that you can help us increase our allocation.

Every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a **free school meal** so please do take up this option on **Thursday**.

If your circumstances have changed over the last few months you may now be entitled to free school meals. You can find out whether you are able to claim free school meals by following the following link: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Overview.aspx>

Service families also provide an additional source of income for schools.

If any of the above apply could you please speak to Mrs Edwards, in confidence, so that as a school we can maximise our income.

Phonics Workshops

We would like to thank all parents of Reception and Year One children who recently attended the Phonics workshops.

Thank you for your support.

School Lottery

£25,000 Jackpot

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£9.00 – won by Ms J (STAFFORD)

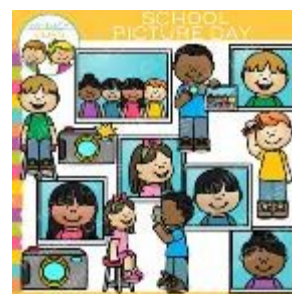
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School Photographs

The proof of your child's school photograph taken by Tempest photography has been sent home this week.

This year all orders are to be made to Tempest Photography Direct via their website.



Sickness and Diarrhoea

Can we please remind you that, as advised by the Health Protection Agency, if your child has symptoms of diarrhoea or vomiting, they should not attend school until they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Thursday 7th October is National Poetry Day and we will be celebrating in school with a day of poetry as part of our literacy learning next week.

Key Stage 2 SATS meeting

We are holding a meeting for parents of Year 6 children, regarding their KS2 SATs tests. During the meeting, we will be outlining the format of this year's SATs tests and how you can support your child.

This will take place on 7th October at 6.30pm. This will enable us to share the information as early as possible.

Social distancing will be observed at the meeting and would ask that you wear a face mask.

We look forward to seeing as many Year Six parents as possible.

Key Stage 1 SATS meeting

We are holding a meeting for parents of Year 2 children, regarding their KS2 SATs tests. During the meeting, we will be outlining the format of this year's SATs tests and how you can support your child.

This will *now* take place on 5th October at 6.00pm. This is a new date and time due to the Early Years Parents Meeting.

Social distancing will be observed at the meeting and would ask that you wear a face mask.

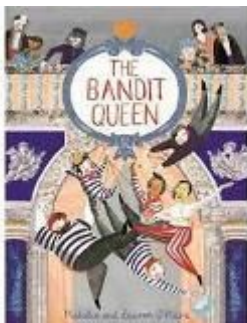
We look forward to seeing as many Year Two parents as possible.

Year One and Two Visit to Stafford Gatehouse

On Tuesday 12th October children in Year One and Two have the opportunity to visit Stafford Gatehouse for "The Children's Book Show". They will hear two authors, the O'Hara sisters sharing their book 'Then Bandit Queen' speak about their work.

In addition, to the visit to the theatre, we are also delighted to welcome either Natalia or Lauren O'Hara into school on the afternoon of Wednesday 13th October to run a workshop.

Full details of the visit a will follow via Parentmail.



EYFS Meeting

We will be holding a meeting on Thursday 14th October for the parents of our children in Nursery and Reception.

The aim of the meeting is to provide you with information about the new EYFS curriculum and an email has been sent out directly to parents from Mrs Evans, our head of Foundation Stage, with full details.



Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint two lunchtime supervisors to work Monday to Friday 12:00 to 1.15 pm during term time only.

We are looking for someone who:

- Enjoys working as part of a team
- Engages enthusiastically with pupils at lunchtime in a positive and caring manner
- Enjoys working with children
- Good communication skills
- Is creative, flexible and has a sense of humour
- Experience of supporting children in schools (desirable)
- Has an ability to maintain good relationships within the school and the wider community
- Manages pupils' behaviour and reports any positive or negative issues to the class teacher

Key responsibilities include:

- Supervising and supporting pupils during the lunchtime period
- Engaging pupils in play at lunchtime in a positive, caring and enthusiastic manner
- Having the ability to work as part of a team
- Managing pupils' behaviour
- Work as part of a team under the guidance of the Senior Lunchtime Supervisor
- You will be required to work Monday to Friday between 12.00 and 1.15pm during term time.

If you would like any further information about the roles, please contact the school office.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 9.00am on Thursday 14th October. Completed application forms should be emailed to recruitment@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk Only applications on the school's application form will be accepted. CV Applications will not be accepted.

An application form can be collected from the school office or alternatively email contactus@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk and we will forward an email on to you.

"This school is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/ vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment"

This position is subject to a criminal records check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) which will require you to disclose details of all unspent and unfiltered spend reprimands, formal warnings, cautions and convictions in your application form.

