



# NEWSLETTER

DATE 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

## UP COMING DATES

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - Break up for half term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - Return to school

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need. Wear something spotty with your uniform (more information to follow soon!)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Odd socks day for Anti-Bullying week (more information to follow soon!)

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** - Flu immunisations Reception - Y6

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - INSET day

## Focus Texts

Across our primary academies, each half term, Y1-Y6 will have a focus text to read alongside a range of other fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. We would like to encourage you to ask your child about the text during Autumn 2 and help to promote a love for reading.

Y1 - Dogger

Y2 - Fantastic Mr Fox

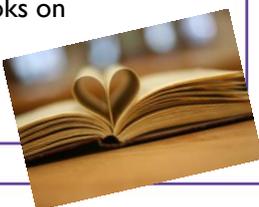
Y3 - Varjak Paw

Y4 - Who Let the Gods Out?

Y5 - The Many Worlds of Albie Bright

Y6 - Clockwork

Nursery and EYFS: look out for your top 5 books on your separate newsletters!



## Children's Roles and Responsibilities

Many of our pupils have roles and responsibilities across the academy. They make a highly positive contribution to the life of the school and actively support the wellbeing of other pupils and members of our local community. This half term we have launched and announced our School Parliament members, Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions and Reading Ambassadors! Keep an eye out on our academy Twitter feed (@OPA\_LG) and our website (<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/>) to keep up to date with the exciting things they have planned for the Lofthouse family!

## A Message from Mrs Hadfield

I would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support and understanding this half term. I fully appreciate that the current situation can sometimes seem challenging. My priority has always been the safety of students, staff and their wider families. Decisions to ask children to self-isolate have always been carefully considered and followed advice from all relevant agencies, including Public Health England. Staff have worked extremely hard to provide high quality online learning, and where possible, maintain communication with children and families. Thank you to everyone that supported our request for face coverings to be worn on the Academy site by adults and those that have given us feedback regarding their home learning experiences. Have a lovely half term break, I am looking forward to welcoming you all back for the start of our next half term.

## Mental Health & Wellbeing

Mental health matters, every day. We are proud to have taken part in #HelloYellow Day. A big thank you to all those who supported World Mental Health Day and for your kind donations. We raised an amazing £228.45!



Please follow the purple tabs below on our new website if you require external services or support:

<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/mental-wellbeing>

Mental Wellbeing Strategy

Outwood Mental Wellbeing Website

## Pumpkin Path Carve Off Contest!

It was fantastic to see all your spooktacular pumpkins! Well done and thank you to everybody who added their entry to our pumpkin path. School Parliament chose the following winners - congratulations to Maya (Nursery), Winnie (RM) and Lily (5B)!



## Food Donations & Local Support

For anybody that wishes to donate food to support children and families, St Catherine's Food Bank would welcome donations. For any of our families that need any extra food aid, St Catherine's are more than happy to help and you can call to request a food parcel: 01924 211130 or visit their website below.

[www.stcatherines-wakefield.org.uk](http://www.stcatherines-wakefield.org.uk)