NEWSLETTER

Date: 10th January 2025

A message from Mrs McCarthy, Head of School

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It has been lovely to welcome you all back this week following the Christmas break. The new term has already been met with many challenges and I would like to thank you all for your support in getting the children safely back into school despite the terrible weather conditions. I would also like to thank Mr Elleker, our site supervisor, for working tirelessly to clear pathways around the site, and the staff team for their support in ensuring the term has gotten off to a great start. We have officially welcomed Miss Kathryn Harrison into the academy this week. She is working as part of the EYFS team and will be teaching in the academy Monday through Wednesday. We also enjoyed a visit from Seema Buttoo, a hindu faith tutor, who led an assembly on Hinduism and a fabulous workshop with our Year 1 children for the first part of their RE learning for this term. We are looking forward to a fantastic Spring term and sharing lots more exciting learning with you over the next few weeks.

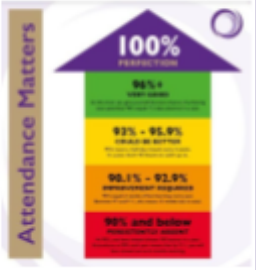
Please can we remind you that the Trust has a policy in place regarding debt on Parent Pay. If an accumulation of money is owed on dinner money, or breakfast/after school club fees they will ask us to suspend use of the service until the debt has been cleared. To try to avoid this the admin team will send reminders of outstanding bills and payments. Please support them where possible with any payment requests. Thank you

ParentPay

Attendance Matters

Our academy attendance for this week was **93.08%** which is still **below** our target of 97% and above, and a decrease on the end of last half term. This week has seen a particularly nasty illness hit a number of our children which has impacted overall Academy data.

If you are unsure of guidelines around illness and Attendance in school please speak to Mrs Johnson, our Safeguarding and Attendance Officer.



Key Dates for your diary

- **Monday 6th January 2025**
  (return to school)
- **Monday 3rd February 2025**
  (INSET day - school closed)
- **Thursday 30th January 2025**
  Year 2 trip to Yorkshire Air Museum
- **Friday 14th February 2025**
  Break up for Half term
- **Wednesday 26th/Thurs 27th February**
  Parents Evenings
- **Friday 4th April 2025**
  Last day of term.

School Uniform

This is a polite reminder of our winter uniform expectations:

- Grey trousers or skirt.
- White polo shirt
- School jumper or cardigan
- Grey socks or tights
- Black school shoes.

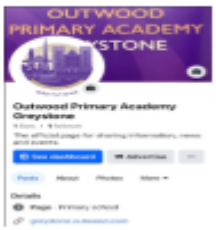
* Please note trainers or boots are not part of our school uniform policy.

We still have a number of pre-loved uniform items. If you need some support with uniform please come and speak to the office team.

Could we also remind parents of our trust policy around ear piercings. We do not allow the wearing of earrings in school. This is for Health and Safety reasons and is used across all our Primary academies.

Facebook Page

Remember you can keep up to date with key information on our facebook page. We have been posting regularly throughout the term with reminders of upcoming events.



Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs S McCarthy, Head of School.

School Census day

Thursday 16th January is national school census day. As part of this ISS has designed a special census day menu. If your child usually has a packed lunch, why not give a school lunch a try on census day!