



# OPAK NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter aims to provide any updates, important links or information we think you may find useful at this time.

Welcome to the first newsletter of the academic year. We are delighted to see everyone back and have been so impressed by the hard work and attitudes to learning.

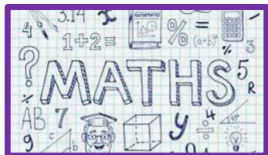
It is wonderful to return to normality having assemblies and playtimes together.



## Maths Centre of Excellence

Exciting news: Kirkhamgate is now the Centre of Excellence for Maths and as a result, we will be promoting maths in lots of different and engaging ways: competitions, maths focus days and times-table extravaganzas!

We will be disseminating these new and exciting ideas across the Trust. Watch out for more information about this!



## Contact Information

Please could you let the office know if you have moved house or have new phone numbers, so that we can ensure our records are up to date should we need to contact you.

## Attendance



At Outwood Primary Academy Kirkhamgate, excellent attendance and punctuality is our aim for every child. We set an attendance target of 97% as the minimum that we expect for all children. We celebrate good attendance in weekly assemblies and classes and half-termly awards are presented in assemblies. The whole school and class attendances are updated and publicised regularly on classroom doors and displays within our academy. **Please ensure your child is on time and 'in the line at ten-to-nine'.**

## Healthy Snacks and Water Bottles

Please send your child to school with a bottle of water so they can stay hydrated throughout the day. We are happy for you to send your child to school with a snack but we respectfully ask that this is a healthy one, such as fruit, vegetable sticks or cereal bars.

## Exciting learning across the academy



## Pupil Voice

Pupil voice is extremely important here at Kirkhamgate so we are thrilled that so many children are applying for a variety of responsible roles: Reading Ambassadors; Masters of Maths; Digital Leaders; Restorative Practice Leaders and Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions. Also, of course, we will shortly be electing our School Parliament for this new academic year. All these children will play such an important role in ensuring pupil voice is an intrinsic part of our Curriculum.



## Planners

These will be sent home shortly and are a fabulous resource so please encourage your child to bring them to school each day.

Please could we ask you to sign pages 6 (Acceptable Use Policy), 10 ( Privacy Notice) and 11( Home-Academy Agreement) as soon as you can.



Please remember, the [Outwood Mental Wellbeing website](#) provides a comprehensive range of services so just click the above link.