NEWSLETTER

Date: 14th March 2025

A message from Mrs McCarthy, Head of School

It's hard to believe we are already half way through Spring 2! I have seen so much fantastic learning happening as I have been walking through school and I am extremely proud of the positive attitude to learning of the children here at Outwood Primary Academy Greystone.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to complete the parent survey sent out earlier this week. As always feedback is appreciated, listened to and where possible actions are taken. It has been lovely to read such lovely comments about the staff team, these have been passed on to the relevant people. If you haven't had time to respond yet, there is still time before the opportunity to respond closes on 21st March. Once the information has been collated I will share the feedback.

Key Dates for your diary

Wednesday 26th March 2025
Reception - Farm visit

Friday 21st March 2025
Red Nose Day
NYCC Maths Cafe

Tuesday 1st April 2025
OPAG Careers Event

Wednesday 2nd April 2025
Nursery - Farm visit

Friday 4th April 2025
Dress as a Rockstar day
Last day of Spring 2 term.

Tuesday 22nd April 2025
First day of Summer 1 term.

Outwood Careers Event

We are holding a careers event on **Tuesday 1st April 2025** and are looking for parents, carers, members of the local community who would be interested in coming in to school to talk to groups of children about their work and choice of career. If this is something you would like to support, please send an email to enquires or drop a message into the school office.

World Book Day in school was once again a hive of activity throughout the week with author and illustrator workshops, reading sessions and the opportunity for children to choose a book to take home and enjoy.

We would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated in the sponsored read last week. You have raised an incredible **£719.10**! Mrs Stocks will be working with the Reading Ambassadors to look at creating a comfortable space where children can enjoy a love of reading with this money. We will update you later in the year when this has taken place.

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Next Friday is Red Nose Day and we are inviting the children to come to school dressed in red for the day as well as wearing their noses (if they have them). Donations can be made to the charity using the link below:

https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18507

The link has also been sent in a separate email. Donations can be made on ParentPay.
Please ensure clothing and footwear is suitable for the school day.

Sporting Events

Last year in our pupil survey one of the key requests raised by our Key Stage 2 children was to participate in more sporting events. We wanted to make this happen for the children as pupil voice being heard is one of our key values, so we explored some options available.
This academic year we used our Sports Premium funding to buy into a local sports service called Sporting Influence, who are currently providing PE coaching and an after school club one day a week. Since September groups of children have had the opportunity to participate in a cross country event, football tournament, dance competition and a swimming gala against other local schools. We are looking forward to continuing this partnership and providing more opportunities for the children in the future.

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 avoid this, the admin team will send reminders of outstanding bills and payments as soon as is required. Please support them where possible with any payment requests. Thank you.

ParentPay

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs S McCarthy, Head of School.

Attendance Matters

Our current academy attendance for the year is at **95.74%** which is still **below** our target of 97%.

We are moving in the right direction with attendance in school which is fantastic to see and last week we achieved **97.75%**, with some year groups reaching 100% on a number of days. Thank you for your continued support.

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