



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back. I hope that you had a good break over the summer and managed to spend some family time together.

The children all seem very refreshed and have come back into school excited to be with their friends and in their new classes.

I have been very impressed with how smart they look in their uniforms and in their positive attitude to learning in the classroom. This is a great start to the new school year, thank you for your support.

It has been lovely to welcome so many new faces to our school and I know that you will all make our new parents feel welcome as well.

You are invited to come in and meet with your child's class teacher on Tuesday 12 September straight after school. This is an informal meeting where you will hear about the expectations for your child's class and have the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. If you are unable to come to the meeting do not worry as your class teacher will be sending a letter explaining expectations etc.

I am looking forward to working with you and your children over the coming year

Pupil Premium:

The school is given additional funding from the government for Free School Meals. If you think your child is entitled to Free School Meals can you please contact the office and let them know; even if your child is in Reception or Years 1 and 2. It does not mean that your child will have to have school dinners and the information is treated with the strictest of confidence.

Attendance:

In order to reward good attendance, positive attitudes to learning and 'being school ready', we have set up a class challenge of completing a poster; 'We Are All Here Ready To Learn'. When a class has achieved this, they will celebrate by having a non-uniform day.

In addition to this when your child has been in school for 7 full weeks they will receive an 'I Love Learning at Oliver's Battery School' pencil in their house colour. These weeks do not need to be consecutive.

The weekly attendance cup will continue to be awarded to the class that has the best attendance for the week.

Nut Free School

A reminder that we are a nut free school as we have children with severe nut allergies.

Governing Body Annual Statement

Please find attached a copy of our Governing Body Annual Statement for your information.

Music and Clubs

Please find attached a copy of our Clubs List for this half term. Please take note that some of the clubs start next week and some the week after. If you would like to take part in a club please complete a clubs form available from the office. As it is a new school year we would ask you to complete a new form. You will only be notified if your child does **not** have a place on a particular club.

Rock Steady starts back next Monday and Guitar lessons start back on Tuesday.

Integr8 Dance will be holding Dance Classes at Badger Farm Community Centre this term for Years R – 6. Please pick up a letter from the School office.

Theatre Busters are running their class at School on a Thursday for Key Stage 2 – please pick up a letter from the office if you would like to take part in this club – Theatre Busters starts again next Thursday, 14 September.

Football Club will be offered to Years 5 and 6 only at the moment but we hope to be able to offer places to Year 4 if there are spaces available.

Online Payments

To enable you to pay online you will need a code which will be sent to you via the office – we are aware that parents have asked and we apologise for the delay but please bear with us as we have to update records to enable us to generate these reports. We will endeavor to get these codes to you as soon as possible. You can still pay by cash or cheque via the office. Cheques are to be made payable to HCC. Please note that dinner money needs to be paid in advance, the cost is £2.15 per day – thank you.

King's Headteacher Visit

Matthew Leeming, the Headteacher of King's School will be visiting the school to meet with Year 6 parents on Thursday 19 October at 5pm. This will give parents an opportunity to ask any questions or raise any concerns you may have regarding your child starting secondary school. This meeting will take place in the Year 6 classroom.

Attendance and lateness matters

Hello and welcome to all our new families, and welcome back to our existing families. This is a quick introduction (or reminder) that myself and Chloë Fox are on hand with support and guidance around attendance and lateness issues.

We take attendance and lateness very seriously at Oliver's Battery School and have a number of strategies to help families achieve high attendance.

Why do we do it? Evidence shows that children who have high school attendance have higher academic attainment and have a better start in life. Missing school can have a lasting impact on a pupil's chances.



As a school we aim for all children to have attendance figures of over 95%. For this reason we analyse the school's data every week and will contact you if we have any concerns. We also keep you informed every half term with your child's attendance record.

If you would like to speak to us please call 01962 869 496 on a Monday or Tuesday. In the meantime, please look out for the lateness and attendance leaflets coming your way over the next few weeks.

Thank you for working with us to improve attendance and lateness. Maggie Shelton.

Conservation Group

The Conservation Group meets every month or so to manage the school grounds, for the children to be able to have wonderful opportunities with wildlife.



The school pond

We have a pond to keep in good condition for pond-dipping, a meadow and woodlands to manage for butterflies and other invertebrates, lizards, birds and small mammals. The work involves cutting and burning the invasive scrub to a managed plan and we rely on our wonderful volunteers to make this happen. We have a tea break round the fire and there is access to the school toilets.

It is advisable to wear long sleeved tops, bring goggles if you have them, gloves, any cutting tools (eg shears, loppers, secateurs, rake etc), a flask of tea/coffee and a snack.

All are welcome (parents are responsible for their children) and the next event is detailed below. We hope to see you soon! If you have any questions please call the school office for more information.

Our next meeting will be Sunday 1 October from 10am – 1pm.

We aim to complete the following three tasks:

- removal of the woodpile from the meadow
- creating a ledge by the pond for dipping activities
- meadow management (cutting back and removal of vegetation in a glade)

Hopefully I'll see you on Sunday 1 October from 10am – 1pm. Maggie Shelton



Pyramidal orchid in the meadow

Date for your Diary

FOBS are planning on holding a Family fun Picnic on Friday 29 September after school – more details to follow.

Parking

Please be considerate to our neighbours when dropping off and picking up from school – please do not park on grass verges or block driveways. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



Miss F Wood
Headteacher

Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Meet the Teacher – 3.30pm	12 September
Year 6 Calshot Meeting – 3.30pm	18 September
FOBS Family Fun Picnic	29 September
Conservation Group 10 – 1pm	1 October
Matthew Leeming visiting Year 6 parents – 5pm	19 October
Inset Day	22 September
Inset Day	26 January 2018
Inset Day	16 March 2018
Inset Day	6 July 2018
Inset Day	9 July 2018