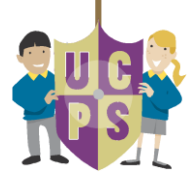




USWORTH COLLIERY

Weekly Newsletter



20th September 2024

MEETING THE TEACHERS THIS WEEK

It was lovely to see so many parents and cares in school his week for the 'meet the teachers' meetings. I hope you found the presentations informative and that you enjoyed spending time in class with your children supporting them with their learning. The Year 6 meeting is on Tuesday next week!

IMPORTANT HEALTHY AND SAFETY REMINDER

To ensure the safety and well-being of all our pupils, we would like to address an important health and safety concern regarding the use of our outdoor play equipment before the start and after the end of the school day. It has come to our attention that some pupils have been using the outdoor equipment before and after school starts/finishes, and before staff supervision is in place. While we understand that children are eager to play, we must emphasise that the outdoor equipment is not to be used before/after school hours for the following reasons:

Lack of Supervision: Staff are not assigned to supervise children on the equipment until the start of the school day or after school finishes.

Safety Inspections: Daily safety inspections of the equipment are carried out prior to the start of the school day. Using the equipment before these checks could expose children to potential hazards.

Weather Conditions: Early morning weather can leave equipment wet, icy, or slippery, increasing the risk of falls and other injuries.

For these reasons, we kindly ask that parents ensure their children refrain from using the outdoor play equipment before the start and after the school day. (*this includes the metal gym equipment in KS2, the trim trail on the field and everything on the Reception playground*)

We appreciate your support in keeping all of our pupils safe. We will also be reminding pupils of this safety rule too. Thank you for your co-operation and for helping us maintain a safe environment for all.

REMINDER ABOUT SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

All year 6 parents received an email from school last week with information about how to apply for secondary school places for your child. Here is a brief outline of the information sent out.

Applying online is the simplest option. Go to www.sunderland.gov.uk/admissionsonline to complete your application. You can apply on a variety of devices including a phone, tablet and PC or alternatively you can visit City Hall where there are facilities to apply on line. The online facility is open during the preference period - 9 September to 31 October 2024 If it is not possible to access or submit an online application, a paper application form can be obtained by emailing school.admissions@sunderland.gov.uk or by telephoning **0191 520 5560**. If you apply on a paper application form, you will be informed of your child's school place by letter, which will be posted second class on 3 March 2025.

OXCLOSE OPEN EVENING FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS

On Tuesday 24th September from 6pm Oxclose is holding an open evening for Y6 pupils and their families to visit the school and get a feel for what it has to offer. There is a flyer attached to the bottom of this newsletter for anyone who is interested.

ECOFEST SUNDERLAND 2024

Ecofest Sunderland 2024 is being celebrated on Saturday October 5th and is a day of fun activities while families learn more about the environment and sustainable living. The free day will include arts and crafts activities with textiles and recycled materials. There will also be stalls and stands with information and activities on local growing, cycling and walking, recycling and waste and energy efficiency support. The event takes place at Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens, from 10am–3pm. For more information, visit:

EcoFest Sunderland - MySunderland

<https://www.mysunderland.co.uk/article/28982/EcoFest-Sunderland>



WHO HAS BEEN IN MY OFFICE THIS WEEK?

Darcy (5JW) came to show me the poem she wrote for homework all about the earth and our environment. It is so cleverly put together and really makes you think about what is happening to our planet. I can't wait to see what the judges think when they read it! Well done Darcy

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING

From Thursday 26th September to Wednesday 2nd October, we are having a Book Fair in school. It will be open from 3:15pm-3:45 pm every day. A Book Fair is a great way to find exciting new genres and stories and earn FREE BOOKS for our school!

DON'T FORGET -SCHOOL MEAL THEME DAY

Our school meal provider Dolce has organised a 'Character Favorites' themed lunch on Thursday 3rd October for the children. If your child is in EYFS or KS1 and normally would bring in a pack lunch we will be providing them with a school meal of their choice, no extra charge.

If you would like your child to have a school meal and they are not currently on Dolce School Grid please contact the office or email school providing the following information so we can add them to the system:

Child Name:

Your Name:

Email address:

Contact Number:

For any children in KS2 who is not entitled to free school meals there will be a small charge of £2.74 if they would like a 'Character Favourite' meal.

A flyer has been attached to the bottom of this newsletter with the menu information. If you require any further information, please contact the school office.

RECOMMENDED READS AND NEW RELEASES TOM GATES Five Star Stories by Liz Pichon

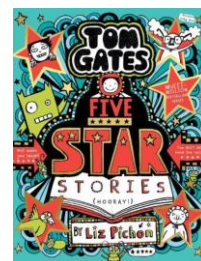
Liz Pichon's schoolboy hero returns in the uproarious tale of what happens when Tom Gates decides to create a five star-masterpiece for Oakfield School's story book.

Q: Who wants their FIVE STAR funny story included in Oakfield School's story book?

A: EVERYONE!

But what will Tom write about? Inspiration strikes when he looks at his excellent collection of ODD OBJECTS and remembers the funny stories behind each one. Starting with Great Great Aunt Aggie's fake bird hat, the weird stone with a hole and his very special doodle pen.

Marcus wants to write about Tom (which is annoying), Amy's got a funny poem and Norman's story is all about... cheese.



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

You will now have received a text letting you know which club your child has a place on. Clubs will start next week Monday 23rd September, please remember you must collect your child from their club at 4.15pm'

Day	Club name	Staff	Year Groups	Max number	Location
Monday	KS1 Homework	Mrs Justice	1-2	20	Base Room (Blue)
Monday	Forest School	Mrs Walker/ Mrs Prinn	Reception – 2	20	Forest School
Monday	Choir	Mrs Barella	2-6	20	3CB classroom
Monday	Lego	Mrs Green/Mrs Edmonds	1-6	15	TBC
Tuesday	Games & Jigsaws	Mrs Dixon	1-2	20	1RD classroom
Tuesday	KS2 Homework	Mrs Swinburn	3-6	30	6CS classroom
Tuesday	STEM	Mr Warner	5-6	15	5JW classroom
Tuesday	Sensory session	Miss Raistrick	Base & siblings	10 inc siblings	Base room (red)
Tuesday	Just Dance	Mrs Robson	1-6	10	Thrive classroom
Thursday	Multi Sports	Mr Pearson	5-6	16	Hall/field

AUTUMN TERM DATES

Events next week

New dates added

Monday 23rd September	Reception classes in full days
Tuesday 24th September	Year 6 Parents meet the teachers and visit the classroom (9:15am)
Tuesday 24 th September	Year 3 Visit to the F Pit (am)
Wednesday 25th September	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Thursday 26 th September – Wednesday 2 nd October	Book Fair in school
Monday 7th October	RAW Local area visit
Tuesday 8th October	Year 6 visit to Lindisfarne
Wednesday 9th October	Year 6 visit to Lindisfarne
Friday 11th October	Y5 Harvest Festival Performance pm
Saturday 12th October	Science is my Superpower - Newcastle
Monday 14th October	RLC Local area visit
01Tuesday 15th October	4SP Vindolanda
Wednesday 16th October	Parent's Meetings NOTE: appointments are available from 1.30pm to 6pm
Friday 15th November RAW	Into-film festival
Wednesday 23 rd October	4EH Vindolanda (date changed)
Friday 25th October	Last day of this half term
Monday 28th October to Tuesday 5th November - HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 4th November	Staff training Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 5th November	Children back to school
Wednesday 6th November	Year 5 Sunderland Empire Theatre War Horse
Monday 18th November	Whole School Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 13th November	Year 5 Sunderland Empire Theatre War Horse
Wednesday 20th November	Science is my Superpower (Newcastle pm)
Friday 22nd November	School Photos day
Monday 25th November	Start of Derwent Hill residential Week
Tuesday 26th November	RLC Intofilm festival
Monday 9th December	Phoenix Programme (Monday- Wednesday)
Friday 13th December	Autumn Term reports sent out to parents
Tuesday 17th December	Year 3&4 Christmas performance 9.15am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Wednesday 18th December	Reception Christmas performance 9.15am (all welcome) & 2pm (no pre-school)
Friday 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Children return to school on Monday 6th January	

TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1_UCPS or @TStarKS2_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed

HOUSE POINTS

Check out our house point counter at <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/children/house-point-counter>. Children are awarded points throughout the week for following the Colliery Code. This week's classes with the most house points are:

1st – 3RL 2nd – 4EH 3rd – 1RD

Well done Thrive 100% attendance this week!

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!

Whole school attendance – 94.66%

EYFS/KS1 2EP -98.99% KS2 3RL – 99.04%

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NOTICES

CHARACTER FAVOURITES

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Mains

- Spongebob's Krabby Patty with Cheese (Cheeseburger)
- Lilo & Stitch's Hawaiian Pizza Adventure
- Sonic's Golden Coins (Vegetable Nuggets) (VG)
- Mr Jacket Potato Head (GF)

Sides

- Mickey's All American Fries
- Super Mario Slaw
- Barbie Beans
- Ken's Ketchup
- Spiderman Salad Bar

Desserts

- Willy Wonka's Ice Cream Factory (V)
- Gingerbread Man from Far Far Away (VG)
- Fresh Fruit (VG) (GF)

dolce

OXCLOSE COMMUNITY ACADEMY

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
YEAR 6 OPEN evening

COME AND DISCOVER A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES.

We are delighted to give you and your child the chance to meet the staff and see the superb facilities we have to offer your child at Oxclose.

TUESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2024
Presentations start: 6pm or 6.45pm
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St. Michael and All Angels Church
Manor Road, Sulgrave

HALLOWEEN PARTY

FREE FIRE PIT

GAMES FOOD

27 October | 4-6pm

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
PUMPKIN DECORATION COMPETITION
(BRING YOUR PUMPKIN ALREADY DECORATED)

For more information please contact: Rev Bethany McNeeley
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