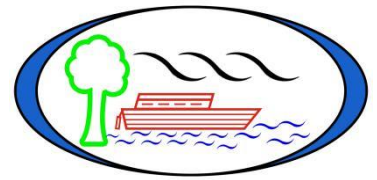


# Oldfield Brow Primary School

“Only the very best will do”



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Monday, 12 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of the 2022/23 academic year, especially to all our new Nursery and Reception children and families joining Oldfield Brow Primary School family for the first time. It is with great pleasure that we write to welcome you back to a brand-new school year at Oldfield Brow. It has been a delight to see the number of smiling and happy children who have come into school so enthusiastically. Behaviour has been exemplary, and it was wonderful to see the buzz of excitement in all the classrooms.

Staff have been extremely busy over the Summer getting everything ready for the children and we had two really productive INSET days on Monday and Tuesday last week ensuring that we are prepared for lots of hard work and lots of fun!

Within this letter, we have tried to include all the important information, updates and key dates for this term. We are usually in the playground before and after school so please come and ask us if you have any questions and if you are new to school, please do come and introduce yourself so we can get to know you.

## **Exciting news! Nursery**

Over the Summer, an extension of the nursery has taken place and Miss Kelly and Mrs Plimmer have been very busy preparing it for all our new children. It has provided us with more space and the opportunity to increase the range of exciting learning opportunities and provision for the children. Please follow our Twitter page [@OFBrowPrimary](https://twitter.com/OFBrowPrimary) and school Facebook page where you will be able to see the fabulous new space for yourself.

## **Curriculum Evenings**

This is an opportunity for parents to find out about updates to routines in school, the year group curriculum and a chance to ask any questions. We strongly encourage all parents/carers to attend these meetings as they are a great way to meet your child/ren's new teachers and learn more about the academic year ahead. The dates and times for this year's meetings are shared in the diary dates below. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Staffing Updates**

We would like to formally welcome Mrs Bowes and Mr Evans to our teaching team this year.

You can contact them on [year5FB@oldfield-brow.com](mailto:year5FB@oldfield-brow.com) and [year4SE@oldfield-brow.com](mailto:year4SE@oldfield-brow.com) or you can call our office to make an appointment after school if your child is in their class. There will always be a Teacher or Teaching Assistant on the door in the morning to pass on important messages to staff. If you still require further assistance, you can then contact Key Stage Leads.

The key people you need to know and their responsibilities are:

<b>EYFS Lead:</b>	Miss C. Kelly
<b>Key Stage 1 Lead:</b>	Miss S. Cooney
<b>Key Stage 2 Lead:</b>	Mrs R. Chetwyn
<b>SENDCO:</b>	Mrs L. Hefferan and Mrs A. Hopkins
<b>Assistant Headteacher:</b>	Miss L. Pritchard (Deputy Safeguarding Lead)
<b>Mrs Moody and Mrs Norbury:</b>	Head Teachers and Safeguarding Leads



### **Parental Feedback**

Many thanks to everyone who provided feedback at the end of the year. We are grateful that you took the time to give us such positive feedback and to make suggestions and recommendations. We recognise that there are always improvements that can be made and we seek to work together to provide the very best for our children.

As always, there was a mixed response about homework but generally parents were asking for more formal structure homework. We have taken this onboard and children will now be given Maths and English homework each week alongside the existing Chatterday activity sheets. Full details of this will be explained at the Curriculum Evenings.

### **Swimming Lessons**

Swimming lessons for Year 3 will begin from 13<sup>th</sup> September (tomorrow). As this is part of the national curriculum, it is essential that all children attend the sessions each week and meet the National Curriculum standard for swimming. The lessons will take place during school time at Partington Leisure Centre. The children will be transported to the centre by coach. Please ensure your child has their FULL swimming kit each week.

### **School Photographs**

Individual and Sibling photographs will be taken on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**If you would like your children to have a sibling photograph, please email [office@oldfield-brow.com](mailto:office@oldfield-brow.com) with all children's names and their classes, deadline is 12pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

### **ParentPay**

Thank you to all the new parents who are already using ParentPay. We hope this will make your lives easier. As well as using this system for dinner money. It is also used for breakfast club, visits and milk money. Please ensure your account remains in credit!

### **Jackson's Bench**

Last week we were delighted to welcome Jackson Cunningham's family and friends to school as his bench was delivered. It is now sitting pride of place on the school playground and will be used as a special place for children to sit and chat to their friends at break and lunchtimes. The bench which is in the shape of a shark has been expertly carved by Mike Burgess, a local chainsaw artist. Once again, we would like to thank you for your incredible fundraising efforts last year.

### **Parking**

We would like to thank everyone for their consideration when parking last week. It has been wonderful to see so many children walking to school. It is really important that we work together to keep all the children safe and are considerate of our neighbours. Thank you for your continued support with this.

### **Uniform**

The children have come back to school looking really smart and very proud of their appearance. Please help us to help you by ensuring that all items of clothing (and property) are clearly named and that this is regularly checked. We will return any named items directly to the child as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

### **PTFA**

We will be holding a Friends of Oldfield Brow PTFA coffee morning on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 9:15 – 10:15am**. All parents and carers are invited to join the PTFA for coffee and cake in the school hall.

The PTFA is 100% run by volunteers and really does make a difference to our children and their education. Monies raised have helped pay for the MUGA pitch, playground equipment and have supported many school trips and visits.

We are looking to plan a range of exciting activities throughout the school year and all ideas and help are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Key Dates for the Autumn Term

- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September: School Opens**
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September: Reception Full Day**
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September: SCHOOL CLOSED** for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral.
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 5 Curriculum Evening (6pm) with Mrs Chetwyn and Mrs Bowes
- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September:** Year 3 Curriculum Evening (6pm) with Miss Pritchard and Mrs Timson
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September:** Year 4 Curriculum Evening (6pm) with Miss Drabble and Mr Evans
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 9:15 – 10:15am** PTFA Coffee Morning
- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 6 Curriculum Evening (6pm) with Mrs Brownsell and Mr Butler
- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September:** European Languages Day
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 2 Curriculum Evening (6pm) with Mr Phillips and Miss Liakata
- **Wed 28<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 1 Curriculum Evening and phonics update (6pm) with Miss Cooney and Miss Guy
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September:** Reception Curriculum Evening (6pm) with Miss Brash and Miss Brickhill
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 2 Macmillan Coffee Morning with parents
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September:** Celebration Assembly Year 6KB (2:15pm)
- **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October:** Individual and Sibling Photographs
- **Friday 7 October: Celebration** Assembly Year2EL (2:15pm)
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October:** Celebration Assembly Year5RC (2:15pm)
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest Festival
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Celebration** Assembly Year1SC (2:15pm)
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Break for Half-Term
- **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October:** School Returns
- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November:** Parents Evening 3:30 –6:30pm
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Parents Evening 3:30 –6:30pm
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Celebration Assembly Year4CD (2:15pm)
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in Need
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November:** Celebration Assembly Year 3 LP(2.15pm)
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** EYFS Songs around the Christmas Tree
- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 2 Christmas Community Carol Concert 6.00pm
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Year 1 Christmas Performance 10.00am
- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Break for Christmas
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January:** Back to school
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January:** Celebration Assembly Year 2RP (2:15pm)
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January:** Celebration Assembly Year6SB (2:15pm)
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January:** Celebration Assembly Reception
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** Celebration Assembly Year 5FB (2:15pm)
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Celebration Assembly Year 1EG (2:15pm)
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** Break for Half-term
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February:** Back to school
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Year 2 SATs information meeting
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** World Book Day
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** Celebration Assembly Year 4SE (2:15pm)
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Celebration Assembly Year 3VT (2:15pm)

We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year and our door is always open.  
Yours sincerely,



Mrs J. Norbury  
Headteacher



Mrs D. Moody  
Headteacher