



OPALG NEWSLETTER



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Friday 11th September 2020

Welcome Back!

A big welcome to all our new parents/carers and children, and welcome back to all those returning after the summer break (and for some of you since March!) We hope you all had an enjoyable summer ☺ Our staff are delighted to have all our year groups back in the academy, including our new Nursery and EYFS children who have joined the Lofthouse family. We are extremely proud with the way the children have settled in to their new classes and routines and positive attitudes to learning – you are all superstars!



INSET days

Please see the website regarding term dates for 20/21: <https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/important-dates> One INSET day to be confirmed
Monday 7th September 2020
Monday 30th November 2020
Friday 23rd July 2021
Monday 26th July 2021

Nut Free School

Please ensure your child's lunch does not include any products that contain or may contain nuts. For example: peanut butter, chocolate spreads, cereal bars/some granola bars, cakes/biscuits/cookies that contain nuts. This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



Focus Texts

Across our primary academies, each half term, Y1-Y6 will have a focus text to read alongside a range of other fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts. We would like to encourage you to ask your child about the text during Autumn 1 and help to promote a love for reading.

Y1 - The Tiny Seed
Y2 - Lost & Found
Y3 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Y4 - Kid Normal
Y5 - Alastair Humphrey's Great Adventurers
Y6 - Mortal Engines
Nursery and EYFS – look out for your top 5 Books on your separate monthly newsletters!



Mental Health & Wellbeing

The green button is available on our website if you require external services or support.



Self-care is not selfish - you can't pour from an empty cup. Join us for #SelfCareSeptember and find ways to be kinder to yourself as well as others: <https://actionforhappiness.org/self-care->

Carnegie Mental Health Award

We are delighted and very proud to announce that we have achieved 'GOLD status' in the Carnegie School Mental Health Award. Thank you to our children, the first OPALG mental health champions, staff, parents and wider community for your continued support. I am really looking forward to working with our new mental health champions this academic year and continuing to support mental health and wellbeing, Miss Cleasby ☺



Questions and Queries

Children's safety and happiness in school is our ultimate goal. If you have any questions or queries, please contact school via the admin email address enquiries@lofthousegate.outwood.com or by phone (01924 821160) and leave a message with your name, child's name, number and a brief message.

