



NEWSLETTER

DATE 10th September 2021

UP COMING DATES

Friday 22nd October - Break up for October half term
Monday 1st November - Return to the academy
Friday 17th December - INSET day due to the Jubilee holiday

Please see our website for this year's term dates and INSET days:
<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/term-dates-and-closures>

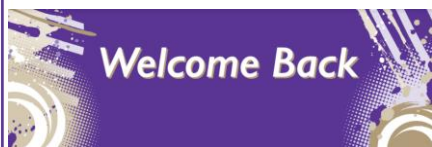
Class Texts for Autumn 1



Y1 - The Tiny Seed
Y2 - Lost & Found
Y3 - Charlie & the Chocolate Factory
Y4 - Kid Normal
Y5 - Alastair Humphrey's Great Adventurers
Y6 - Mortal Engines

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to open our doors to all our children, including our new starters. We are so proud of how everybody has settled into their new routines (and with lots of smiles!)



Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring our uniform policy is adhered to – the children look so smart! Our policy can be found on our website:
<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/uniform>

Communication

Class Twitter letters have been sent out for you to sign and follow your child's class page. Thank you to everybody who has already returned these slips. Twitter is a great way for you to see what goes on in our academy. Please follow our academy Twitter @OPA_LG for weekly videos, assemblies, key reminders and much more!



You will also be emailed a monthly whole school newsletter. Nursery and Reception: you will receive an additional monthly newsletter for EYFS.

We are currently working collaboratively with our Academy Council members to create Curriculum specific newsletters – watch this space!

Questions and Queries

Children's safety and happiness is our ultimate goal. If you have any questions or queries, please speak to a member of staff or contact school via the admin email address enquiries@lofthousegate.outwood.com. You can also phone (01924 821160) and leave a message with your name, number and child's name. If you have any specific queries linked to the Google Classroom/online learning or home learning packs, please email remotelearning@lofthousegate.outwood.com and Miss Cleasby will respond ASAP.

Assemblies

Our daily assemblies in the hall have returned for Y1 – Y6!

We have a **composer of the week**, which is shared as the children enter and leave the hall. We listen to different pieces of music and share key facts about the composer and the genre.

Learner Model: A skill or quality from our Learner Model is introduced one week and the following week, a child from each class is celebrated for showcasing that quality or skill.



Star of the Week: Every Friday, we have our celebration assembly, 'Star of the Week'. Our Nursery and Reception children are also rewarded this in class.

Curriculum: Throughout the year, we have showcase assemblies for different subjects. Our subject leads will host these and celebrate the learning journey from EYFS – Year 6. We will also reintroduce TTRS, My Maths and Accelerated Reader. We will have specific assemblies to share our OPA Diploma focus for each half term and opportunities for you to share your child's achievements from outside of school. Every term, we also host our Curriculum Talent Awards where children are nominated for their passion/enthusiasm/work in a specific subject and then our subject leaders choose one winner per subject.

Roles and Responsibilities: We have numerous assemblies planned in for our School Parliament, Reading Ambassadors and Digital Leaders to host. Coming up this half term will be launch assemblies and opportunities for children to apply for a role within the academy.

Key Events and Festivals: Throughout the year, we celebrated key events, celebrations and festivals. We are keen to have visitors back in, including Father Jonathan.

RSE: In line with our new RSE curriculum, there will be numerous assemblies linked to relationships and health.