



# NEWSLETTER

DATE 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## UP COMING DATES

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October** - Break up for October half term

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October** - INSET day

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** - Return to the academy

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - Break up for Christmas holidays

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** - INSET day  
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

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 Storm Whale**

**Y2: Lost and 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 favourite 5 books on your separate newsletters!*



## 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>

Please also familiarise yourselves with the pick up and drop off routines:

<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/posts/6477>

## Communication

We have individual class X pages, alongside our school X account (OPA\_LG). If you were following your child's class last year, you will now be following their new class as so you do not need to do anything else. The only exception is if your child is starting in Nursery, Reception and 6L. A new class account will be set up. A letter has been sent out with more information.

We LOVE for you to share X achievements, successes, trips, learning to our academy X account too! A selection of these will be chosen to be showcased on our Curriculum newsletter to celebrate out of school achievements. Every month, you will be emailed a monthly whole school newsletter. Nursery and Reception: you will receive an additional monthly newsletter for EYFS. Every half term, a specific curriculum newsletter will be emailed.

Our Reading Ambassadors together create a half termly newsletter and Mrs Jagger (our Science lead) sends out investigations and experiments for you to try at home!

Please ensure you regularly check your emails and texts for letters/updates. All letters can also be found on our website:

<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/posts>

## 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](mailto:enquiries@lofthousegate.outwood.com) You can also phone (01924 821160) and leave a message with your name, number and child's name.

## Assemblies

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. On a Friday, we also alternate between a Maths and English award, (Y1-6) and Times Table Rockstar weekly certificates (Y2-Y6).

**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, Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions, 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 Reverend Coggins.

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