



NEWSLETTER

DATE 30th September 2022

UP COMING DATES

Friday 21st October - Break up for October half term

Monday 31st October - Return to the academy

Monday 28th November - 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



Y1 - The Storm Whale

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 Google forms have been sent out for you to complete and follow your child's class page. Thank you to everybody who has already returned the form. Twitter is a great way for you to see what goes on in our academy. Please follow our academy Twitter @OPA_LG for assemblies, key reminders and much more!



We LOVE for you to share achievements, successes, trips, learning to our academy Twitter 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!

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.

Polite Reminder

Please be respectful when driving and parking in the local community.

Assemblies

We have a **composer of the week**, which is shared as the children enter the hall.

We also have a **song of the week**, which the children love to sing-a-long to at the end of each assembly.

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. We also alternate between a Maths and English award, which are also handed out on a Friday.

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 have also reintroduced TTRS, My Maths and Accelerated Reader. We will have specific assemblies to share our OPA Diploma focus for each half term. 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.