



NEWSLETTER

DATE W/C 19th July 2021

UP COMING DATES

Friday 23rd July - is now NOT an INSET day. Children to attend school as normal

Friday 23rd July - Break up for the summer holidays

Monday 6th September and Tuesday 7th September - INSET days

Wednesday 8th September - Back to School

Please see our website for next year's term dates and INSET days. This was also text out to all families.

<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.com/term-dates-and-closures>

What a Year, Lofthouse Family!

We cannot quite believe we are coming to the end of another academic year! We are incredibly proud of all our staff, children and families for, as always, coming together as a team. You just need to scroll through Twitter, look at the newsletters and speak to your child/children to know that high quality learning, Diploma events, a vast range of assemblies and children's roles have continued to take place! From everybody at OPA Lofthouse Gate, we wish you all a safe and fun Summer holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back (including our new starters!) on Wednesday 8th September.

We are so proud of you

Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6!

And we've come to an end of an era Year 6! What a busy (COVID safe!) amazing year they have had. Even though we are unable to do the usual leavers events to celebrate their time, it does not take away from how brilliant they have been ALL year and what wonderful things they have achieved. We are sad to see them go, but know they are ready for their next adventure. Everyone at OPALG wishes you all the very best for your time ahead at high school. Parents/carers of Y6, keep your eyes peeled for Twitter next week and all the activities our staff have planned for them 😊



School Transition

Transitioning to a new phase of school can be a difficult time under normal circumstances, but in this pandemic, the change may bring up more complex emotions than usual. Mentally Healthy Schools have pulled together lots of resources to help prepare children for the change and help them manage and understand their emotions at this time.

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/transition-to-secondary-school/>

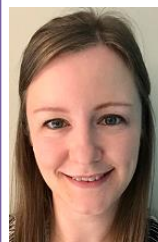
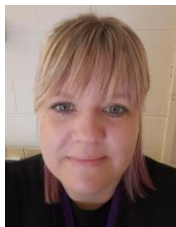
The Lofthouse Team!

Following the class transition letter, you will notice that we are welcoming some new staff members to the Lofthouse team and sadly saying goodbye to others, who are moving to different roles or academies within the Trust. Leaving to take up teaching positions in other academies within the Trust is Miss Miya, Mr Duerden-Brown and Miss Gillard. Mrs Winterburn has secured an Associate Vice Principal role across the Wakefield region of academies and Mrs Thompson is leaving to take up a teaching position in another school. We also say goodbye to Mrs Palmer, Miss Ashman and Miss Clayton. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them well and a fond farewell. We are very much looking forward to welcoming a few new and fantastic additions to our staff team.



Miss Bowes is new to the Trust and will be teaching in Reception (RB) and is our new EYFS lead.

Coming from OPA Bell Lane, Miss Johnson, who will be teaching in Y1, with Mrs Earnshaw (1JE).



Coming from OPA Ledger Lane, Mrs Barker, who will be teaching Year 3, with Mrs Jagger (3JB).

Miss Clark is new to the Trust and will be teaching in Year 4 (4C).



Coming from OPA Newstead Green, Mr Littler-Moore, who is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA).