

# NEWSLETTER

DATE W/C 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## UP COMING DATES

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September** - INSET day

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** - Back to School

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** - Break up for October half term

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - Return to school

Please see our website for next year's term dates and INSET days. There is still one INSET day to be confirmed.

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

### \*NEW INFORMATION\*

From September, Google forms will be sent out for you to sign up your child for an after school club. As always, you will receive a text if your child has a place. Further information to follow in the new academic year.

## 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, trips, visitors and children's roles have taken 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 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 and amazing year you have had. We are so proud of each and every one of you and everything you have achieved! Let's make your end of year celebrations one to remember as you raised the very impressive amount of £1840! Parents/carers of Y6, please remember you are invited to the leaver's assembly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 9.15am. 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.



## School Transition

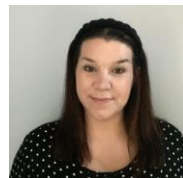
Transitioning to a new phase of school can be a difficult time for some. Mentally Healthy Schools have pulled together lots of resources to help prepare children for the change and help them manage and understand their emotions at this time:

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

There are lots of free and enriching activities that are taking place in Wakefield in the Summer holidays. Please see the Wakefield Council website for more information: <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/happy-healthy-holidays>

## The Lofthouse Team!

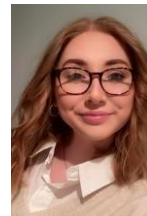
Following the class transition letter, you will notice that we are welcoming some new staff members to the Lofthouse team and sadly saying goodbye to others, who are moving to different roles or academies within the Trust. Leaving to become an EYFS teacher coach is Miss Bowe (but we are lucky to keep her for one day at OPALG!) We also say goodbye to Mrs Williams, Mrs Greenlees, Miss Pitchford and Mrs Hall. I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for everything they have done for Lofthouse Gate and wish them a fond farewell. And finally, we say goodbye to Jonathan Stone and Jayne Hewitt who have both been an incredible asset to our Academy Council over the years! We are very much looking forward to welcoming a few new and fantastic additions to our staff team.



Coming from OPA Woodlands, Mrs Smith will be job sharing with Mrs O'Connor in Reception (RSO).



Mr Brickwood has secured his first teaching place at OPA Lofthouse Gate (following his second placement here) and will be teaching in Year 3 (3B).



Coming from Greenhill, Miss Austwick will be teaching in Year 3 with Mrs Jagger (3JA).



Coming from OPA Parkhill, Miss Hudson is a KSI Teacher Coach and will be teaching in Y1 (1JH) on a Thursday afternoon.

We also wish Mrs Hadfield lots of good luck in her new role. I'm sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Hadfield for sprinkling her enthusiasm, kindness and passion on the Lofthouse Family and being with us from start to finish of the pandemic! We are excited to welcome Mrs Hewitt as Principal from September.

