



# NEWSLETTER

DATE 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

## UP COMING DATES

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October** - Census Day. Lunch at the Movies menu!

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** - Hello Yellow Day (more info to follow)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - Our World Week for the OPA Diploma 'Be a Good British and International Citizen'.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** - Parent Consultations (more details to follow soon)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Parent Consultations (more details to follow soon)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - Break up for October half term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - Return to the academy

Please see our website for this year's term dates and INSET days:

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

## Mental Health & Wellbeing

As part of the Outwood Family and our Mental Wellbeing Strategy, we aim to create a supportive environment where children feel happy and able to flourish. As part of our drive to support the mental wellbeing of our children, the Outwood Mental Wellbeing website provides a comprehensive range of services available to both children and parents:

<https://www.lofthousegate.outwood.c om/mental-wellbeing>

Please also follow the purple tabs below on our new website if you require external services or support:

[Outwood Mental Wellbeing Website](#)

[Mental Wellbeing Strategy](#)

## Safeguarding

Mrs Pugh (our Safeguarding & Attendance Officer) has recently delivered an assembly on the NSPCC 'Speak Out and Stay Safe' programme and the PANTS rule. These both support our children to have the knowledge and understanding of how to speak out to help keep themselves and others safe.

Please have regular conversations at home to help keep your child/children safe. There is a wealth of information on the NSPCC website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Pantosaurus is a great video to share too:

<https://youtu.be/LnroTxz7USI>



## 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.

## Roles and Responsibilities

Our first half term is always busy with applications and announcements of the children who have secured a role within the academy. There has been a real buzz across school with children talking passionately and enthusiastically about how they can make a difference to OPA Lofthouse Gate!

After a successful election day, we are proud to introduce our new School Parliament members and we're looking forward to seeing their future plans with Mrs Carr!



Miss Park is very excited to work with our new Reading Ambassadors and help to promote a love for reading across the academy.



Miss Holmes announced our new Mental Health and Wellbeing Champions and Y3 – Y6 are already ready and raring to go with plans for their first event!



Our Year 6 children have already started their lunchtime monitor roles (they are doing a fantastic job!) and they also have the roles of Fitbods where they support active play, games and activities during social times.

There is also an opportunity for Year 5 children to become a Digital Leader with Miss Hand soon – so watch this space!