



February 2017 Newsletter



Please make note of these dates in your diary;

- Thursday 4th May 2017 is Polling Day - School is **CLOSED** for all pupils **EXCEPT YEAR 6**.
- 24th and 25th July 2017 are now teacher days - School will be closed to all pupils on these days.

Changes to registration times

At The Oval School we believe that punctuality is a key life skill to learn and maintain to increase future life chances. Arriving on time at school gets your day off to a good start and puts you in a positive frame of mind, so that you can make the most of your learning opportunities. To be punctual also helps to increase the fundamental view that education is of value to the pupil, family and whole school community.

Ultimately poor punctuality and attendance can cause children to fall behind with their studies, can contribute to creating a bad habit that can be hard to break in the future and can lead to poor attendance. Furthermore, late marks after the register closes are counted as an unauthorised session and can lead to Spotlight proceedings and possible legal sanctions.

With this in mind, since September 2016, The Oval School has had 2225 pupils receive late marks before the register closed; these are children that arrive after 8.55am but before the registers have closed. We have also had 150 Unauthorised late marks, attributed to children arriving at school after the registers have closed.

From the 27th February 2017 we have decided to change the registration times to encourage parents and pupils to arrive at school on time.

Children can arrive at school from **8.45am**; School Staff are on the playground from this time.

The school day starts at **8.55am**; the registration period is 5minutes long and all pupils should be in school by this time.

Pupils arriving between **9.00am** and **9.15am** will receive a Late registration mark.

Pupils arriving after **9.15am** will receive an Unauthorised Late registration mark. Unauthorised late marks reduce attendance percentage and can lead to legal proceeding for attendance.

Please be aware that all pupils arriving late due to medical appointments will need to provide the school with appointment letters or appointment cards when they arrive at school. Prompt arrival after a medical appointment may be considered as late arrival, if medical evidence is provided.

Kind Regards
Mr T Moran
Attendance Officer

Year 6 Cheerleading

Mrs Dignum, a teacher at Cockshut Hill School, and some Year 10 students are coming into school Monday afternoons to teach Mrs Roberts and the Year 6 girls cheerleading. The first lesson was fantastic and we are excited to learn the rest of the dance. Here are some actions pictures:



EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURES

Please note that all school closures will be notified on the local radio station or on the following website.

- <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/weather-disruption>
- **If you have updated us with your mobile number you will receive a text informing you of any closures.**

PARENT PAY

You should all now be aware that we are changing our online payment provider to ParentPay, this is now live as of Monday 27th February.

You should have also received your unique ParentPay account activation details, this will enable you to activate your account and pay for dinner, trips and uniforms online. From now on we will be working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment.



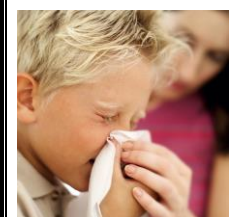
Spare clothes for Nursery and Reception pupils

If your child is a Nursery or Reception pupil can you please send in a spare set of underwear and a change of clothes in case of toilet accidents.

FLU ADVICE

Please note the following advice as provided by the Health Protection Agency:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water and dry thoroughly
- Avoid touching surfaces/handles and then touching your face
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing/coughing and dispose of in a bin - 'CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT'
- For further information and advice visit www.nhs.uk or www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk





School Dinners

- School Dinner Money is £10.75 per week
- Nursery Dinner Money is £3.70 per week
- No change will be given
- Please check free school meal eligibility on the school website under Parents/Lunches

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 27 th February 2017	School open to all following half term
Wednesday 8 th March 2017	Whole of Year 5 trip to the Think Tank
3 rd , 4 th and 5 th April 2017	Reception trip to Twycross Zoo (specific class and dates to be confirmed)
Friday 7 th April 2017 at end of the school day	End of Term - Pupils break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 10th to Friday 21st April 2017	School closed to staff and pupils
SUMMER TERM 2017	
Monday 24 th April 2017	School open to all
27 th and 28 th April 2017	Year 4 Trip to Lunt Fort (specific class and dates to be confirmed)
Monday 1st May 2017	School closed to all (May day)
Thursday 4th May 2017	School closed to all pupils EXCEPT YEAR 6 (Polling day)
Friday 26 th May 2017 at end of the school day	School closes to all
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017	Half Term - School closed to staff and pupils
Monday 5 th June 2017	School open to all
Friday 21st July 2017 at end of the school day	End of Term - Pupils break up for Summer holidays

