



October 2017 Newsletter



UP TO DATE CONTACT DETAILS/MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please can you ensure the school is updated with any changes to contact details or medical information. Thank you.

RECEPTION INTAKE - SEPTEMBER 2018

The process to apply for reception 2018 opened on October 2, 2017.

The local authority is advising all parents to apply online. It is easy to do so using a PC, tablet, smartphone or other mobile device. Help on how to complete the form is on their website alongside information on each school and their open sessions. They have also included links to www.192.com and www.Myed.com where parents can find a wealth of information to help you make realistic preferences. The authority would advise the following:-

- Visit schools to find out what they offer
- Check your child's chances of being offered a place at their preferred schools, using the 'cut off' distance information available at www.192.com and www.Myed.com
- Use all three preferences to maximise the chance of being offered a place at a local school
- Grounds for a successful appeal at KS1 are very limited
- Submit your application by **4 December 2017**
- Late applications will only be processed after those received by the closing date have been offered.

If you are applying for a place at The Oval School, our open sessions are on **Wednesday 1st November at 10:00am - 11:00am and 14:00pm - 15:00pm**. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place.

OVAL RUGBY TOURNAMENT

We will be hosting the inaugural 'Oval Rugby Tournament' on the back grass on Thursday afternoon - 19th October 2017 (weather permitting). It might be nice for some of our children to watch their classmates and fellow pupils take part in competitive sport so if you can, come out and cheer us on. Here are the approximate times of the matches:

1:30 Hillstone v Oasis A
1:45 Oval v Oasis B
2:00 Hillstone v Oasis B
2:15 Oval v Oasis A
2:30 Oval v Hillstone
2:45 Oasis A v Oasis B





BICYCLE RACK

Over October half term we are having a bicycle rack installed in school. If you wish for your child to cycle to school and use the new bicycle rack, could you please complete a 'Cycle Users Permission Letter' which will be available from the school office after the half term.
Thank you!

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION PROCESS ONLINE

A reminder that parents are encouraged to register online for their child's secondary school place at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Closing date for applications is **Tuesday 31st October**.

UNIFORM

All of our school uniform range is now available at Mansuri Schoolwear in the Poolway Shopping Centre.
Uniform is still available to buy from school online with your parent pay account.



POLLING DAY

Thursday 3rd May 2018 - School is open to all pupils apart from those in Nursery. Nursery will be closed on this day due to voting, however all pupils in Reception - Year 6 should attend school as normal.



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



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

A lot of pupils at The Oval School are removed from school during the day for medical appointments. We would like all medical appointments taken outside of school time, however, we know that this is extremely difficult to achieve in practise.

- If medical appointments are at the start of the school day (i.e. 9:00 - 9:30am) it is appropriate for you to bring your child in to school at the earliest opportunity following the appointment. **Please provide the school office with evidence of your appointment, usually an appointment card or letter will suffice. If this is not done before please ensure it is when the pupils arrives at school.**
- If a pupil needs to be removed for medical appointments during the school day, the time spent outside of school **must** be kept to a minimum. **Please provide the school office with evidence of your appointment, usually an appointment card or letter will suffice. This should happen before your child is removed from school.**
- Often parents ask to remove brothers and sisters from school due to their siblings' medical appointment. This is not appropriate and will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. **If a sibling is removed due to a medical appointment that is not their own, this is considered an unauthorised absence.**

'CASHLESS'

As you will be aware you can now pay for school meals, trips and uniform online via ParentPay. Please make every effort to pay online as we are working towards being a cashless school.

You should have received a letter with log on and password details to register online, if not please contact the school office to request a copy.



DOING MATHEMATICS WITH YOUR CHILD

Communicating with Children Using Mathematical Language

Talking About Maths:

Talking about mathematics with your child, whatever his or her age, helps strengthen their mathematical reasoning and understanding. Some ways to keep the talk engaged and focused while you support your child include:

- 1) **Revoice** - Repeat what you heard your child say, then ask for clarification (e.g. "So you're saying it's an odd number?")
- 2) **Repeat / Restate** - Ask your child to restate your reasoning (e.g. "Can you repeat what I said in your own words?")
- 3) **Reason** - Ask your child to apply his or her own reasoning to someone else's reasoning (e.g. "Do you agree or disagree? Tell me why.")
- 4) **Adding on** - Prompt your child to participate further (e.g. "What more would you add to that?")
- 5) **Think Time** - Wait several seconds (try five) to give your child time to think (e.g. "Take some time to think.")

Everyday Mathematics:

Daily Decisions

We all use mathematics daily in what we do. Involve your child in using numbers to solve problems and make those everyday decisions with you. For example:

- "Do we have enough plates and utensils for all the guests coming for the birthday party?"
- "We are doubling this recipe. How much of all the ingredients will we need?"
- "We are fertilising the lawn. The fertiliser bag covers three square meters. How many will we need?"
- This store is selling the game you want for 20% off £25. That store is selling the same game for £16.99. Where should we shop?"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
AUTUMN TERM 2017	
Friday 20 th October 2017 at end of the school day	End of Term
Monday 30 th October 2017	School open to pupils and staff
Thursday 21 st December 2017 at end of school day	End of Term - Pupils break up for Christmas
Friday 22 nd December 2017	School closed to pupils - Teacher Day
SPRING TERM 2018	
Monday 8 th January 2018	School open to pupils and staff
Friday 16 th February 2018 at end of the school day	End of Term
Monday 26 th February 2018	School open to pupils and staff
Thursday 29 th March 2018 at end of school day	End of Term
Monday 16 th April 2018	School open to pupils and staff
SUMMER TERM 2018	
Monday 7 th May 2018	School closed to all - May bank holiday
Tuesday 8 th May 2018	School open to pupils and staff
Friday 25 th May 2018 at the end of the school day	End of term
Monday 4 th June 2018	School open to pupils and staff
Friday 20 th July 2018 at the end of the school day	End of term



The Oval School Council Elections

Article 12 - Every child has the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them and to have their views taken seriously.

We have recently elected our **Oval School councillors**.
 Due to being a democratic school we believe it is important for everyone to have a say so we voted in a polling station for our councillors.

All classes took part in the elections and had a great day making big decisions. We are very pleased with our 2017-2018 School Councillors and we know they will do a fantastic job!

School council will meet every **Wednesday** during singing assembly.

They will have an agenda to discuss each week and will feed back to the children every **Thursday** so they know what has been discussed.

Every child at the oval has a voice and a say!

