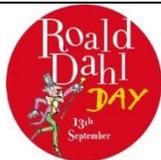




THE STAFF HAVE A TRAINING DAY ON **FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER- NEXT FRIDAY**. WE WILL BE WORKING ON IMPROVING YOUR CHILD'S READING AND REVISING OUR SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES FOR THE YEAR. THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED AND THE CHILDREN ARE NOT IN SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.

It has been a great start to the year and I have already noticed a wonderful atmosphere in the school. The children seem to have settled with their new teachers really quickly and are already producing work they are proud of. The play and lunchtimes have gone like clockwork too. The children have been fantastic and the staff have worked hard to make it happen. We will continue many of the great projects from last year. You may have seen the container in the playground for our Bubble and Squeak project. That will soon be used for the waste food items. The school has also been mentioned in the Autumn edition of *Wildlife Watch* magazine (page 2). We will add a link on the school website. We begin the term with a celebration of Roald Dahl next week so prepare your costumes. The week after I am taking part in the Macmillan *Brave the Shave*. More details below. I look forward to seeing you all in school in the coming days.

Mr. Brown



### Roald Dahl Day!



On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day at Old Oak with a fancy dress parade and Roald Dahl celebrations in class.

Please help your child with a Roald Dahl themed costume. The children can wear the costume to school and remain in it throughout the day. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed in each class.

We recognise the importance of reading daily with your child, and we appreciate the time and effort you spend doing this. Over the next few weeks, you could share some Roald Dahl texts with your child to link with their learning in school.

### LOST PROPERTY

In the key stage 1 and key stage 2 playgrounds you may have noticed a brown crate/box. Any school uniform which we find around the school will be put in these boxes. For Year 1 and 2 classes, the box is in the key stage 1 playground. For the classes Year 3-6, please use the box in key stage 2 playground. Lost property will no longer be kept in the lower hall.

### UNIFORM

The children look really smart this week with their new trousers, skirts and shirts. Can we remind parents that the children should wear black shoes to school and not black and white trainers. If the children look smart, they are more likely to produce smart and neat work.



The school has a governing body to oversee the work of the school and make sure that everything is being done to make the school better. There are currently 2 spaces on the governing body for parents to attend the meetings. These take place two times a term after school and are a real chance to be involved in school life. Please contact Mr. Brown for more details.

#### **PUNCTUALITY IN THE MORNING AND AFTER SCHOOL**

School begins at 8.55am and the teachers begin their day very shortly after this. There are too many parents that believe we have a start of around 9.00am. This is not correct. Please make sure that your child is in school ready to learn at 8.50am. Being punctual is a life skill, which is necessary for the children's later working lives, so the sooner we get into this habit the better.

After school, the children should be picked up at 3.15pm. We will always look after any child until they are picked up and we understand that transport can sometimes be busy. However teachers have lots to do after school preparing for the next day. If children are picked up late, then this has an impact on the school. A member of staff has to make sure the children are safe. From Monday, any family picking up their child after 3.30pm will be charged £5.00 per 15 minutes to cover staffing costs.

#### **BRAVE THE SHAVE**

I personally and many in the school community have been close to someone with cancer. I wanted to make a personal contribution to support this fight by *Braving the Shave*. On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, I will have a haircut in assembly. Please could the children bring in a contribution on that day which will go towards the Macmillan cancer charity. You can also sponsor online at

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/?text=joe+brown>.

Mr. Brown