



OPAG NEWSLETTER

 @OPA_Greystone

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This newsletter aims to provide any updates, important links or information we think you may find useful at this time.

Welcome Back!

A big welcome to all of our new children and families, and welcome to all those returning after the summer break.



The children are excited to be in their new classes and have settled well. We are very proud of their positive 'can do' attitudes.

Questions and Queries

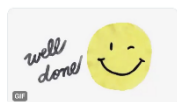
Children's safety and happiness is our ultimate goal. If you have any questions or queries, please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher via the office or pass on information to Mrs Johnson on the gate.

Communication

Twitter is a great way for you to see what goes on in our academy. Please follow our academy Twitter @OPA_Greystone for videos, assemblies, key reminders and much more! Class Twitter letters will be sent out for you to sign and follow your child's class page.



We have had a fantastic day! It was so lovely to see all the children looking smart with their big smiles! All the children have settled in really well, even the ones who have only just joined our family. #Outwoodfamily #TEAMOPAG



Our assembly today focused on Roald Dahl. Mrs Abbott shared her favourite book - George's Marvellous Medicine. #LoveReading

Attendance

Good attendance at school is important for academic progress and social interaction with peers. At Greystone we have an expectation that every child should aim for 97% attendance. Children need to be in their line at 8:50 ready to start the day. By making regular school attendance and punctuality a priority, you can help set your child on the path to success.

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Mental 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. This can be accessed by the green button on our website.

 Mental Wellbeing

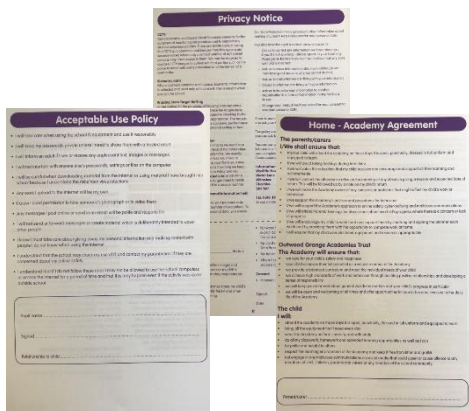
Planners

Children will be given an Outwood Primary Academy Planner at the end of this week.

The planner contains a wealth of information for both parents and children including:

- Safeguarding information
- Academy expectations and praise
- Overview of consequences
- Uniform expectations
- Overview of Praising Stars
- English and Maths key curriculum information
- Homework diary including weekly reading log

Please could we ask you to sign pages 6 (Acceptable Use Policy), 10 (Privacy Notice) and 11(Home-Academy Agreement) as soon as you can.



Uniform Reminder

A polite reminder that the Outwood Primary Academy Greystone's uniform consists of: purple sweatshirt or cardigan (with school logo); white polo t-shirt; grey skirt or trousers; grey socks or tights and black shoes (**not boots or trainers**).

There is a no jewellery policy in school so please ensure that only sensible wrist watches are worn, no other jewellery is permitted.

Reading

A major focus of our English curriculum is to encourage the habit and enjoyment of reading. Below are some of our fantastic reading areas from around the school.

School library



Reading areas in classrooms



It is expected that your child reads for a minimum of 20 minutes, three times per week. This is to support your child's development and foster their love for reading. Please ensure you initial the weekly reading log after your child has read to an adult and please feel free to add any comments about this.

Risk Assessment

Our Risk Assessment is available on the website. Updates will be added that reflect Government Covid guidance so please look out for these.

<https://www.greystone.outwood.com/covid-19>