

Christmas Events and Parental Survey Feedback

Dear families,

Christmas events/dates

Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner day - Wednesday 14th December. On Christmas jumper day, it is optional to take part. It is still school uniform on the bottom half (shoes/trousers etc) with jumpers, t-shirts or dresses.

Christmas Jumper Swap Shop. This event will take place at the end of Wednesday 7th December 3:05 pm in the school hall. Please donate any unwanted jumpers to school in advance. Details here [Christmas Jumper Swap Shop](#). We can not guarantee that if you provide a jumper that there will be something for you to swap so please keep this in mind.

The following events will be during the school day. Parents will be able to come in and see a Christmas Carol performance which will then be followed by a year group showcase where you can see what the year group have achieved during this term. Dates are below and further details nearer the time will be shared.

Y3 Christmas/Autumn Term Showcase event for Parents - Wednesday 14th December 1:45pm

Y4 Christmas/Autumn Term Showcase event for Parents - Thursday 8th December 1:45pm

Y5 Christmas/Autumn Term Showcase event for Parents - Monday 12th December 1:45pm

Y6 Christmas/Autumn Term Showcase event for Parents - Tuesday 13th December 1:45pm

Last half term, we did a Halloween Disco. This half term, we would like to put on a Christmas Movie Night. These are fundraising events that occur beyond the school day for the children to enjoy but also help us generate funds to support numerous different activities in and out of school. A movie night also means that this half term we can accommodate a full year group for the event as some children missed out on the discos. Parent pay is ready for you to book your child on to this event. Details here [Christmas Movie Nights](#)

Y3 Christmas Movie night fundraiser - Monday 12th December 3-5pm.

Y4 Christmas Movie night fundraiser - Tuesday 13th December 3-5pm.

Y5 Christmas Movie night fundraiser - Thursday 8th December 3-5pm.

Y6 Christmas Movie night fundraiser - Wednesday 14th December 3-5pm.

Christmas Raffle - Our raffle prizes are gathering momentum! We have had some fantastic donations such as Panto tickets, Scunthorpe United tickets, family meals out, a boiler service, Christmas hampers and much more. Tickets will be available at the Christmas/Autumn Term Showcase events only due to government restrictions. You can pay cash on the day and buy for your friends and family if you wish. The draw will take place after all the parent events have taken place. If you know anyone who would like to donate a prize, please let us know.

The Great Brumby Bake off - Monday 5th December. Details here [Great Brumby Bake Off](#)

Outwood Grange Academies Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales (No. 06995649)
Registered office: Potovens Lane, Outwood, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 2PF

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This letter, including any attachments, is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain privileged information.
Any unauthorised review, use, disclosure or distribution is prohibited.

If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the Outwood Grange Academies Trust and destroy all copies of the original letter.

Survey responses

Thank you so much for giving up the time to give us some feedback. There is lots of positivity from the 140 responses which I can pass on to staff so they are recognised for their hard work. We, as a team, value the feedback immensely. Please as always approach staff if you need support.

I have identified some areas to improve from your responses below. I have outlined our current situation and our plans so you are aware of what we are trying to achieve. I have also highlighted what is already in place if you are not already aware.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs are something that we have already been working on this term and we really want the children to have a wide range available. We currently have the following free after school clubs on offer this half term that 167 children are currently attending, Y6 Rugby, Reading Club, Family Cooking Club, Choir (Young Voices), Y3/4 football club, Craft Club, Y5/6 Football Club, Computing Club and History Club . Last half term, we had 104 children attending one of the following clubs, Y3 Archery, Y6 Rounders, Y4 Archery, Y5 Rounders and Y5/6 girls football.

As you can see, that is 14 clubs already this year. To increase our club offer further, we are approaching external providers to widen the range available. Some of this would have to be at a cost to parents. We have asked the children what clubs they would like and we are trying to accommodate as many as we can. If you have a club that you would like to see us provide, let us know and we'll try our best! As you can imagine, with 470 children in school it is difficult to cater for all beyond the school day but I hope you can see that we are trying to.

Recently, we also had 99 children start 15 weeks of after school tuition to support their academic learning. There will be a second wave of tutoring starting in March.

School Trips

Regarding school trips, we are also trying to fit more into our curriculum. The cost of trips has drastically increased as many of our other costs. The fundraising events, such as the Halloween disco, help us contribute to the cost of the trip to try and reduce the burden that the trip costs you. We are also trying to get more visitors into school.

Trips coming up this year so that you are aware are...

Y3-A visit to Austerfield Centre to develop our understanding of 'The Stone Age' in Spring 2

Y4-A visit to Magna Science Centre to enhance work on electricity - dates to be confirmed

Y5-Ancient Egyptian day at the Collection Museum 7th/8th December

Y6-All classes to visit The National Holocaust Centre 27th February

We are trying to organise a Y6 residential. We will be in contact as soon as we have found something which we feel is appropriate and also hopefully better value for money.

Childcare provision before and after school.

In terms of our charges to our breakfast and after school club this academic year, it is a non-profit provision. We had to act quickly to put a childcare provision in place during the summer as one of the main providers in the community finished with short notice.

Unfortunately, we could not sustain a free breakfast club for 20+ pupils each day. However, since we relaunched the club, we have approached different businesses for support. In the last week, we have been successful in setting up a contribution from Morrisons and have just

been awarded a grant from Kelloggs. Once we have these in place, we may be able to consider the costs especially for families on free school meals. The current childcare provision is from 7:45am and is different to what we used to offer. In the future, we may be able to offer a breakfast club for our most vulnerable pupils at a later start time. However, please rest assured, that we always provide for children who have not had breakfast whether they attend breakfast club or not.

Keeping parents informed

As 15% of parents answered disagree to 'The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year' I have attached a link to our website where our overview of curriculum can be found. [Curriculum Overview - Outwood Junior Academy Brumby](#) This document explains which topics are taught to each year group during each half term. The following link will then explain each topic in more detail. [Primary Learning Library](#) Here is our maths curriculum [Primary Curriculum Progression Pathway - MATHS](#) Here is our English curriculum [Phonics and Reading Schemes - Outwood Junior Academy Brumby](#)

Also, if you do not do so already, I strongly recommend that you follow your child's class TWITTER page. Staff work extremely hard to communicate with parents, they frequently tweet aspects of the school day giving a good insight to what has happened. If this does not suffice, then please contact us and we will endeavour to answer your queries. I strongly want parents on board so please let me know how else we can help.

In response to 15% of parents answering disagree to 'The school lets me know how my child is doing', we have recently had our Parents' Evening which was attended by 69% of parents. This event received many positive comments. If you attended the event, but you didn't feel very well informed please let me know how we can adapt the event to be more beneficial for you. If you couldn't attend Parents Evening, then staff are happy to try and accommodate any other requests to meet with you or talk on the phone if it is easier.

Each half term, we also send a Praising Stars report home to inform you on how your child is doing in school.

I hope my above responses are useful but if not please let me know and I'll try to support you further.

Thank you again for the feedback and your continued support. As always, if you have any concerns, please come and talk to staff.

Warm regards,
Mr S Tait