



Newsletter

24 October 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 31 October
BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 8 November
10 - 11am
OPEN MORNING

Thursday 10 November
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the first half term of the academic year! It has been a hugely successful half term as with purposeful energy we are all working hard on our school vision to create 'the good earth' for our children to flourish and achieve their full potential.

A huge and heartfelt thank you to all our parents, who have supported us and their children since the start of the year. I have felt fully welcomed into the community and I have to say that it has proved to be a warm and special place to be. Your children are a credit to you, and our staff team is incredible – everyone teaches and drives from the heart, all going the extra mile to support and develop our pupils.

Mrs Palfreyman, our reading leader shared our 'Get Caught Reading' competition with the children today and we are hoping that as many children as possible will be able to get involved. Please send entries in over the half term break to our school email address:
School@cts.odbst.org

We will share them as they arrive and there will be prizes for the most imaginative entries in each year group.

I wish you all a happy and healthy half term break, and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 31st October 2022.

Kind regards,

Mel Nugent

Headteacher.

Lunches!

Please remember to book hot dinners for the week beginning 31 October by Thursday 27 October at 12 noon.



Attendance

Congratulations to the 116 children who achieved 100% attendance this half term.

Overall attendance was 95% which is just below our target of 96%

Every minute counts!

A reminder that school gates open at 8.40 and close at 8.50. This half term we have recorded over 200 late marks. If your child is late by just 5 minutes every day, that equates to 3 days loss of learning time over the school year.



May we please remind all parents / carers that we are a nut-free school as we do have several children with serious nut allergies. Please be vigilant and check all food being sent into school. Thank you.



Informal Concert For String Players

Would you like the chance to play in front of your friends and family? Have you got an exam coming up?

Taking part in an informal concert is a great way to improve your performance skills in a friendly and relaxed environment!



What's involved:

Please come along with an adult who can stay with you for the whole evening. Bring with you your instrument, your music and the piano accompaniment.

Between 6pm and 7pm, you'll practise your piece with an accompanist and between 7pm and 8pm you'll perform to the other students and the parents.

Please stay and listen to the other performances when you've finished – you're the audience for the other students!

When: Thursday 10th November 2022 – 6pm to 8pm

Where: St Mary's Church, Dudley Hill, Shenley Church End, Milton Keynes MK5 6LL

How to take part:

If you'd like to take part, we need to know your name, your teacher's name, the instrument you play and how to contact you. There are two ways you can tell us:

- Ask your teacher to let us know you are coming, they'll need to tell us your name, school, instrument, grade and how to contact you.
- OR
- Send an email to the MK Music Co-op at events@mkmusiccoop.com with your name, school, instrument, grade and teacher's name.

Please let us know by Thursday 3rd November 2022, then we can reply and confirm everything for you.

This is a free event and there is no charge to practise with the accompanist and perform. There will be a retiring collection, the money raised will help fund future informal concerts.

MK Music Co-op Email: mkmusiccoop@gmail.com

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