

Mrs Sergeants Desk Summer 2023

Staffing News

After 13 years as headteacher the Governors have agreed that I can reduce my working week to 3 days from September 2023. Following a rigorous recruitment process Mrs Partington has been appointed as Acting Headteacher for 2 days. Mrs Partington has already had experience as acting head for 12 months at another Liverpool school and so along with Mrs Brown as deputy headteacher the leadership of the school is secured and will continue to remain strong. Mrs Partington and I already work very closely together and I look forward to sharing the role of headteacher with her. I know you will give her your full support in her new role.

We would like to welcome two new teachers **Miss Clifford (Y4)** and **Miss Quinn (Y5)** to our school from September. We have also like to welcome **Ms Martin** as an LSA to our early years team.

I know our families and children will also welcome them to our school family. **Miss Hughes** our Year 3 teacher is leaving us at the end of this term to start a new job working at a special needs school in Chester. We wish her well in her new role and would like to thank her for her work with our children over the last 13 Years in school.

Miss Whittaker, Miss Doherty and Miss Stinson have returned from Maternity leave in the last few weeks and will take up their roles as class teachers in year 1 and Reception in September and LSA in Y6.



Price increases

Unfortunately we have had to make the hard decision to increase the prices of school services in the autumn term. We have not increased our prices for a long time as they have been subsidised by school in order to support parents. As parents are aware school budgets are so tight that we have had to review our charges. We have compared our prices with other local schools to ensure that we are still competitive and below the costs in other schools.

School meals From September the cost of a school meal will be **£2.00 per day** for KS2 ,nursery and two year old children. We understand that the increase in price may be problematic for these parents in KS2, Nursery full time and 2 year old full time and so parents may choose to provide a packed lunch.

Children in Reception and KS1 will continue to receive a Free School Meal and a packed lunch will only be allowed after arrangement with the headteacher. The cook will do her best to meet all dietary requirements of the children and is happy to meet parents to discuss menus and options.

Breakfast Club will cost £2.00 per session from September and is paid on the day to Mrs Finnigan.

Nursery Wrap around Care Fees. For those families who are not entitled to government funding the cost of a nursery or two year old session will be £20.00 per session or £35 for a full day. These fees should be paid weekly and in advance of the sessions.



School Communication

During September we will be moving from PA Connect App and P360 as our means of communication and online payment portal. This is due to the P360 app ceasing to exist from July.

We have looked at a number of options and have decided to move to SchoolComms as it is one app for both communication and payments. More information will follow on our return to school in September.

Return to school

We wish all of our families a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on

Monday 4th September 2023.

If your child will be in our EYS setting in September you will receive a letter containing their start date . If you haven't received this please contact the school office.

All of the term dates for 2023-2024 are on our school website at the address below

www.oliprimary.co.uk/parents-info/term-dates/

Whole School Attendance

Our whole school attendance for this year is **94%**, although this isn't at the expected standard of **97%** we are above the national average.

Thank you for your continued support and for following our systems for reporting sickness and absence.

We will continue with our attendance drive next year and aim to hit 97%!

School Equality objectives 2023-25

Thankyou to the parents who voted for the school equality objective. This has allowed us to rank the objectives in the following order. We will work hard to ensure we achieve these objectives.

- 1. To promote greater understanding of Neurodiversity.
- 2. To reduce prejudice based language.
- 3. To promote greater understanding of LGBTQ+ Issues.

