

20th April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first week as Outwood Primary Academy Park Hill has been busy and productive; the children are working hard, especially Year 6 and Year 2 who will be taking the National Curriculum Tests next month. Year 1 children have been planting beans and writing instructions; I saw some extremely effective vocabulary in 5C writing books this week so perhaps we have some budding authors!

Attendance continues to be a concern; we know there are lots of bugs about and ask that you keep your children at home for 48 hours after the last occurrence of vomiting or diarrhea but for minor health issues, please send your children. They are usually fine when they are distracted with some exciting activities and their friends. Leave in term time, for whatever reason, will not be authorized and you may receive a penalty notice from the local authority if you take your child out of school. This week, all children who had 97%+ attendance since September, had the opportunity to take part in a fun session on the Commando Joe inflatable assault course! We would like more children to be able to take part at the end of the Summer Term.

There has been a little bit of confusion for some parents regarding the new timings of the school day. The new times will be from September, as stated in the letter. 20th April is the date that you need to email t.hyland@outwood.com if you want to express your views, not the date that the change will happen. Having said this, we are going to be looking at how we can begin to implement some of the procedures during this term, but whatever is decided, we will let you know!

Dates for your diary

Thursday 3rd May – Polling Day School will remain open to pupils

Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday School will be closed

Monday 14th – Friday 18th – Y6 SATs tests

Friday 25th May – School closes for half-term break at 3.00pm.

Yours sincerely
Mrs A Million

