



23 October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Let's Celebrate

It's been such a wonderful half term! The students have been brilliant! We have so much to celebrate; from completing the Values Programme, having PE at Middlesbrough College with Gymnastics coaches and Boxing, voting for Student President, visiting Darlington Hippodrome to learning about 'The Greatest Showman' across the curriculum. Students have shared their talents and learned to nurture their relationships through kindness and compassion. They have taken being in a 'temporary temporary' building in their stride and we have decorated the school with all their wonderful work. If you haven't seen it already - please take a look at our new video which features a lot of the students in their lessons on an average day.

Darlington Hippodrome

I would like to tell you how proud I am of all our lovely students and share with you the wonderful feedback we got from the staff at 'Darlington Hippodrome'. The students were impeccably behaved it was impressive but more importantly they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It went so well I would like to take them back for another private screening as a treat just before the winter break.

"... All the classes had been led off the buses in turn so that we could seat them one class at a time. The students were very well organised by their teachers and were very obedient & polite. On entering the auditorium, they were quickly seated, conforming to social distancing and leaving two clear seats in between each child and a clear row in between each of the different class groups... During the film, I popped in to view the audience a couple of times, the children were very quiet and well behaved (a dream audience), once again at the end of the film they respected the venue, cleared up after themselves and left, thanking us as we escorted them out onto Borough Road... Could you please thank the school on behalf of the theatre and front of house team for how well behaved the children were and also how well the teachers managed the class groups? Speaking as a front of house manager, who's seen many schools come and go, please ask them if they would like to come back."

Magic Breakfast

FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL STUDENTS!! This is available every morning from 8:00 am. Please encourage your child to come into school for their breakfast - we would love to spend time with them in the morning whilst they have the most important meal of the day.

Outdoor Coats

When we **return on Monday 2 November** there will be a requirement for classroom windows to be open at all times, this is in line with DfE Covid-19 Guidance for schools re-opening. With this in mind we would like to welcome students to wear outdoor coats inside if they feel cold. We have purchased additional heaters, however with the winter months closing in it is likely there will be times when the students feel cold. I will also be providing the students with free hot drinks at break and lunchtime.

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It is very important that the students have a winter coat and I ask for your support in encouraging them to wear one to and from school. We have a small supply of coats available (new and 2nd hand) which we will provide for the rest of the year for any students who do not have one from home.

Visits

One of the great things about our location is being in the centre of Middlesbrough. There are times when we may choose to explore the local landmarks on foot as part of a lesson. This would be done in school time - with that in mind it is really important that your child has an outdoor coat. If you wish to discuss the visits further please get in touch with reception. Any visits that require transport or a change in hours to the school day will be discussed with you in advance.

Behaviour

The behaviour is excellent and I would like it to continue to be so after half term. There will be times when students get it wrong and on those occasions staff will spend time helping the student to understand how to make it right and move on. The majority of the time this is done during school hours - however there will be times when a detention will be issued as they may need to reflect on their behaviour further. You will be informed of this in advance. I ask for your support with this to help your child change any negative behaviours.

#OutwoodFamily #OutwoodRiverside

Please take time to enjoy your break and have some family time. We would love you to tag us on facebook and twitter in your favourite moments of half term - from pumpkin carving, reading, baking, exercising, you name it; we'd love to see it!

I look forward to welcoming the students back on Monday 2 November 2020.

Yours faithfully,



Melissa Brant-Smith
Principal