



Newsletter Friday 18th October 2024

Harvest Festival

Year 5 and 6 took part in a fabulous performance as part of their Harvest Festival celebrations at St Peter's Church. They performed a selection of harvest themed songs and a dance. We also had some amazing performances from children who played a range of musical instruments. Thank you to all staff who helped organise, Father Michael and parent helpers, who walked the children up to church.

EYFS, KS1 and Lower KS2 also enjoyed a lovely assembly from Father Michael and learnt all about the importance of Harvest.

We would like to send a big thank you to all those that have brought donations for the Warrington Foodbank. We have had a great response with a large number of donations. The collection at Church yesterday raised a fantastic £98.91, this amount will be added to donations already received.

Thank you for your support.





Halloween costume exchange

We are please to announce that the Oughty Halloween Costume Exchange is back after a huge success last year. If you have an old costume that your child has outgrown and you are able to donate, please bring to the main school office by Tuesday 22nd October.

Our aim is to reduce waste, reuse and save families money with our pre-loved collection. The costumes will be available to view/swap from Friday 18th, and all next week.

Lets hope for a spooktacular donation again this year.

Importance of being kind and respectful

All staff at Oughtrington work incredibly hard and always have the best interest of the children at heart. Whilst we welcome feedback from parents and our school community, either in person or via Class Dojo, I would like to remind you about the importance of being kind and respectful. The majority of messages we receive and conversations that we have are exactly this. However, recently we have had incidents where staff have had to endure unnecessary verbal abuse. This will not be tolerated and action may be taken.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Own Clothes Day

Next Friday, (25th October) we will be having an own clothes day to support one of our parents who is fundraising for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. They are taking on the challenge of trekking around 36km along the Great Wall of China. Your child can come to school in their own clothes on this date and if you would like to make a donation (even if it just £1) please use the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/kateclarkchinatrek>

School Meals

Please see the below information from the Warrington School Meals Department.

Dear Parent/Carer

Please be advised that the cost of a school meal is set to increase from £2.60 to **£2.80** per meal from 28th October 2024. This will result in an overall weekly increase of £1 per child.

This does not affect children accessing Free School Meals. The government continues to support the universal infant Free School Meals (FSM) project and this means that all children from reception, year 1 and year 2 will be provided with a school meal free of charge. Any child in years 3-6 can also have a free school meal if you are in receipt of certain allowances. To find out if you are eligible, please visit: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>*

The council has been subsidising the service over the last few years to try and keep the cost of a meal down. However, increases in food and staffing costs mean that we unfortunately have no option but to increase the price of a school meal.

The three weekly rolling menu detailing each day's main course and dessert, with the additional daily offer of a vegetarian option and jacket potato will remain in place. The school meals service will continue to provide a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises. We will continue to offer theme days, treat lunches and inviting families to join children for special lunches through the year.

*If your child is eligible for means tested free schools meals you could also be eligible for other funded support, such as [Household Support Fund](#) (funding for food and utility bills) and [Holiday Activities and Food](#) (summer holiday free activities and food). There are also other financial support schemes available, which you can find on the council website: warrington.gov.uk/localsupportscheme

Lost Property

If you recognise either of the 2 items below, please contact the office on 01925 752086.



Vacancies

Before & After School Club Play Worker

Before & After School Club Play Worker

Various hours per week. Term time only

Starting Date: ASAP

(£11.98 per hour)

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The Governing Body would like to appoint a caring, enthusiastic and dedicated Before & After School Club Play Worker to help in our wraparound provision, Oughty Owls. Duties will be varied and will involve running play activities; administering first aid; working closely with other school staff; cleaning duties and some administrative tasks. You must enjoy working with primary age children, be self-motivated and possess the ability to provide creative play activities in a safe, caring environment. Recent experience of working with children is required as is a willingness to undertake training related to the role. Applicants must have excellent interpersonal skills, be able to develop effective relationships with pupils, parents and the wider school community and must be highly motivated and committed to providing the highest level of service.

We can offer the successful candidate:

- An extremely welcoming, caring and fully inclusive ethos
- Pupils with exemplary behaviour and positive attitudes to learning
- Supportive staff, parents, governors and trustees
- Excellent professional development opportunities

The post is open to applicants who can provide ideally morning and afternoon cover. However, we are willing to consider just mornings or afternoons, or a combination of the two for the right candidate.

The hours of work will be working term time only, a combination of these sessions could be considered: morning hours will be 7.30am-9.00am; afternoon hours will be 3.00pm-6.00pm.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful candidate will be required to apply for enhanced disclosure from the Disclosures & Barring Service. Further details can be found at homeoffice.gov.uk/agencies-public-bodies/dbs/

If you are interested in applying, please download an application form from the school's website and return it to Mrs Proud in the school office via email.

More information about our school and Oughty Owls can be found on our website, the address is www.oughtringtoncps.co.uk

Email Address to return the application form to is: oughtrington.admin@thebeamtrust.co.uk

Closing Date: 12pm 4th November 2024

Shortlisting: 5th November 2024

Interviews: 6th November 2024

Maintenance Officer

Permanent Maintenance Officer

Required for Autumn 2024

Grade 5 SCP 8 – 14

£25,030 - £27,329

37 hours per week on a split shift

Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri 7am – 10.30am + 2.45pm – 6.15pm

Thursday 7am – 9.15am + 2.45pm – 9.30pm

The children, staff and Governors are seeking to appoint a Maintenance Officer to join our friendly team working in a busy school environment.

Applicants need to have well developed inter-personal skills and be capable of responding flexibly to day-to-day pressures, demonstrating personal initiative, motivation and commitment. We are looking for a hard-working, cheerful person who will be proud to maintain our school and grounds to a very high standard of cleanliness and safety. The ability to complete routine maintenance and the flexibility to deliver these hours over a split shift is essential. The successful candidate will also need to demonstrate a professional attitude and be capable of working accurately, showing attention to detail. Other essential skills include being empathetic, able to work as part of a successful team and having a sense of humour. Annual leave to be discussed.

The job is based in a Primary School with approximately 385 pupils on roll. The role is integral to the safe and efficient running of the school and its surrounding facilities. It is a full-time position at 37 hours/week, requiring the post holder to work their hours both during term time and in school holidays. The average working day will be on a split shift with occasional additional hours to be worked and claimed separately.

Oughtrington Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children and staff and expects all adults to share this commitment. Enhanced DBS clearance will be required. Further information about the Disclosure Scheme can be found on homeoffice.gov.uk/agencies-public-bodies/dbs. Visits to school are warmly welcomed and encouraged. If you wish to make an appointment to have a look around school, please telephone the office on 01925 752086.

Application forms and details are available on the School's website (www.oughtringtoncps.co.uk). All completed forms should be returned to school for the attention of Mrs Proud either via the school office or email to oughtrington.admin@thebeamtrust.co.uk and marked 'Private & Confidential'.

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Job Sharing: This post is not available for job sharing

Half term Halloween Pennine Trail activity Pack

Please see the below information sent by the Trans Pennine Trail:

Half term is almost upon us, so we've uploaded our spooktacular Halloween half term activity pack on to our website that is now available free for parents and carers to download.

Once again, the pack contains lots of fun activities for the half term break that include making a fab paperback hedgehog, some spooky Halloween painted leaves and some Halloween cookies as well as an Autumn scavenger hunt, a Wordsearch and some Autumn facts and Halloween jokes to try on family and friends.

The pack is aimed at primary school children with help as necessary from their parents or carers, and older children may enjoy some of the activities too.

The activity pack can be used 'on the go' by downloading it to a mobile or can be printed at home. We're also happy to send out printed copies to people who don't have a printer or are unable to access the PDF. All they need to do is email us their address to info@transpenninetrail.org.uk and we will post it out to them.

Download it from our Children's page at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/welcome-to-our-childrens-page/>