

Oyster Park Primary School

Newsletter 9

18th November 2016



Anti-bullying Week



This week in school we have celebrated National Anti-Bullying Week. We started with an assembly which focused on what bullying is and how it can make people feel and started to think about what we can do to prevent and or stop it. We gave all the children an Anti-bullying wrist band to support the message. Each year group has had discussions and activities on what friendship is, types of behaviours that are unkind, what bullying is and what we can all do about it. Together the children have discussed in class what they feel should be on a school anti-bullying charter. Over the next few weeks the children will also be taking part in Anti-bullying workshops delivered by 'Kidzaware'. The dates are as follows:

Year 2 and 3: Wednesday 23rd November, Years 4 and 5: Thursday 24th November, Year 6: 19th January

Upper Foundation, Wedding at Holy Cross



On Wednesday, the children in Upper Foundation visited Holy Cross church to take part in their own 'wedding' as part of their 'Celebration' topic. The children enjoyed taking part in the wedding preparations by baking a wedding cake, making party favours, creating wedding hats and practising wedding songs. The children walked up to the Holy Cross church as the 'bride and groom' arrived in style in a vintage car. Reverend Tracey led the service and explained to the children different aspects of a wedding celebration. Back at school, they had a wedding reception party in the dining hall with balloons, party food, and music and dancing. Thank you to everyone who joined us in the celebration.

Children in Need – Spot-tacular



To celebrate and show our support for Children in Need both children and staff across dressed in spots like those on Pudsey Bear's bandanna to take part in the Spot-tacular fundraising event. Thank you for your kind donations. There were some amazing and imaginative spots-everyone looked great and the children had a brilliant day!

Bikeability

This week groups of children in Year 4, 5 and 6 have been developing their cycling proficiency skills as part of the Bikeability scheme. The children in Year 4 have begun their level 1 course which focuses on improving their control on a bike. Some of the skills they have learnt and practised are: how to brake safely; indicate when turning and how to stay safe when cycling. Our Year 5 and 6 groups have begun their Level 2 course to develop their on-the-road cycling skills so they know how to stay safe when cycling on our local roads.



Roald Dahl Fundraising Success

Following our dress up day as part of the 100 year celebration of Roald Dahl, we raised £140.40 for the 'Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity' which supports seriously ill children across the UK.



Class Assemblies



Over the year we would like to invite parents and carers to attend class assemblies. The assemblies are an opportunity for the children in the class to showcase their work and celebrate their achievements providing you with an insight into what exciting learning your children have been involved in. This also allows the children to develop their speaking and listening skills and to build their confidence to be

able to present to an audience. Next week 4C Miss Craven's class will hold their class assembly in the hall on **Friday 25th November at 9.10am.**

Parent Questionnaire Results

The Governors would like to thank everyone for their replies to their 'Parent View' questionnaire sent out before half term. They are pleased that compared to last year's responses, more parents would now recommend the school to others; say that the school is well led and managed; are happy that they receive valuable information about their child's progress. The areas where some parents continue to have concerns, are bullying and behaviour. We continue to respond to this in school – last year we had whole staff training in behaviour management strategies (Webster Stratton) which means that behaviour is managed more consistently and children are responding very well to this.

This year we are implementing a social skills curriculum to educate children about wider skills and values, such as respect, tolerance and friendship to help them get on together. We have updated our anti-bullying policy and enclose a copy for all parents.

Our whole school focus on issues such as anti-bullying and the introduction of lunchtime activities, including sessions run by Elite Rugby coaches, continue to help us address the way children play and work together as we are committed to improving all aspects of school life.

Attendance

Good attendance in school is important for a child's learning and achievement. Please see the enclosed letter from Mrs Mohammed to explain more about how absences can lower your child's attendance and possible lead to a fixed penalty.

Who to	What the letter was about	When sent
4C	Class Assembly	
Whole school	Anti-bullying policy	Friday 18 th November
Nursery	Proposed morning session times	Friday 18 th November
Whole School	Attendance	Friday 18 th November

Term Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event
Friday 16 th December 2016	School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 3 rd January 2017	School re-opens
Friday 10 th February 2017	School closes for half term
Monday 20 th February 2017	School re-opens
Friday 7 th April 2017	School closes for Easter
Monday 24 th April 2017	School re-opens
Monday 1 st May 2017	Closed for May Bank Holiday
Friday 26 th May 2017	School closes for half term
Monday 5 th June 2017	School re-opens
Tuesday 25 th July 2017	School closes for Summer

We have 2 closure dates (INSET) for staff training yet to be allocated for 2016/2017

Let's Celebrate !



Class	Attendance National average is 96%	Star of the Week	WOW Work
Morning Nursery Miss Cockerham	81%	Holly Taylor Jake Hewitt	Freya May
Afternoon Nursery Miss Cockerham	84%	Elliot Finn Charmaine Datche	Daniil Szulhaty
RW Miss Woods	91%	Tim Kokorevics Sophia Grange	Tyler Hodgson
RC Mrs Coomber	95%	Jorge Towers Jason Buraik	Troy Carrington
1T Miss Tonks	96%	Enya Mae Liddle Jack Woodhouse	Ethan Taylor
1MH Mrs Marshall/ Mrs Hyde	95%	Keian Stride Alexis Edwards	Ethan Thorp
2B Miss Brannon	97%	Wiktor Truszczynski Kara Gaitley	Kara Gaitley
2TW Miss Taylor-White	95%	Nathan Youngs Kelsi-Mai Walton	Harrison Devine
3A Miss Ambler	97%	Caydon Barnes Kenzie Roden	Kacey Durham
3T Miss Tomlinson	95%	Jack Hennessey Louie Johnson	Lewis Jowett
4F Mr Forsyth	96%	Fraya Orr Brogan Waite	Evanly Hyde
4C Miss Craven	96%	Daniel Manning Lily-Mae Handford	Peter Morris
5S Mrs Smithson	98%	Preston Senior Leonie Carrington	Mercedes Birkitt
5G Miss Golding	98%	Dylan Whitham Leon Rudge	Harrison Smith
5L Miss Lochman	97%	Tyler Armstrong	Emily Owens
6BK Miss King/ Miss Bennett	98%	Darci O Hara Ethan Bedworth	Porsha Schofield
6H Mrs Hill	94%	Brandon Welford Ruby Parker	Ruby Parker