

Oyster Park Primary School

Newsletter 14: 13th January 2017

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the start of 2017 and a particular welcome to our new children and families who have joined us in Nursery. We have a number of new staff who we also welcome: Mrs Fox and Mrs Wilkinson are joining Mrs Holmes, who started just before Christmas, as part of the Year 6 support staff team and Mrs Henshaw has joined Year 5. As part of their ongoing training and experience, Mr Emmett is teaching in Year 6 this half term and Miss Bennett is spending the half term teaching at another school. We hope you all soon feel a part of our school team.

Library

Over Christmas we had new bookcases and seating installed to create library areas both upstairs and downstairs.

Some of the children are helping to organise the books onto the shelves and are looking forward to reading in these inviting areas.



Year 4 Roman Day

Year 4 had a fantastic visit to Murton Park on Wednesday as part of their topic – ‘When in Rome’. The children experienced what it was like to be a Roman soldier, they were put into units and marched to their own Roman fort! The children also created oil lamps and learnt Latin. Finally, they learnt various skills with Roman weapons and successfully fought off a Celtic warrior!



Year 5 Forest School Visits

Year 5 had their first visit to Fryston Woods this week as part of forest school. Once they had arrived, the children had to walk and explore their surroundings. They also discussed what they could see and this was linked in with their current topic on the Vikings. Amazingly, the children witnessed a bird catching its prey. The forest rangers spoke about the dangers of the ponds and how to be safe around them.



After School Clubs

After school clubs have started again this week with choir and guitar for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and cheerleading, Street dance, functional fitness and rugby for Years 1, 2 and 3.

We will be starting after school maths and reading booster clubs for Year 6 children to help them prepare for their summer tests. Letters will be sent home about this next week.

We are also planning further holiday sports clubs led by Elite and will be confirming those dates soon.

Closure days

We have now booked our last 2 closure days (INSET) for this academic year. Staff will be continuing training looking at different strategies for teaching maths. These INSET days will be:

Friday 10th February 2017

Monday 13th March 2017

Headlice

We have had some cases of headlice in Year 1 this week. Please use this weekend to check your child and other family members' hair to help all families keep this under control.

Holiday dates 2017-18

Airedale Multi Academy Trust (MAT) have decided on the holiday dates for all their schools for 2017-18 so that these are the same across the Trust. The schools include Airedale Academy, Airedale Juniors, Airedale Infants and ourselves. These dates vary slightly to those decided on by Wakefield Council schools and published on the council website as schools are able to set their own dates.

Please see our term dates.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event
Thursday 9th February (change of date)	School closes for half term
Friday 10th February 2017	INSET day –school closed to children
Monday 20th February 2017	School re-opens
Monday 13th March	INSET day –school closed to children
Friday 7th April 2017	School closes for Easter
Monday 24th April 2017	School re-opens
Monday 1st May 2017	Closed for May Bank Holiday
Friday 26th May 2017	School closes for half term
Monday 5th June 2017	School re-opens
Tuesday 25th July 2017	School closes for Summer

Term Dates 2017-2018

Date	Event
Monday 4th September 2017	School opens
Friday 20th October 2017	School closes for half term
Monday 30th October 2017	School re-opens
Friday 15th December 2017	School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 2nd January 2018	School re-opens
Friday 9th February 2018	School closes for half-term
Monday 19th February 2018	School re-opens
Thursday 29th March 2018	School closes for Easter
Monday 16th April 2018	School re-opens
Monday 7th May 2018	Closed for May Bank Holiday
Friday 25th May 2018	School closes for half term
Monday 4th June 2018	School re-opens
Wednesday 25th July 2018	School closes for Summer

We have 5 INSET days to be arranged for staff training in 2017/18

Let's Celebrate



Class	Attendance National average is 96%	Star of the Week	WOW Work
Morning Nursery Miss Cockerham	84%	Evie Leigh Dickinson Logan Pearson Ebony Baker	Olly Kerry Riley Anholm
Afternoon Nursery Miss Cockerham	89%	William Clayton Charmaine Datche	William Clayton Oliver Ward Lewis Sheridan
RW Miss Woods	88%	Tyler Hodgson Lily Gilbertson	Miles Cobb
RC Mrs Coomber	95%	Lilly Sykes Harley Dyson	Caleb Smith
1T Miss Tonks	89%	Adrianna Dickinson Chloe Farrar	Ella Emmassi
1MH Mrs Marshall/ Mrs Hyde	87%	Amelia Longiewiczzyk Isaac Wilson	Lucas Hayward
2B Miss Brannon	94%	Natalia Birkitt Sean Ndambakuwa	Natalia Birkitt
2TW Miss Taylor-White	94%	Levi Edwards Somer Smith	Alfie Woodcock
3A Miss Ambler	97%	Kaidii Cuthbert Callum Child	Jakub Markowski
3T Miss Tomlinson	98%	Jack Hennessey Lewis Parkes	Tyler Smith
4F Mr Forsyth	93%	Jack Egley Wiktorija Dabrowska	Brogan Waite
4C Miss Craven	100%	4C Class	4C Class
5S Mrs Smithson	96%	Shanae Chizhande Jack Parker	Bailey Lunn
5G Miss Golding	92%	Jasem Ibrahim Amber May Close	Sienna Heath
5L Miss Lochman	83%	Kevin Pralat	Kevin Pralat
6BK Miss King/ Mr Emmett	98%	Megan Owens Porsha Schofield	Darci O'Hara
6H Mrs Hill	97%	Ruby Parker Bradley Close	Matty Szulist