

Oyster Park Primary School

Newsletter 17

7th February 2017



Samuel Pepys

On Tuesday 31st January Samuel Pepys visited Year 2 to tell us all about 'The Great Fire of London'. The children really enjoyed learning about different facts. Here are some of their comments:

Samuel Pepys buried his things so they wouldn't get burned – Ria

The Fire spread from roof to roof because they were made out of straw – Ciara Jayne

Samuel Pepys stayed in his house for as long as he could when the fire started. His house didn't get burnt:

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Police and Fire Service

This half term Upper Foundation Stage has been learning all about "People Who Help Us". We have thought about how different people in our lives and in the community help us every day. To finish our topic we were lucky enough to have a visit from police officers and some firemen. The police officers told us all about their jobs and how they help people in our local area; protecting us from criminals and helping people when they are lost. They even let us try on their helmets; we loved pretending to be policemen!

The police also reminded the children how important it is not to talk to strangers and to keep themselves safe. This is an important message for all our children, especially for some of our older children who walk home by themselves.

In the afternoon the firemen came in their engines; we had a look around the engine, talked about the equipment and even got to squirt some water! The firemen then told us all about their special protective uniform and answered lots of questions we had asked. We really enjoyed our day and we hope some of us can become police officers and firemen too!



Fire safety

The firemen also talked to Year 5 about the dangers of fire and how we can help prevent them. The children were asked to think about their home and to make a fire escape plan in case a fire was to happen in their home. Finally, the fire service finished the talk about the dangers of hoax calls.



School Nurse Visit to Year 3

The school nurse visited Year 3 to help us understand the importance of brushing our teeth. We looked at what foods cause our teeth to become unhealthy. We also learned how many times we should brush our teeth a day and how many times we should go to the dentist in a year. As a class we told the nurse how to brush her teeth saying where to start and how to remember not to miss any teeth. The nurse told us about how we can check our tooth brushes to make sure that they are fit for the job. Year 3 had an amazing time and now everyone knows how to look after their teeth.



RNLI Assembly

The RNLI visited Key Stage 1 and 2 children. They explained the work they carry out and when the children might be in a situation when needing to use them. A number of children took part in wearing the equipment as well as holding the flags we would see on the beach. All the children learnt what flags stand for and the signal to use if they ever need help out at sea. The RNLI volunteers gave the children lot of interesting information before answering any questions they had to ask.



Reports

Mid-year reports were sent home last Friday. We hope you find these useful in helping you to know how your child is doing and what their next steps of learning are. If you have any questions your child's report, class teacher will be happy to speak to you.

Attendance

Your child's report shows their attendance for the Autumn term. The government expects all children's attendance to be **96%** or above which is the same as **8 days** absence over the year. If a child's attendance falls **below 90%**, or 20 days absence a year, this is classed as **Persistent Absence and a fixed penalty notice can be given.**

Please support us in making sure your child attends school regularly and makes the most of their education.

Tanzania

During half term, I am travelling with 10 other colleagues from schools in Yorkshire to visit Tanzania in Africa. This is part of a project to develop learning resources to help children learn about the lives of children in other places. I will be visiting a number of primary schools and our children have already been thinking about what they would like me to ask and find out. I will be taking lots of photos and videos to share when I get back and hope to find a reliable internet connection to share some of these with you on our Facebook page whilst I am away.

Mrs Skinner



World Book Week

World Book Week is taking place from **Monday 27th Feb –Friday 3rd March** this year and we are celebrating in a number of ways:

Thursday 2nd March: Dressing up day

We all enjoyed dressing up for Roald Dahl day so we will have a **book character dressing up day** on Thursday 2nd March. If your child particularly loved their Roald Dahl costume, they may want to wear it again or swop with a friend or think of a new book character to be!

Airedale Library Story and Activity sessions:

Year 1: Wednesday 1st March am

Year 2: Thursday 2nd March am

Year 3: Friday 3rd March am

Year 4: Wednesday 8th March am

Year 5: Friday 3rd March pm 5S, Wednesday 8th March pm 5G

Year 6: Wednesday 1st March pm, Thursday 2nd March pm

Inspire Parent Book Week workshops: (1.45 pm refreshments, 2.00pm start)

Year 1: Monday 27th February

Year 2: Tuesday 6th March

Year 3: Wednesday 1st March

Year 4: Tuesday 28th February

Year 5: Monday 5th March

Year 6: Friday 3rd March

Upper Foundation: Monday 27th Feb **morning**

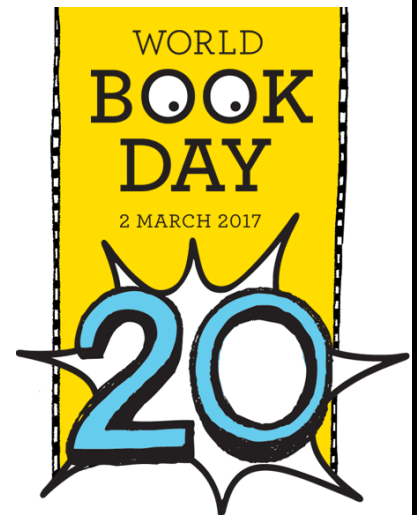
Headlice

Please remember to check your child's hair each week for headlice and their eggs (nits). They are very common in most primary schools and we have a few cases at the moment. Remember that chemical treatments only kill the live lice not the eggs and hair will need treating again a week later to catch any more that have hatched.

Staffing update

This week we wish Mr Preval 'goodbye and good luck' as he leaves us to start a new job. We thank him for all the help and hard work he has given in supporting staff, children and parents during his time here.

We are sad to inform you that the lollipop lady has died suddenly and unexpectedly. Our sympathy and thoughts go to her family. **Please make sure that until another crossing patrol is in place, that you cross the road carefully and remind any older children who walk to school on their own to take care when crossing.**



Term Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event
Thursday 9 th February	School closes for half term
Friday 10 th February 2017	INSET day –school closed to children
Monday 20 th February 2017	School re-opens
Monday 13 th March	INSET day –school closed to children
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

Term Dates 2017-2018

Date	Event
Monday 4 th September 2017	School opens
Friday 20 th October 2017	School closes for half term
Monday 30 th October 2017	School re-opens
Friday 15 th December 2017	School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 2 nd January 2018	School re-opens
Friday 9 th February 2018	School closes for half-term
Monday 19 th February 2018	School re-opens
Thursday 29 th March 2018	School closes for Easter
Monday 16 th April 2018	School re-opens
Monday 7 th May 2018	Closed for May Bank Holiday
Friday 25 th May 2018	School closes for half term
Monday 4 th June 2018	School re-opens
Wednesday 25 th 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	88%	Amelia Marczevska Eddie Johnson Finn Hargreaves	Ava Dawson
Afternoon Nursery Miss Cockerham	85%	Kacie Louise Smith Olivia Hutton	William Clayton Ellarose Riley Kacie Louise Smith
RW Miss Woods	90%	Zak Khan Hollie-Mae Hayward	Georgia Berry
RC Mrs Coomber	88%	Riley Carrington Louis Wood	Lana Waterton
1T Miss Tonks	94%	Evie Ashman Ethan Taylor	Amaya Rogerson
1MH Mrs Marshall/ Mrs Hyde	98%	Lucas Hayward Olivia Cowley	Olly Scarfe
2B Miss Brannon	100%	Kinga Gawryszczak Jay Johnson	Rogue Windmill
2TW Miss Taylor-White	92%	Cayden Ashworth Kelsi-Mai Walton	Nieve Whitham
3A Miss Ambler	95%	Kaidii Cuthbert Thomas Warburton	Thomas Warburton
3T Miss Tomlinson	95%	Scarlett Robbins Lewis Parkes	Jay Hardcastle
4F Mr Forsyth	98%	Alex Ceesay Leo Woodcock	Ebony Edwards
4C Miss Craven	99%	Ella Scott Peter Morris	Ella Scott
5S Mrs Smithson	92%	Kirsten Moore Abi Hardcastle	Lexi Hawkin
5G Miss Golding	98%	AlfieJake Riley Tyler Westwood	Maddison Cale
5L Miss Lochman	86%	Logan Westerman	Tyler Savage
6BK Miss King/ Mr Emmett	100%	Holly Humpheries Elise Waterton	Porsha Scofield
6H Mrs Hill	94%	Blake Iredale Tamika Senior	Emma Colley