

Oyster Park Primary School

Newsletter 21

17th March 2017

Year 5 Viking Visit

This week, the children in year 5 have experienced life as a Viking through our full day workshop in school. We began by meeting a Viking who told us all about the history of the Vikings and showed us many fascinating artefacts. The whole year group even dressed up and were real life Vikings for the day. We all made oil lamps using clay, created a board game on cloth using charcoal and clay for the counters, handled and sketched a range of amazing artefacts and finally we learnt about Viking warfare using shields and spears. It was a fantastic day had by all with some great memories.



Staff Inset Day

On Monday, school was closed to children, as tables were turned on staff, when they took on the role of the learner, during an INSET day. All staff took part in Mathematics training, updating methods to use when solving word problems. This was the third of a series of Mathematics INSET days this year and staff are now keen to put into practice all the skills and methods they have learned. Watch out for your child explaining a maths problem using Bar Modelling.

Year 4 IT development

Over the spring term, year 4 have had the opportunity to take part in computing sessions with Mr Mchale from Horbury Bridge Primary School. The children have become competent in using the Book Creator app on the iPad. Most recently, the children have used the app to create their own book on endangered animals including soundbites and video clips



Peters Books – Power of Reading for Pleasure

On Monday, the staff had an exciting opportunity to participate in a training session called 'The power of reading for pleasure' led by Neil Griffiths, who designed the story sack. He discussed how reading for pleasure could be promoted within school. The staff also listened to Neil Griffiths read one of his own stories in his own special, unique way.

Easter Holiday Clubs

Elite Sports Coaching will be running clubs during the Easter half term break, free of charge for children from Oyster Park from years 1 to 6. We will send out more information when we receive it.

School Meals

Our current catering provides will be offering a sandwich options alongside the 3 hot meals they currently provide from 24th April, menus showing what will be on offer will be sent out to parents before we finish for the Easter break.

Packed Lunches

Please can we remind you that you do not need to provide your child with a drink in the packed lunches, water is provided for all children and lunchtimes.

Parents Evening after Easter

We will be holding parents evenings for Reception to year 5 on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th April, letters will be sent out for you to book an appointment shortly. Parents evening for year 6 will be held on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March to speak to parents about the preparation for stats.

Parking

Can we please remind parents to not park on the yellow zig zags, and ensure that they stop and park in a safe place.



School Uniform

We have noticed that a number of children are coming to school not in the correct school uniform.

School uniform consists of:

- Royal blue cardigan or sweatshirt
- Black trousers, shorts, skirt, or pinafore dress
- Sensible black shoes (dark trainers)
- white polo shirt
- Blue and white dress (summer option for girls)

We are letting parents and children know that school uniform is being monitored and from next week any child that is not in the correct uniform will be required to change the clothing.

Parents will be contacted and asked to bring the correct school uniform.

The school may in exceptional circumstances provide a jumper/cardigan on loan. This will need to be returned. A small fee will be charged when items are not returned.

Year 6 SATs After School and Breakfast clubs

We have been pleased with the number of children attending after school maths and reading clubs to help them prepare for their SATs in May. Every mark counts so preparation and revision are very important. Please encourage your child to attend and to keep up their positive attitude towards this.

Year 6 breakfast sessions that started this week are proving popular please encourage your child to come along. This will be separate to the school breakfast club. Children should come straight to class from **8.00am** for cereal or toast and a drink. They can then have some independent time to practice and revise using their revision guides whilst staff support children with things they individually need to work on. We will not be having breakfast club boosters on Tuesdays and Thursday as we will be running the after school sessions.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event
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	89%	Mollie Davison Jake Hewitt Joshua Grange	Ebony Baker
Afternoon Nursery Miss Cockerham	86%	Megan Fitzgerald Lucy Flemming	Connor Brummit
RW Miss Woods	91%	Tyler Hodgson Ameena Ashworth	Harry Webster
RC Mrs Coomber	84%	Leon Clark Gracie Edwards-Burns	Liam Welsh
1T Miss Tonks	100%	Miley Fleming Hope Churm	Zachary Clutterbuck
1MH Mrs Marshall/ Mrs Hyde	91%	Ryan Cale Leila Benhsain	Casey Taylor
2B Miss Brannon	96%	Dakota Towers Adam Niklewicz	Ciara-Jayne Longbottom
2TW Miss Taylor-White	97%	Riley Carpenter Jacoby Liddle	Zak Wilkinson
3A Miss Ambler	98%	Harvey Czmeiduch Rio Knowles	Kacey Durham
3T Miss Tomlinson	97%	Whole Class	Lewis Parkes
4F Mr Forsyth	100%	Alex Ceesay Leon Parkes	Leo Woodcock
4C Miss Craven	97%	Ella Scott Ciaran Shooter	Ellie-Mae Windmill
5S Mrs Smithson	98%	Daniel Manning Lexi Hawkin	Geveal Rogerson
5G Miss Golding	97%	Levi Woodhead Libby Kerry	Sienna Heath
5L Miss Lochman	100%	Whole Class	Tyler Savage
6BK Miss King/ Mr Emmett	93%	Holly Humphries Chloe Thomas	Darci O'Hara
6H Mrs Hill	98%	Jakub Lapok Alicia Smith	Ryan Pincher