

Otley Primary School

NEWSLETTER 08.03.2019

From Mr Benstock

Another busy week at both schools in the Federation. It was great to see everyone embracing the World Book Day with such excitement and energy.

Thank you again to all families who filled in the parent questionnaire. We really value your opinions and I will be responding to you next week with some explanations for some of the queries. Please remember that if you have any thoughts or concerns, please come in and see me.

The new reading books at Otley have been a huge success, with children embracing the love of reading with passion and commitment.

I have also been impressed with the improved behaviour and learning behaviour in school, mainly thanks to the new 'Good to be Green' scheme! All the children deserve praise for their continued efforts.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

Criminal exploitation is also known as 'county lines' and is when gangs and organised crime networks exploit children to sell drugs. Often these children are made to travel across counties, and they use dedicated mobile phone 'lines' to supply drugs.

Pupils as young as year 4 pupils in Suffolk have been groomed via social media and through other children to 'hold' or sell drugs in return for goods. Often drugs held are then stolen by gang members to ensure children become stuck in the situation. If you have any concerns or need advice about county lines, please speak to Mr Benstock or Mrs Baker-Daniels as Designated Safeguarding Leads.



Well done to all those children who made it onto the Golden Clipboard this fortnight for being on Good to Be Gold.

Aiyah, Stanley, Phoebe S, Izzy, Hayden, Brayden, Jacob, Anna, Amara, Megan, Amelie, Oakley, Lois, Leighton, Austin, James, George, Elsa, Leia, Joe, Alice, Rocco S, Ava, Sophie, Katy, Xander, Hayden, Leo, Edward, Ryan, Poppy, Finley, Aliviah, Jasper, Freddy C, Marci, Claudia, Ella L, Freddie H, Marli and Brayden.



New Reading Books

All children have been given a new reading book under the new book scheme introduced into school this week. Please look at the school website for additional information and some helpful resources. These can be found under the 'Get Involved' tab.

DIARY DATES

Tuesdays - Class 3 Swimming
Wednesdays - Class 2 Swimming

March

Thursday 14th - Class 3 -BT Trip
Friday 15th -Comic Relief - Danceathon
(Get those sponsors coming in)
Monday 18th -French Day - details TBC
Tuesday 19th - Parents Evening time slots open.
Wednesday 20th - Swimming Gala for Year 5&6
Thursday 21st - E-Safety - Learning together - Yr 5&6 and parents
Thursday 28th - Mothers Day Lunch - 12pm arrival
Monday 1st - Band Academy Performance for parents at 3.50pm
Tuesday 2nd - Parents Evening
Friday 5th - Last Day
Easter Holidays



After School Clubs

There are many clubs throughout this half-term. Letters will be emailed home to you, if your child would like to attend please give consent via email.

Monday – Band Academy (pre-booked places only)

Wednesday – Choir, Gardening, Year 6 SATs

Thursday – Robo, Year 2 SATs

We must have permission slips before children attend clubs - Please see Mrs Nichols in the office for any further information.

Daily Mile

All children and staff have made a great effort to complete the daily mile. We have already travelled 396 miles. Keep an eye on our school Twitter account for regular updates.

They have successfully accumulated enough miles to reach France. With this in mind we will be celebrating their achievements with a French day in school on Monday 18th March, with a special French lunch.

FROM THE OFFICE

School Meals - *IMPORTANT* - We are approaching the end of the financial year at school, therefore we ask that all children's meals for March are paid by the very latest of **Weds 20th March**, this will ensure money is banked in good time. (Any left over can be carried over).

All payments must be in a named envelope before being given in school, this is to ensure money is all accounted for at all times.

Class 2 News

The children have been learning the days of the week in French and this term will be looking at the meaning of "Sacrifice" in RE.

Class 3 News

In science, we have just begun our new topic on "Rocks". New resources have been added to the class webpage to support this.

Mr. Williams

Class 3 News

The children have made a great start of the half-term. Within maths the children have been working hard on developing their understanding of fractions and how to convert them into decimals and percentages. They have realised that if they can find 10% and 1% of a given number they can do anything!

Within English the children are learning the features of persuasive writing and have enjoyed participating in debates; Why should we wear school uniform? Why should we complete the daily mile?

Mrs Baker-Daniels

PTA News

The next event will be the **Camel Racing on 11th May in Otley Village Hall**; look out for details. Some examples of things that the PTA has funded include coach transport for day trips for the children, Lunch box trolleys, new school reading books, bike shelters, bird seed for the Eco Council and many more.

For more information please contact our Chairman **Ian Robertson**, or Secretary **Tony Field** at OtleyPTA@gmail.com. We are a fun bunch of enthusiastic, friendly volunteers and are always looking for new ideas, suggestions and people to help out. Please get in touch if you would like more information or to get involved in any way.



Parking Notice

Please be considerate when parking in the coach park next to the school. This space is leased by different coach companies and it is important that they have access to their site at all times. If you are parking on this site, please park as close to the school railings as possible.

Class 2 News

We have been very busy in Class 2. In Maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction and how to use different methods, both mental and written, to answer questions.

In English we have been looking at poetry. We have explored different poems about space. We have also learnt a poem off by heart.

In Geography we have been looking at Physical and Human features in towns and cities.

In Science we have been looking at light. This week we explored reflective materials and drew conclusions so that we could create a new book bag for school that could be easily seen on a winters evening.

Mrs Eaton



Class 1 News

In Literacy this week we have been looking at how to make our writing more descriptive by using adjectives and also how to make our writing more interesting using conjunctions.

In Maths Reception have been looking at 2D shapes, and Year 1 and 2 have been starting work on fractions.

We are continuing our work on the Great Fire of London, we are recreating 'Pudding Lane' where the fire started using cereal boxes as houses.

We have made candle holders using clay this week, and are painting them ready to put candles in.

Miss Hayton

KITCHEN INFORMATION

Nut Free Please check products that are bought into school. We have children with nut allergies and we must not have nut products in school. It is always worth checking the ingredients, particularly on cereal bars.

Changes to the menu – If there are any changes for the school menu; they are always put onto the school website.