

Otley Primary School

NEWSLETTER

A last few words from Mrs Laflin

Dear all,

The time has come for me to write my last newsletter as Executive Headteacher for the Federation. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in both schools, working with all of the children and getting to know them. As a parent body, I have been impressed by your commitment and the support that you have given to the schools. This has allowed the children to have a huge range of enrichment opportunities.

Mrs Harris will continue to move the schools forward and I wish her every success. Mrs Skeet and Mrs Baker-Daniels have an exciting new year ahead and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Hickling and Mr Peace to the Federation in January to cover the maternity leave. I have lots of happy memories from working at Otley and Winesham Primary Schools which I will take away with me. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2020!

Kind regards,

Mrs Emma Laflin

The Adventures of Eric and Belle



It's Baby Time!

After 10 years at Otley Primary School, I am finishing today to begin maternity leave. I am very excited for this new chapter in my life and have enjoyed preparing for baby's arrival in January.

I have been busy making preparations for Class 3 and the whole school to ensure there is a smooth transition for all the children and for Mr Peace who will be taking over from me in the new term.

I will thoroughly miss all the children in school, their greetings every morning, their happy smiles and their enthusiasm for learning. The children in Class 3 have been great this term, helping me lift books, move tables and have become experts at 'tucking in' so that I/we can get past! As well as putting up with my occasional 'Baby Brain' moments.

Thank you so much to all parents and grandparents who have wished me well. Your kind words have been much appreciated.

Mrs Baker-Daniels

House Points

Below are the current house point scores.
The children are working extremely hard
within school.

Benjamin Britain – 566

Thomas Wolsey – 553

Batholomew Gosnold – 574

Thomas Gainsborough - 635

Otley Attendance Race

Well done to Class 1 who won again this last half term in the school attendance race. Sweeties received by all.... Well done to you all, also to all those children that have achieved 100% attendance and received their certificate in assembly today.

Thank you

A huge 'thank you' to all those that helped to make the Christmas Fayre the success it was, everybody seemed to have a lovely time and we made over £1300 which is fantastic.

Also a big thank you to Katie Langley and her team who made a staggering £817 at the Ryan Gooding night.

A great couple of events that help us to support our children at Otley Primary School.

DIARY DATES

January

6th - PD Day

7th - First Day back for the children

8th - Coffee Morning for Parents @ Otley

9th - Coffee Morning for Parents @ Wit

9th - Class 2 Swimming starts

10th - U9's Dodgeball Festival – Inspire

14th - Class 3 Swimming starts

15th - U11's Dodgeball Festival – Inspire

February

10th – 14th - Safer Internet Week

17th – 21st – Half Term

March

3rd & 5th Parents Evening (Times TBC)

5th – World Book Day

13th - Sports Relief



Class 2 & 3 Swimming

Please ensure if you have not done so already that your child's **swimming permission form is in school by Tuesday 7th January**. If your child needs to wear goggles please add a note to the form or send in a note separately for the swimming service.

Thank you

FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you for my lovely Christmas gifts, I feel very fortunate to be in contact with so many lovely families at Otley.

Wishing you all a wonderful and relaxing Christmas and look forward to seeing back in the New Year of 2020.

Thank you again...

Class 1

We have spent the last 2 weeks of term getting into the Christmas spirit! First, we spent time learning the nativity story. We used different props to retell the story. We then moved on to writing letters to Father Christmas and making Christmas cards.

In maths, the year 1s have been reciting their number bonds while the reception children work on recognising and ordering numbers! We have also been playing lots of number games!

We really enjoyed our theatre trip last Monday. The children were all excited to be on a bus and watch Arthur's dreamboat! The children have been looking forward to their next trip to clip and climb too!

The children have worked so hard over the last term. It is hard to believe that the reception children have only been at school for four months! Have a fantastic Christmas break and I look forward to seeing all the well-rested faces in January!

Miss Tribe

Class 1 Nativity

Thank you to everyone who came to watch our nativity play. The children have been working hard over the half term to learn the songs and their lines. I am sure you'll all agree they did an amazing job! We are very proud of all the children!



Class 3

It has been a busy fortnight for the children in Class 3. December started with years 5 and 6 children running stalls at our Christmas fayre; raising £135 between them. They worked well as mini-teams and many people commented on how organised and polite they were.

The children have worked hard to write Christmas poems including onomatopoeias, metaphors, similes and alliteration; this was a little tricky at the start but they all presented some well-structured poems; some of which rhymed and included personification.

Within the final week of term, we had a great trip to The Regent in Ipswich to see the Pantomime – Cinderella – the children had a great time and many laughs were had by all. We also enjoyed performing The 12 Days of Christmas at the Christmas concert, the children thought of the actions and props to accompany their wonderful singing.

Mrs Baker-Daniels

Clip and Climb

So much fun had by all the children today on our whole school trip, it was so lovely to see all the children taking on the challenges and celebrating their successes. These are just a few of the pictures that captured the fun we had.



Lost Property

Welcome Lawrence the Ladybird! He is our new lost property bin. Any unnamed items will be placed in him and you can reclaim your missing items from him. He will be in the hall entrance

