

Otley and Winesham Federation Newsletter



Keeping you up to date with school news.



20th March 2020

Dear families,

It is with a heavy heart that I have had to close the schools – I wasn't expecting the end of term to come quite so soon. It doesn't feel like the usual jubilant celebration but there is plenty to be proud of over the last few months. Over the coming days I will be sharing with you an update on the federation development plan. The team has worked tirelessly and have made significant changes to improve the quality of education for the children.

Due to these unforeseen circumstances, we said goodbye to Mrs Cunningham yesterday who stepped in to help us in Class 3 at Otley. We thank her for her time.

Please don't forget that I would really like suggestions for the federation name. Just to reassure you that both schools will keep their individual names but we will have a new identify as a federation. Also, I would still like your opinion on music provision. Please do respond to the online survey if you have a minute. We are still looking forward to exciting changes once we are able to return to normal.

Over the coming weeks we will be running a skeleton staff at Otley so please stay in touch if you need anything. We will be checking emails and the phones will be open usual hours. Even if you and your family are self-isolating, you don't need to be lonely. We are fortunate to have a lovely community where we can look after each other. Finally, please can I ask that parents are extra vigilant as children will be spending longer online. They know how to stay safe but may need some support with this.

Take care and stay safe. Michaela Harris

PASSION + PRIDE = PROGRESS

ITFC Easter Football Club

Please note that this has now been moved to Whitsun 28th/29th May

Vacancies

Very soon there will be two posts advertised on our school websites. One is for a Midday Supervisor and the other is a cleaner. Keep your eyes peeled if you are interested in either of these roles which will start in September.

Class Highlights of the week:

Class 1 - In class 1 we went on a walk around the playground to look for signs of spring. We found lots of flowers and insects such as daffodils, daisies and a ladybird! What can your child find in their own surroundings over the coming weeks?

Class 2 – We started Easter early this week so children made beautiful funky bunny drawings today – they tried so hard and have made some effective pieces of art.

Class 3 – Had a fantastic Friday with an assortment of quizzes, games and art to celebrate their last day in school. There was some fantastic team work and creative thinking.

Class 1 – Class 1 have been exploring George Stephenson. They have been creating models based on his rocket.

Class 2 – Class 2 have enjoyed designing and making winding toys this week. We have had to draw, paint, collage and saw!

Class 3 – This week Class 3 enjoyed learning about Howard Carter and how he discovered Tutankhamun's Tomb and all the amazing treasures he had buried with him.

Class 4 – Class 4 have explored the area, perimeter and volume of shapes this week. Why not ask them how to find out the area of a triangle?