



Ox Close Federation Newsletter Friday 8th September 2023 - Volume 1

Welcome Back

On behalf of all of the staff and Governors, we would like to welcome you all back to Ox Close Federation as we begin this exciting year. It has been lovely to see the children and parents once again after the summer break. A special mention goes to our new starters in Nursery and in Reception- you are settling in amazingly well and we are very proud of you all! Well done to all of the children and staff for making this week a successful one.

Welcome Aboard

We would like to welcome our two new staff members, Mrs Hunter, our new office clerk, and Miss Bateman, who joins our Nursery team. Mrs Flatley continues with her role as Lunchtime Supervisor but has also been appointed as our new Caretaker and has taken up her post this week. We also welcome Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Bowman in their new positions as Assistant Executive Headteacher.

Springmoor Grange

This year will be our last at Ox Close and everyone is determined to make this an incredible year. As you know, we have made the uniform for Springmoor Grange available and we must say that the children look fabulous in their uniforms, whether that be the existing Ox Close colours or our new Springmoor ones. I am sure that many of you will also have noticed the impressive progress that has been made by the builders on the new site. Applications are now open for parents to apply for a Reception place at Springmoor Grange (you still apply for Ox Close Primary) and we will be holding a series of open events for prospective parents and carers over the coming weeks and months. The first will be held on Saturday 30th September from 10am - 12noon. More details will follow next week.

Naming Uniform

Please could we ask that you put your child's name on the label inside their uniform, particularly inside jumpers, cardigans and coats. This helps us greatly if children have ever lost items of their uniform. Thank you.

Attendance

Overall attendance for the week is 97.63% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Year 3 with 99.69%. The overall school attendance for the academic year is 97.63%.

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Year 1	Isaac G	Year 4	Nancy T
Year 2	Ted B	Year 5	Alfie W
Year 3	Daisy B	Year 6	Bethan H

Safeguarding Update

This week our update is about the Safeguarding Team at Ox Close who are here to help you. Please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or email oxcloseprimary@durhamlearning.net if you have any concerns.

Ox Close Federation Keeping Children Safe



Are you concerned about a child or have a concern about an adult working with children?

Talk to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads without delay!



Mr Harrison
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Bowden
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Phillips
Safeguarding Lead

Dates for the Diary

Friday 29 th September	Federation Colour Run
Saturday 30 th September 10am - 12pm	Federation Open Event
Wednesday 4 th October 9am - 10am	Reception Phonics Workshop
Friday 6 th October	PD Day - Nursery and School Closed
Tuesday 24 th October	Nursery - Butterflies Stay and Play
Friday 27 th October 11am - AM Children 2pm - All Day and PM Children	Spooky Storytelling
Friday 27 th October	3:15pm - School closes for Half Term
Monday 27 th November	PD Day - Nursery and School Closed
Wednesday 6 th December	10am and 2:30pm Reception Nativity
Monday 11 th December	10am and 5pm Year 3/4 Carol Concert
Tuesday 12 th December	10am and 5pm Year 1/2 Christmas Show
Wednesday 13 th December	10am and 2pm Nursery Christmas Songs
Thursday 14 th December	10am and 5pm Year 5/6 Christmas Show
Tuesday 19 th December	3:15pm - Nursery and School close for Christmas
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Children back to Nursery and School