



Ox Close Federation Newsletter Friday 22nd September 2023 - Volume 3

World Mental Health Day - Tuesday 10th October 2023



This year, we will be marking World Mental Health Day across the Federation by wearing something green. This can be one item of green clothing, or as much green as you have! You might even like to turn your hair green or wear green face paint! Children can come to

school for the day in non-school uniform and include an item coloured green. It's important to remember that everyone has Mental Health - some have good Mental Health and some experience poor Mental health, just like physical health. The most important message to remember is that it's **good to talk**. The theme this year from the Mental Health Foundation is to have a "Tea and Talk" session - maybe you could catch up with some family or friends with a cup of tea and have a good talk. If you would like any further information about mental health, please use the following link to the Mental Health Foundation's website. <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/world-mental-health-day>

World Mental Health Day 2023 Event
Saturday 14th October 11am-2pm
Durham Cricket Ground,
Chester-le Street DH3 3QR

- Creative Arts Workshop
- Refreshments provided
- Physical Health & Nutrition Workshop
- People showcasing Positive experiences
- Find out about local services
- Thriving
- Self-help boxes
- Sleep-hygiene Workshop

*Details of the workshops will be confirmed closer to the date

For more information please contact:
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or call - 01913077030

Click or Scan this QR Code to book a place

Parent Consultation Evenings

Working and communicating with parents and carers is very important to us. Class teachers are looking forward to meeting you all at our first Consultation Evenings on the following dates:

RC - Mr Crowther	Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th October
RP - Mrs Paxton	Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th October
1/2B - Mrs Bowman	Tuesday 10 th and Thursday 12 th October
1/2J - Miss James	Monday 9 th and Wednesday 11 th October
1/2R - Miss Robson and Mrs Elliott	Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th October
3/4D - Miss Day	Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th October
3/4P - Mrs Payne	Monday 9 th and Wednesday 11 th October
3/4W - Mr Webb	Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th October
5/6C - Mrs Cox	Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th October
5/6R - Mr Cummings	Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th October
5/6T - Miss Todd	Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th October

Parent Consultation appointments can be booked via Arbor from next week. When the booking system is open, you will receive an email with instructions.

National Trust

The National Trust are offering free Autumn passes to enjoy visits throughout Autumn. Below is a link to their website with all of the details:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/escape-into-autumn>

Safeguarding Update - Parental Controls

The online world gives us access to a huge amount of information and services, but the scale of information available also means that there is some content that is inappropriate for children. Parental controls allow you to block and filter upsetting or inappropriate content. They work across your WiFi, phone network, individual apps and devices.

More information on how to set these up can be found here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Attendance

Overall attendance for the week is 95.9% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Year 4 with 98.8%. The overall school attendance for the academic year is 97%.

Punctuality

The primary school starts at 8:45am. Please ensure that your child is at school on time so that they do not miss out on any learning. This week, we have had 762 late minutes - this is a significant amount of lost learning time.

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Year 1	Olivia P	Year 4	Patsi H
Year 2	Jack M	Year 5	Sonny K
Year 3	Alessia M	Year 6	Thomas A

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



Our week in Nursery!



We made a new Reading Area in our outdoor garden. We are glad to have some where cosy to read outdoors.



We have been making faces in the playdough by rolling and stretching the dough.



Getting messy in the Sensory play outdoors! "My hands are like monsters!" "It feels squishy."



We are matching shapes and talking about what they look like - straight edges and round sides.



We are using our Listening Ears to hear musical instruments to match the sounds.



A rainy week has meant we need to wear our waterproofs and wellies. We are practising doing this by ourselves.



Lunchtime is a lovely time during the Nursery day. We can sit with our friends and chat about the food we like. Yum!