



Ox Close Federation Newsletter Friday 17th November 2023 – Volume 9

Children in Need – Food Bank Collection

WOW, WOW, WOW! We have been overwhelmed once again to receive so many food donations from families – we appreciate every single one. THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Your wonderful donations have all been delivered to St Paul’s Food Bank, where they were gratefully received. They will make a huge difference to local families who need a little bit of support at the current time.



Nursery Photographs

On Tuesday 21st November, the photographer will be in Nursery to take the children's photographs. If you would like a photograph taken with younger siblings, please bring them to the Grasshoppers door on that morning at the usual time of 8:45am and we will then take your round to have their photographs taken first.

Dare we mention ... Christmas

The preparations have started and will continue over the coming weeks. The run up to Christmas is always a busy period in a school but is a magical experience which children and staff all enjoy.

Here is our finalised calendar of Christmas performances, parties and the Christmas lunch day:

Wednesday 6 th December	10am and 2:30pm – Reception Performance
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 11 th December	10am and 5pm - Year 3/4 Performance
Tuesday 12 th December	10am and 5pm - Year 1/2 Performance
Wednesday 13 th December	10am and 2pm - Nursery Performance
Thursday 14 th December	10am and 5pm - Year 5/6 Performance
Friday 15 th December	KS2 Christmas Party Day
Monday 18 th December	Nursery, Reception and KS1 Christmas Party

Nursery Santa Stay and Play

On Friday 1st December, we will be hosting our Santa stay and play Christmas workshop. You are invited to come into Nursery with your child from either 8:45am or 12:30pm to take part in some Christmassy activities and refreshments. At 10:10am and 1:40pm, you will then be able to walk to the town hall with your child to visit Santa! We are sure this will be a lovely way to start the Christmas season and we look forward to seeing many of you there. Please could we ask that you book your place for either the morning or afternoon session through the School Shop on Arbor if you haven't already done so. This is open to all nursery children, including Butterflies.

Christmas Lunch – Thursday 7th December

If you would like to book Christmas Lunch for your child, could you please log onto Arbor and make the booking through the 'Meals' section. For Roast Turkey, could you please book the Red option - Minced Beef Pie. For Quorn Roast, could you please book the Green option - Macaroni cheese. There will be no sandwiches or jacket potatoes on this date. If you have already made booking for this date could you please adjust accordingly. If you are having any problems making the booking please contact the office and we can make the booking for you.

Safeguarding Update – Anti Bullying Week

This week has been Anti-Bullying week throughout the country with this year's theme being 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. We kicked off the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday, where children and staff wore odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Throughout the week, the children have completed a range of awareness activities with their class. More information and a parent/care information pack about bullying can be found by clicking the link below: [Anti-Bullying Week 2023 - Parent Pack FINAL.pdf \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/Anti-Bullying-Week-2023-Parent-Pack-FINAL.pdf)

Parking on Ox Close Crescent

This week, we have been visited by local Police officers to discuss the parking on Ox Close Crescent. They would like us to reinforce that parking on yellow zig zag lines is an offence and that fines can be issued. Over the coming weeks, the Police will be monitoring this at drop off and collections times. Please make sure that you are following the rules and parking considerately.

Primary Uniform

Please remember that children should be wearing black shoes for school. We have seen an increase in children wearing different coloured shoes and trainers and this is not part of our uniform. We would really appreciate it if you could please label all items of clothing with your child's name. We have huge amounts of lost property which we can't return as it has no name.

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Year 1	Arthur R	Year 4	Freya D
Year 2	Nevaeh N	Year 5	Katie S
Year 3	Lois A	Year 6	Thomas A

Attendance

Overall attendance for the week is 95.8% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Year 1 with 98.9%. The overall school attendance for the academic year is 95.9%.

Punctuality

The Primary 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 691 late minutes – this is a significant amount of lost learning time.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 21 st November	Nursery – Photograph Day
Monday 27 th November	PD Day – Nursery and School Closed
Friday 1 st December	Nursery – Santa Stay and Play Workshop
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 Butterflies!



We love sharing stories and this week we have shared one of our favourites Shark in the Park



We have loved using the new cloud dough this week to investigate and make sandcastles with.



This week we have purple playdough! We have loved using the rollers and cutters to make new shapes.



We have enjoyed Big Ted joining us in our role play area. We love to make a tasty treat for him!



We have focused on developing our fine motor skills through threading the bobbins. We had to concentrate really hard to push them onto the thread.

