



Ox Close Federation Newsletter Friday 19th January 2024 – Volume 15

Busy, Busy, Busy!

It has been another jam-packed week across the Federation with the children trying their best and working hard in lessons. I have enjoyed talking to the children about their learning when I have popped in classrooms or been chatting to them at break or lunch. The weather has been a little chilly and icy the last few days so I am hoping that it warms up over the weekend!

Uniform Update

We have noticed that a few of our children have returned from the Christmas break and have items of clothing, jewellery and beauty that are not acceptable in school. Please can you ensure children are following the guidelines below:

Jewellery - children can wear one stud in each ear but this must be removed for PE lessons. Children can also wear a watch; however, this must not be an electronic device.

Hair Styles - Children must have an appropriate hair style. Long hair is allowed but we have the right to ask for this to be tied up. Examples of inappropriate and unsuitable styles include use of tramlines, patterns shaved into the hair and brightly coloured hair.

Nails - must be kept hygienic, a safe length and not have nail polish on or acrylic nail extensions. This is for health and safety reasons. If children are not following this, parents will be informed and they will not be allowed to complete activities that are deemed unsafe such as PE until the nails have been removed.

Make Up - should not be worn by the children. If children are wearing make-up, they will be asked to remove it.

Tea and Talk with Toddlers

We are very excited to be launching our new Tea, Talk and Toddler group next week which will be ran by Miss Bewick, one of our Parent Support Advisors. The group will run every Tuesday from 9 – 10:30am and will take place in the Nursery building. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.



Come along to our new parent/carer and toddler sessions on a Tuesday
9.00 – 10.30 am
These sessions will be held in the Nursery building and will run every week starting on 23rd January.

Everyone is welcome!

Meal Bookings

Huge thank you to parents and carers for making bookings for meals via Arbor – it has really helped the Office staff and we gratefully appreciate it.



Safeguarding Update – Reporting Inappropriate Online Content

Most services and platforms have rules about what kind of content is allowed on the site. Making a report is a way of alerting them that someone or something has broken these rules. On many services you can report content (such as images, videos or text), other users, comments and even adverts. However, action will only be taken if your report shows that someone or something has broken the rules of the service.

Further information and support on how to make a report can be found here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/how-to-make-a-report/>

Traffic and Parking

Recently, we have had an increase in incidents and complaints about inconsiderate parking. Please can you ensure that you park considerately when dropping off and collecting children. You may have noticed that local PCSOs have also been patrolling to try and support with this. They have asked that we remind you not to park on the zig zag lines – this is an enforceable offence with fines and penalty points.

Identifying Clothing

Please could we ask that parents remember to label or put initials on school clothing in order to minimise the number of items of clothing that go missing or get mixed up. Thank you.

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Reception	Frankie G	Year 4	Emily R
Year 1	Daniel M	Year 5	Harvin M
Year 2	Robyn B	Year 6	Riley B
Year 3	Winston A		

Attendance

Overall attendance for the week is 94.2% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Year 3 with 97.1%. The overall school attendance for the academic year is 95.3%.



Punctuality

The Primary starts at 8:45am, with the gates opening from 8:40am. 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 737 late minutes – this is a huge amount of lost learning time.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 1 st February	5pm - Year 6 Parent/Carer SATs Meeting
Wednesday 14 th February	2:15pm - Reception - Cuddle up with a Book
Thursday 15 th February 2024	AM and PM - Nursery - Butterflies Stay and Play
Friday 16 th February	3:15pm – Close for February Half Term
Monday 26 th February	8:40am – Children return to Nursery and School
Monday 4 th March	2pm - Reception - Mother's Day Crafts
Monday 18 th , Tuesday 19 th , Wednesday 20 th and Thursday 21 st March	Primary – Parent/Carer Consultations
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 4 Visit to Whitworth Park Academy
Monday 25 th March	2pm - Reception - Egg Decorating
Thursday 28 th March	2pm - Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 28 th March	3:15pm – Close for Easter Break
Monday 15 th April	8:40am – Children return to Nursery and School



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In PE we have had the pleasure of having a dance coach



come into school. In our second PE session, we have been learning the key dribbling skills for football.

In English we have been writing our own set of instructions on how to catch a Greek mythological creature. We have also looked at different types of sentences.



In Science we have been learning about light. We carried out an investigation looking at if a dull and shiny surface reflects light.



In Oracy, we have been learning the importance of conversations and speaking. We have looked at the key aspects of what makes a good conversation and a bad conversation and the importance of being a good punctual listener.