





Ox Close Federation Newsletter Friday 26th April 2024 – Volume 26

Exciting Times – Springmoor Grange School

This week, there was an article in The Northern Echo which showed the fabulous progress that Esh Construction were making on our new build. The photos sparked excitement between children and staff. It was great to see inside of the school and to read about the fantastic facilities that will be available for our wonderful children. The build is on track to be completed on time and we are looking forward to moving in at the beginning of September.

Here is a link to the article in case you haven't seen it: https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/24275082.springmoor-grange-school-spennymoor-open-september/

Polling Station – Federation Closed – Thursday 2nd May

Just a reminder that we are closed on Thursday 2nd May as the Local Electoral Service have decided to use Ox Close Federation as a Polling Station. As you know, this is a decision that has been challenged strongly. However, despite this, we have been overruled and therefore, the Federation will be closed on this day - both Nursery and Primary. This is due to safeguarding and health and safety reasons.

Staff are busy creating activities for the children to complete at home if they wish – similar to that period of time when we were all learning from home. These will be emailed via Arbor next week and also added to SeeSaw. On Thursday, staff will be available on SeeSaw to respond to children's work and answer any queries.

We apologise for the inconvenience that this will cause.

Reception Phonics Workshop

Next Wednesday, 1st May, we will be welcoming parents and carers of Reception children into school for the Reception Phonics Workshop. The children have made wonderful progress since they started in September and we know they are all looking forward to showing you what they have been learning. Once you have dropped your child off on Wednesday morning, please make your way round to the Main Entrance where you will be able to wait in the Primary Hall. You will be invited over to your child's classroom just before 9am where you will see a Phonics lesson taking place, followed by some Phonic activities for you to access with your child in the classroom. The session will last approximately 50mins. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Reception	Ty D	Year 4	Nancy T
Year 1	Alfie L	Year 5	Heath H
Year 2	Jenson N	Year 6	Thomas A
Year 3	Jack H		

Attendance

Overall attendance for the week is 95% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Year 5 with 98.5%. The MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS. overall school attendance for the academic year is 95.1%.

Punctuality

The Primary starts at 8:45am, with the gates opening from the new time of 8:35am. 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 663 late minutes.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 1 st May	9am – Reception – Parent/Carer Phonics Workshop	
Thursday 2 nd May	Federation Closed – Polling Station	
Tuesday 7 th May	Year 5 Visit to Whitworth Park	
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs Week	
Friday 17 th May	Wear Green for Mental Health Day	
Tuesday 21st May	Year 6 Visit to Life Centre in Newcastle	
Thursday 23 rd May	Nursery – Butterflies Stay and Play	
Thursday 23 rd May and Friday 24 th May	Year 3/4 Captain Chemistry Workshops	
Friday 24 th May	3:15pm – Close for Half Term Break	
Monday 3 rd June	8:35am – Children return to Nursery and School	
Tuesday 4 th June	Year 5 Visit to Life Centre in Newcastle	
3 rd – 14 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	
10 th – 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	
Thursday 13 th June	Year 1/2 Zoo Lab Workshops	
Friday 14 th June	Nursery Graduation Photos	
Monday 24 th June	Reception Visit to Auckland Castle Project	
Friday 28 th June	Federation Closed – PD Day	
Thursday 11 th July	Year 3/4 Visit to Theatre	
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 Celebration Trip	
Wednesday 17 th July	10am and 2pm – Nursery Graduation and Celebration	
Thursday 18 th July	9:30am – Year 6 Celebration Assembly	
Friday 19 th July	2:15pm – Year 6 Guard of Honour	
Friday 19 th July	3:15pm – Ox Close Federation Closes	
Monday 9 th September	Springmoor Grange School opens to children	



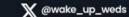
Meet Our Expert

Dr Jason O'Rourke, Headteacher of Washingborough Academy, champions food education and sustainability – and his school holds the Soil Association's prestigious Gold Catering Mark. Jason has spoken about food education at Westminster briefings and overseas. A member of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on School Food, he co-founded TastEd, a sensory food education charit

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It has been a busy in 5/6C this week. We have looked at maps in History to discover the place names the Vikings have left us. In addition, we found out they were not 'pirates' but simple famers mainly. In Maths we were using protractor to measure angles. These are just some of the things we were learning this week.



RE: comparing parts of the creation story in Genesis to see what role God played



Science: Reproduction in animals



Guided Reading Enhancing our reading skills



History: finding Viking names on a map



English role playing to help us think about linking our sentences and paragraphs