



## Ox Close Federation Newsletter Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - Volume 5

### Autumn Walk

On Thursday, Nursery headed out on their Autumn Walk. It was fantastic to see the children taking part with their families and the responses from the parents were incredible. It is lovely to hear about how much the parents and children enjoyed this and it will be the first of many such engagement activities which will follow this year. Thank you everyone and to the staff for organising.

### Colour Run – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Fingers crossed for some better weather next week for our postponed Enriched Colour Run. We thought it would be a useful time to remind parents/carers of the arrangements. On Friday, please send your child to school in normal clothes. Please send old clothes and a plain white t-shirt for them to complete the run in. Please also send some eye protection (e.g. sunglasses, swimming goggles etc). The children will take part in the run at different times and locations - please see the timetable below. We would like to invite adults to come to watch our colour run but ask that, for health and safety reasons, adults stay behind the cordon nearest to their child's run. If you have children in different phases, please feel free to move between the two locations. We look forward to all the colourful fun in store!



Children in Oxclose Nursery	Lower Field	1.00 – 1.30pm
Reception Phase	Lower Field	1.30 – 2.00pm
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)	Upper Field	1.30 – 2.00pm
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)	Upper Field	2.15 – 2.45pm
Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)	Upper Field	2.45 – 3.15pm

### Nut Allergies

Could you please ensure that no food containing nuts are included as snacks or in packed lunches as we have children with nut allergies. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Parent Consultations

Next week, we have our parent consultations evenings in the Nursery and School. I was delighted that we were able to organise the Nursery evenings via our online booking system and that both events will be held face to face. I am also delighted that the Nursery staff will be able to share the results of Baseline Assessments and staff in the Primary school will also be able to share how the children have settled and the initial teacher assessments that they have made.

### Halloween – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, all of the children are invited to come to school in Halloween themed clothing - this could be dressing up, orange/black/green clothing or just non-school uniform. We are not asking that you go out and purchase anything new – please use what you already have. We are not asking for donations for this event.

### Home Time Collection (School)

We have noticed that the gate can be very busy at home time. Please can we ask that parents/carers do not crowd round the gate/path and only come forward as they see their child's class exit. It is important to maintain clear lines of sight and safety has to be and always will be our number one priority. Thank you for your help with this.

### See Saw

Parents are also reporting that they are enjoying using the See Saw app and this is a very effective way of sharing learning. Building partnerships with parents is something which is crucial to us and it is vital that this starts in Nursery and continues through the school.

### Nursery Outdoor Area

Parents may well see that we have made some enhancements to our Nursery outdoor area when they visit us next week. One key development has been that our amazing caretakers, Mr Bewick and Mr Cooper, have built a fence for us towards the top of the garden. This fence has a gate within it and it means that we can reduce the size of the outdoor space, if appropriate, and to open up the top area if we have a planned and supervised activity in this area. Thank you to the caretakers for their fantastic work.

### Open Events

On Monday, we held an open event for prospective Nursery children. Yesterday, we held our second open event for prospective Reception parents. The next school open event will take place on Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm. We will be holding further events and these will include a weekend option. Further details will follow soon.

### Attendance

This week, I have been speaking to the attendance team in the Local Authority. As noted previously, attendance can be a controversial topic but we are committed to achieving and promoting the very best individual attendance for each individual child. I have taken advice as to what 'exceptional circumstances' means in terms of holidays and the advice is that, essentially, schools are not expected to authorise holidays. So far this year, our attendance is slightly down on what it is normally and against current national figures. I am sure that this will improve over the course of the year.

### Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

<b>Year 1</b>	Matthew H	<b>Year 4</b>	Blaike R
<b>Year 2</b>	Daisy B	<b>Year 5</b>	Danny C
<b>Year 3</b>	Anna G	<b>Year 6</b>	Kai T

### Dates for the Diary

Week Commencing 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation Evenings
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	ENRICHED Colour Run
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Phototronics (School)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Break up for the Half Term Break
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Children back to school
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	PM - M and M Production – Jack and the Beanstalk (School)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisation - EYFS to Year 6
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Phototronics (Nursery)

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