



Ox Close Federation Newsletter Friday 18th November 2022 - Volume 10

Children in Need – Food Bank Collection

Today is Children in Need day and it has been wonderful to see the children coming in dressed in their spots. We have also been absolutely delighted to receive so many food donations from families. This is thoroughly appreciated, especially in these challenging financial times. Mrs Woods has helped to co-ordinate this and the hall was full of food this morning. Thanks to everyone who donated, Mrs Woods, Miss James, Miss Hicks, Miss Simpson, Mrs Walker and Miss Rowlands for their help! It has been a terrific effort by everyone and your phenomenal donations are going to St Paul's Food Bank, where I am sure that they will be most gratefully received and will make a huge difference to local children who really are in need.



Nursery OFSTED

Nursery was inspected by OFSTED early in the academic year and, as we now have the final version, today we have sent a copy of the report to Nursery parents, along with a covering note on SeeSaw. In the new academic year, as part of the drive for necessary improvement, there was a change of leadership in Nursery, with Mrs Phillips appointed to the new role of Assistant Executive Headteacher and significant plans for improvement were put in place. The inspection took place in only the 4th week of the new term and in the 6 weeks since the inspection the Nursery has continued with planned improvements and also a number of exciting developments have been implemented. We are also very excited for the future of the schools and the opportunities working together will bring under this new structure. Since the inspection, parents have had several opportunities to come into Nursery and further are planned, while parents have knowledge of what the children have been learning via SeeSaw and, crucially, have built up good relationships with the staff. We look forward to continuing with you in the best interests of the amazing children.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 7th December

All children are invited to join in with the Christmas Lunch. If there is anyone else who normally has a packed lunch and wishes to have a Christmas Lunch that day, please could you log in to Parent Pay and order any choice for that day. Thanks to the Government's policy on meals for Key Stage 1 children, the lunch is free to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and anyone on the free school meals register. The cost to children in Key Stage 2 is £2.25, payable at the time of ordering. If you are not able to log in to Parent Pay, please contact the Federation office.



Wraparound Drop Off and Pick Up

Please could we just remind parents / carers that the 5mph speed limit must be adhered to when entering the school grounds to drop off or pick up children from wraparound care if they do need to bring a car onto the site. If parents can park off site then this is the safest option but if it is absolutely necessary for them to come onto the site then it is crucial that all stick to the 5mph rule. We have had some concerns raised about the speed at which some cars are entering the car park, particularly on a morning.

There are several children who enter and leave wraparound care from the pedestrian walkway by the side of the school, meaning that they are crossing the car park. The safety of our pupils is paramount and we very much appreciate your support in ensuring that you take extra care when pulling in and reversing.

World Cup – England Match – Monday 21st November

World Cup Fever is about to strike and Team Ox Close are very excited and poised to offer their support. The only England game in school time is on Monday at 1pm, when England take on Iran. We know that lots of the children will be keen to watch the game and they will be given the opportunity to do so. Those that do not wish to watch the game, will take part in other fun activities.

Normal lessons will take place on the morning and the children are expected to come to school in normal school uniform.

We are sure the children will enjoy whichever activity they choose!

Fingers crossed for an England win!

School Meal Orders - deadline - Saturday at midnight

The deadline for placing orders for Monday's school meals is Saturday at midnight. It is important that parents ensure that orders are placed by this time in order to ensure that all is in hand for serving 200 meals. We will absolutely ensure that all children are fed and so if we have no meal booking from parents by the deadline, the child will automatically be offered a sandwich, with one option being vegetarian. Please note that the office will no longer be checking bookings over the weekend, if bookings are not made then sandwiches will be ordered. Thank you for your support - the situation has been much improved this week.

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Year 1	Ted B and Jack M	Year 4	Amelia L
Year 2	Lee G	Year 5	Aria M
Year 3	Hannah H	Year 6	John G

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance for the current school year currently stands at 93.7%, while the national average attendance is 94.4%. Weekly attendance for the school was 92.4%.

Miss Simpson has been working with some parents and families to support them and this is going really well, this has made a massive difference to the attendance of the children involved. I am also delighted that Miss Bewick is also now working with lots of families too and we are working together to see how best to support families.

Year 3 was the year group with the highest attendance this week, while Year 2 and Year 3 have had the highest overall attendance this year so far with 93.8%.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 21 st November	Phototronics (Nursery)
Monday 28th November	Nursery and School Closed – PD Day
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 7 th December	10am and 5pm – Reception Performance
Thursday 8 th December	10am and 5pm - Year 3/4 Performance
Tuesday 13 th December	10am and 5pm - Year 1/2 Performance
Wednesday 14 th December	10am and 2pm - Nursery Performance
Thursday 15 th December	10am and 5pm - Year 5/6 Performance
Friday 16 th December	KS2 Christmas Party Day
Monday 19 th December	Nursery, Reception and KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 20 th December	Break up for the Christmas Holidays
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Wednesday 4 th January	Closed – PD Day
Thursday 5 th January	Children return following Christmas Holidays

D Harrison

A Bowden

J Phillips

Mr Harrison - Executive Headteacher

Miss Bowden - Deputy Executive Headteacher

Mrs Phillips - Assistant Executive Headteacher