



## Ox Close Federation Newsletter Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - Volume 6

### Parent Partnerships

This week it has been an absolute pleasure to see parents in and around school for various events. We have always valued these partnerships and I am delighted that we have been able to revive them this term. There are many more planned over the course of the year as we aim to work together in the best interests of the children.

### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations have taken place right across the Federation and these were really well attended. I know that the meetings went well and there was lots of positive feedback. Thank you to all of the staff for their efforts in arranging these events, which are a crucial part of the learning journey.

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

Today has seen the Colour Run event take place for children across the Federation, a fun event which has had a variety of purposes. It has allowed parents an opportunity to be in school to see their children, raised important funds and has also seen us launch our new house system - ENRICHED! Thank you to Mrs Woods for all of her work on this. We will be hosting various in school events across the year and our celebration assemblies are all linked to the values which are contained within ENRICHED. For example, N stands for nurture and this is our key value for Nursery. Thank you for your support with this initiative.



### Open Events

On Wednesday we held our third open event for prospective Reception parents. This was really well attended, amazingly so in fact. We will be hosting further events and tours. On Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, between 10am and 11.30am, we will host our first ever weekend event. Please do spread the word! Any current Nursery parent who would like to have a tour of the school at that time or any other time would be most welcome. It is vital that parents see schools for themselves and they can then make an informed choice about their preferred option. If you would like a tour at any time then please give the school office a call on 01388 814860.

### Primary School Photographer

The school photographer will be visiting school on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. If you would like a family photograph including pre-school children, please come to the school hall for 8.15am. If you would like a family photograph including children from different classes, please let us know before 9.00am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

### Spooky Storytelling

Reading is really important to us at Ox Close and it is a life skill. Storytelling and retelling is a key part of development and we are delighted to be holding a Spooky Storytelling event in Nursery next week. I know that Mrs Phillips has organised this and shared information with parents.

## 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.

## School Culture

We have high expectations at Ox Close and this week I carried out an assembly which was all about School Culture, in other words the way that we live our lives in school and what we expect of ourselves and each other. The children were incredibly responsive. We have been looking to make lunchtimes work in a more slick manner and the staff and children have responded really well to our changes. The children were very clear about what they felt the standards should be and I have praised several this week already for following the school rules and expectations so superbly around the building.

## Be the best you can be

Our mantra across the Federation is to 'Be the best you can be'. This applies to all children and adults throughout the school and Nursery. We are always looking at ways of improving further. This week, I have consulted with some Year 6 children and I know that Mrs Phillips has organised a survey for parents in Nursery, a survey which is looking at perceptions of induction and of the new arrangements which are in place this year. We will continue to look to consult, reflect and improve across the year.

## Attendance

Over time, we have had amazing attendance at Ox Close. Attendance for the current school year currently stands at 93.6%, while the national average attendance is 94.8%.

Punctuality is also really important. However, it should also be noted that 3 classes were perfectly punctual last week, with every child being on time every day. Well done to everyone and thank you for your support.

## Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

<b>Year 1</b>	Audrey B	<b>Year 4</b>	Caleb W
<b>Year 2</b>	Tom D	<b>Year 5</b>	Lucy P
<b>Year 3</b>	Patsi H	<b>Year 6</b>	William M

## Dates for the Diary

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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