



Ox Close Federation Newsletter Friday 4th November 2022 - Volume 8

Welcome Back

This week has been a very busy one as we have settled back into school and Nursery after half term. The children are back into a very good learning routine, which is important, as our mission is to achieve the very best for every child. They have also had lots of fun. On Monday, there were some amazing Halloween costumes and the children really enjoyed coming into school in their outfits. The following day, we had a production of Cinderella for Years 1-6, which was amazing. Mrs Phillips is organising a performance for Nursery and Reception for later in the academic year.

Open Events

WILL YOUR CHILD BE DUE TO START NURSERY IN 2023?



OPEN EVENT

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2022
10:00AM - 11:30AM

We would like to invite families to join us at our open event. It will be a chance for the children and adults to look around our Nursery and take part in lots of fun activities.

Refreshments will also be available in the School Hall.

There will also be staff on hand to answer any questions.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Team Ox Close.



PARENTAL PARTNERSHIPS

SUPPORTIVE ETHOS

WELCOMING STAFF

EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR

HOLISTIC PROVISION

COMMUNITY LINKS

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Further information can also be found on our website and Facebook page.

DOES YOUR CHILD START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023?



OPEN EVENT

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2022
10:00AM - 11:30AM

We would like to invite families to join us at our open event. It will be a chance for the children to look around our Reception classroom and take part in lots of fun activities.

Refreshments will also be available.

There will also be staff on hand to answer any questions and provide tours of the school.

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Nursery Update

There have been many developments and improvements in Nursery this term, many of which were shared by Mrs Phillips in her recent Nursery newsletter. These developments in provision, organisation and environment have been taking place since the beginning of the academic year, both before and after the Ofsted inspection and they will carry on as we strive to provide the very best possible education and care for the amazing children. Mrs Phillips is a superb leader and is driving things forward with the support of all staff, including many who have been in Nursery for some time, and new faces such as Mrs Woods and Miss Muldowney. I am delighted that parents have had several opportunities to come into Nursery and take part in events with the children. Mrs Phillips also recently commissioned a parent survey and we will share the full findings of this on the website next week. However, I would like to thank parents for their contributions and to acknowledge some of the lovely comments that they have made. All who responded would recommend the Nursery, while 100% strongly agreed or agreed that their child is cared for at Nursery.

One parent commented that, 'I have seen a huge change in my child since attending the Nursery...not only do they reassure my child, they also give me advice I need and also the reassurance I need...'

Another parent said, 'Anything I go to the staff about, they deal with straight away or when they can. I feel valued by them. As a parent, giving the care of my child over to the staff, it's so comforting to know that she is being well cared for!' Thank you for all of your responses and please do look out for the full results of the parent survey next week.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

This year, the BBC are holding a SPOTacular event for the Children in Need cause. We would like to invite children to come to Nursery and School wearing as many spots as they can. This could be something as simple as spotty socks or as "spotacular" as you like!

Last year, we asked you to donate an item to the local food bank - this was so successful that we would like to do this again this year. We ask that you send in an item of non-perishable food (e.g. dried rice or cereal) or item of self-care (e.g. toothpaste or feminine hygiene products) on Friday morning - we will then collate the donations and take them to a local food bank. Thank you in advance for your support.



Firework Safety

On Tuesday morning, we had an assembly which was very kindly delivered by the local Fire Service. This looked at safety around fireworks, something which is so important. Many key messages were shared and the children certainly showed a good understanding.

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.

Logo Competition-Springmoor Grange

In September 2024, we are scheduled to be moving to our brand-new state of the art school and Nursery, which is on a new site. As mentioned at the end of last year on the Governor Newsletter, the school will be known as Springmoor Grange. It is an exciting prospect and there is much hard work ahead of us. There will be a new uniform and a logo. I will be holding an assembly in a couple of weeks and launching a competition for the children, the task being to design the new logo for Springmoor Grange. It would be a fabulous honour to design this and see it come to fruition. The children can start getting their thinking caps on and I look forward to seeing how this unfolds. When we have the logo, we will be able to work on uniform and a host of other things. Watch this space!

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Year 1	Oliver S	Year 4	Luca S
Year 2	Harry P	Year 5	Danny C
Year 3	Nia-Rae B	Year 6	Kai T

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance for the current school year currently stands at 93.8%, while the national average attendance is 94.4%. Reception continue to have the highest attendance across the year.

Miss Simpson has been working with some parents and families to support them and this is going really well!

Traffic outside of Ox Close

We have been made aware of parking issues and also cars being bumped outside of the school. Please can we ask that parents/carers are considerate of others and mindful of parked cars so that incidents do not occur. Thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 9 th November	Flu Immunisation - Reception to Year 6
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
2023	
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