



## **Orchard Fields Community School Newsletter**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

### **Important reminders**

## **IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION**

### **No clubs Thursday 18 October due to parents evening**

After half-term, all clubs will start again from Thursday 1 November.

**No clubs on Monday 29 October, Tuesday 30 October or Wednesday 31 October.**

## **SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER 2018**

Due to staff training school is closed on Friday 19 October. Today is the last day of this term.

### **After half-term Free Breakfast Club**

The free breakfast club is open for children to arrive between **8.20am to 8.25am**. For safeguarding reasons, children will not be able to join the breakfast club after this time.

### **Club Information**

Please note that clubs do not run on a Wednesday and Friday each week.



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## Cereal box cars

The children in year 2 made cereal box cars whilst learning about axles. They enjoyed testing their car out on the school playground and fixing them when the wheels fell off!



## Halloween Disco

Tickets are available for the Halloween Disco. Tickets are £1 per child. The Halloween Disco takes place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Early Years and Key Stage 1 will be from 3.30pm to 4.15pm and Key Stage 2 will be from 4.30pm – 5.15pm.





## World Mental Health Day

On Wednesday 10th October we wore yellow, alongside young minds, to raise awareness about the importance of mental health. It is vital that we talk about mental health so that all of those affected can be offered kindness and support. Mental health issues should be treated with the same care and attention as physical illnesses as many children and adults encounter this at some point. In school, we have talked about responding to people positively and supportively so that we can encourage good mental health in our school.



## Cross Country Report by Helena – Sport Council Rep

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018, a number of children from Years 1-6 visited Wykham Park Academy for a cross-country running event. All the children tried their best running around the circuit and were all very tired at the end! Jamie and Alvin came in the top 20 for their year group, which is a great result because nearly 100 children were racing! Everyone had a great morning and we are all very proud of ourselves and each other!

## Attendance

Well done to the children and parents in the classes of Miss Blake, Miss Morgan/Mrs McLeod, Mrs Browne, Miss Rance, Mrs Palmer, Mr McLeod and Miss Stuart for all achieving over 96%. Come on Nursery, Year 5 and Miss Giles you were all below 95% last week. You all need to be in every day, even if you are feeling a bit under the weather, to be in with a chance of winning the class attendance trophy for this term.

We would also like to point out that if your child has 6 unauthorised sessions within 6 weeks either through illness with no medical evidence, no explanation of absence or through taking an unauthorised holiday we may have to make a referral to the County Attendance Team. They may decide that it is appropriate to issue a fine. If this is the case a fine will be issued to each adult over 18 who is living in the house. To avoid this please ensure that you contact the office to inform us of your child's absence.

There were also nine lates in Early Years last week. When pupils arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson. This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving at the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one child arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher; everyone's education is compromised. So please ensure that your child arrives on time everyday.

### **Secondary School Admissions**

Oxfordshire County Council Admissions are now accepting applications from Year 6 children due to transfer to Secondary School in September 2019. Letters to parents Year 6 pupils have recently been posted reminding parents to make an application for their child. Parents are encouraged to apply on-line as this is the most secure method of making an application. **The application deadline is 31 October 2018.**

# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY - school closed
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 29 October	No Free after school clubs
Tuesday 30 October	No Free after school clubs
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Early Years Halloween Disco – 3.30pm – 4.15pm Key Stage 2 – 4.30pm – 5.15pm
Wednesday 31 October	No Free after school clubs
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Trip to King's Sutton – Year 4
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Festival of Light – 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	IMPS – Year 6

## School Policies

If you wish to review a school policy, they are available on the school website: [www.orchard-fields.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.orchard-fields.oxon.sch.uk) and on request from the school office.

School Uniform is available from Tesco and please click on the following link: <http://www.ff-ues.com>

Uniform can also be purchased from Cross Embroidery Units 5 - 6 Lower Cherwell, OX16 5AY (telephone number 01295 270555).

School ties and book bags can be purchased from the school office.

For further information about school uniform please see our School Uniform Policy on policies on the website.

## Holiday Message

We would like to wish you and your family a wonderful October holiday and we look forward to the children returning on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**