



Oughton Primary & Nursery School

January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that everyone managed to have a good break and a lovely Christmas.

Covid-19 update and changes in place

As you are aware from the press at the moment, further cases of Covid are expected this term, which will possibly disrupt the learning and teaching within school. I have updated our remote learning plan and this is now on our website. Please have a read and ensure that you are familiar with our plans.

In the event of staff illness, as occurred last term, we will endeavor to cover in house with our present staff. I would like to thank Mrs Phillipson and Mrs Woollon for stepping in to teach Year 2. Supply staff may be used to also cover where needed. If there is a need to combine classes, this may need to happen. Please bear in mind, all decisions are carefully thought out and consider the needs of the children and staff.

If your child has any symptoms regarding Covid-19, please book them a PCR test and self-isolate. Please inform us and let us know immediately when you receive a result as we need to track any positive cases within school. Please bear in mind, last term many of the children who tested positive did not have the normal symptoms, yet felt unwell. Many Parents monitored their children using Lateral Flow Tests and this helped reduce further spreading.

If your child is at home due to Covid, but is well enough to learn, work is set via Microsoft Teams, following the same system as our home learning. If you have any problems with this, please contact the office and we will help you. We are able to lend families laptops. It is important that children do not fall behind in their learning.

We continue to follow our Risk Assessment to try to reduce the spread of Covid as much as possible. Staff will continue to wear masks in school and we continue to limit visitors into school. Where a visitor is in school, extra measures are taken.

Support

If you wish to talk to a member of staff, please email admin@oughton.herts.sch.uk and we will give you a ring. We are aware that Christmas can be a difficult time for many and with the added pressures of Covid, some families may need to talk to staff. If you have a concern regarding a classroom issue, please contact your child's Class Teacher in the first instance. If this is not resolved, please contact the Phase Leaders: Miss Hurley (Nursery / Reception) Mrs Stephenson (Year 1, 2 and 3) or Mrs Smith (Year 4, 5 or 6). If your concern is regarding Special Educational Needs, please contact Mrs Phillipson. If your concern is regarding a pastoral issue, please contact Mrs Woollon.

Staff News

I am pleased to let you know that Miss Evans came home for Christmas Day and also had some time at home just before New Year. She is now back in hospital undergoing further treatment. We keep in close contact with her and wish her well.

I am pleased to inform that you that Miss Chalkley has returned to us as a Teaching Assistant and she has joined our Early Years team, supporting within Reception.

We welcome Mrs King to our Office team and she has started this term.

Friends of Oughton

I would like to thank our team of Friends of Oughton who raised a lot of money from their raffle last term and provided each class with some party games and gifts. The children enjoyed these a great deal.

Charity Donations

Thank you for your support with recent charity fundraising events. We raised £209.55 for Children In Need and £134.40 for Save the Children UK for Christmas Jumper Day.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Clayton - Headteacher

Health and Safety

Please make sure we always have up to date mobile numbers and email addresses so that we are able to get hold of Parents in an emergency. Please check ParentMail and read all messages sent out.

Calendar

2021 / 2022 dates are on our website.

Thursday 6th January: Children Back to school.

Thursday 20th January:

Science Day with a visit from Professor Brainworks.

Tuesday 25th January: Rev Jane Robson will be talking to Year 1 about Christenings.

Friday 28th January: Year 2 visit to St Mark's Church

January / February: Year 4 and Year 3 Let's Celebrate our Learning

Week beginning February 7th Feel Good Week

Wed 9th / Thurs 10th February Parents Evening, further details to follow.

Curriculum Information

Our curriculum is continually being refined and monitored.

At the present time, our Subject Leaders are updating their overviews. We plan for these to be put on the website, alongside further information for you.

We hope that this will enable you to support your child's learning further.

Please talk to your child each day to discuss what they have learned.

Our focus is language and vocabulary so any extra discussions around their learning will support this.

Governor Update

Governors have continued to meet virtually across the term.

Mrs Nearney has continued to meet with Mrs Clayton.

This term, the Resource Committee will be monitoring the school budget carefully, ready to set the new budget in April.