



Oughton Primary & Nursery School

July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can not believe it is July already! We have so much to fit into the final few weeks. We have 'Wow days', Y6 Performances, Special Assemblies and transition to fit in!

Well done to all of our children who have worked so hard this year. Our results will be released on the website once they are all finalised. In summary, our results are very positive across the school. EYFS Good Level of Development is good, both KS 1 and KS 2 SATS results are positive.

Our KS 2 results reflect the commitment from our children and staff and I am very proud of our Year 6 children. The children's individual SATS results will be released in reports and our Year 6 children will be told once we have finished checking the papers.

The last few weeks have been extremely busy with trips and special events.

This half term's trips:

- Reception have visited Woburn Safari Park
- Year 2 visited Shuttleworth
- Year 3 visited Verulamium in St Albans and Whipsnade Zoo and our thanks to The Rotary Club who funded our Whipsnade Zoo trip, we were very lucky to have this trip.
- Year 5 visited Hatfield House
- We had a Music Percussion Performance seen by Reception to Year 6 and a KS 2 Workshop.

The first of our 'Wow Days' this term have been amazing and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Year 1 enjoyed their Seaside adventures and Year 2 took on their role of mechanics with great energy. Many thanks to all those Parents/Carers who supported these events. We look forward to our Nursery, Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 'Wow' days over the next week. We are also all looking forward to our Year 6 Performance coming up.

Then we had our first Art Exhibition! Thank you to Mrs Woollon and Mrs Smith who led the team and other staff who supported this event. The quality of the work was outstanding. Thank you to the Parents who supported the Home Learning Art work which was superb and on display. Over 70 Parents attended and the feedback was so positive. Thank you to the Year 6 children who served canapés and desserts to our guests. See our photos page!

Yours sincerely

Lisa Clayton Headteacher

Diary Dates

Please ensure you look at the school calendar for key dates across 2018 / 19 on our website.

Sat 12th July: Summer Fair
Wed 17th July: Nursery Holiday Wow Day, Year 3 French Wow day, Year 6 Performance to Parents at 2pm
Thurs 18th July: Year 6 Performance to Parents at 6pm
Fri 19th July: Year 6 Celebration day, Reception Living Things Wow Day
Wed 24th July: Leaver's Assembly—Year 6 Parents only 9:30am. Last day of term finish at 2pm.

HOLIDAYS! HAVE FUN!

Term starts: Children back Wed 4th September

Remember:

Summer Fair
tomorrow
Saturday
13th July 2019
11am-2pm
Please join us for
this fun event.
Weather looks
promising
so we hope you will
support our
hardworking
Friends of Oughton
and staff. We look
forward to seeing
you all.

Staff Update

Mrs Drakes is joining our Teaching team in September. She will be teaching Year 6 alongside the rest of the Year 6 Teaching team—Mrs Smith and Mrs Lopez.

Mrs Mecheleswska, Mrs Hayzen and Mrs Parry, Teaching Assistants will be leaving us at the end of this term. Thank you for your hard work, we wish you all well for the future and you all will be missed.

Congratulation to Miss Cook, from our Office and her new husband who were married last week. Miss Cook is now Mrs Lingham.

School Dinners

School dinners for KS 2 will be increased to £2.60 from September following an increase from Herts Catering.

Please ensure that you are fully paid up from this year and ready to pay in September. We still have some outstanding debts and we can not afford to pay for dinners out of our school budget.

KS 1 and Reception are free following continued Government funding (Year 1 and 2).

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please see Mrs Channa or Mrs Jordan and they can help you with this.

ICT and Gaming

We are dealing with a lot of issues linked to children's use of games and the internet **at home**. Please monitor your child's use of ICT, in particular their use of phones, X box and ipads/tablets.

Please check their devices and ensure that games are played in a positive way. Some Parents have reported that their child's behaviour and mood at home has improved since they have restricted the time their child has been gaming. You may want to consider this as the holidays approach.

We have also recently had children using the internet inappropriately, communicating with strangers and accessing sites which are inappropriate for their age group—all at home. We teach the children about safe use of the internet but this needs be reinforced by Parents. Any concerns regarding online safety please report to the Police and CEOP.

Please check the your child's use of games, devices and what they are doing on the internet, including videos on YouTube.

Governor Update

Governors have been meeting this term, focusing on the attainment and progress and they have met with their link subject teachers to discuss the curriculum. They are currently producing reports for our next meeting.

Our First Art Exhibition!



