



Oughton Primary & Nursery School

2nd November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely, if not too wet, half term!

Staffing News

This week, we welcome back Miss Ward and Mrs Brand from their maternity leave. Miss Ward returns to Nursery and Mrs Brand will be teaching Year 1 Wednesday afternoon to Friday. There has been a planned transition for both Teachers, to work alongside Mrs Murray and Mrs Strange this week.

Exciting news, congratulations to Mr Marshall, who is starting his two week paternity leave following the birth of his son. Mr Marshall is having some time at home with his new family. We will be sharing some photos with his class this week. Mr Marshall could not have planned the birth of his son better, just before the half term holiday! Year 5 will be taught for the next 2 weeks by Mrs Phillipson and Mrs Baverstock.

Open Evening Consultations

We looked at a few options this term regarding Open Evening, our Parent/Teacher consultations. We have decided to carry these out via telephone calls and we will be sending a booking form out via ParentMail for you to book a slot. We hope to meet Parents face to face next term, either real life meetings or virtually. Please look out for the form.

Microsoft Teams / Online Learning

As you have all received your child's log in details and the information for you to access Microsoft Teams, home learning this half term will be set via this program. Please ensure that you log in. Thank you to those Parents who sent back the Online Safety Agreement. If you did not return this, please send it in this week. Thank you. Key Stage 2 children all have a log in for Times Tables Rock Stars; this is a great program to improve multiplication skills. Please encourage your child to use this program as it will help them in their Maths lessons a great deal.

Thank you

Thank you to the Rotary Club and Mrs Woollon for giving up their time and resources to improve our allotment. Mrs Woollon, alongside a team of 5 from the Rotary Club worked hard over the weekend, clearing, laying out a vegetable bed and creating a platform for water butts.

New Governors

I would like to welcome three new Governors to our Governing Body. Mrs Simpson, who has children across the school, has stepped forward as a new Parent Governor. Mrs Simpson has experience and knowledge of education and in particular Science. Mrs Crawley, who has joined us as a co-opted Governor, has extensive knowledge in Special Educational Needs. Mrs Holmes, who has joined us as a co-opted Governor, has extensive knowledge in education, previously as a Headteacher.

I am very grateful that these three volunteers, who have such a wealth of experience and knowledge in a multitude of areas, have chosen to work closely with us at Oughton Primary. Our Governing Body works hard to ensure that they have the skills and understanding to drive forward school improvement. They dedicate a great deal of their time to help our families and the Oughton community and we are very lucky that they offer themselves to carry out this vital role.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Clayton

Headteacher

Covid-19

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. If your child's bubble has to close, we will text you to collect your child. If your child is self-isolating, with or without the rest of their class, they need to complete remote learning on our website. This has also been sent out to all Parents via ParentMail.

Please check ParentMail and read all messages sent out.

Calendar

The school term dates for 2020/2021 are on our website. Please make sure you take note of the dates. See the Curriculum letter for additional dates relating to your child's class.

5th Nov : Alder Stone Age Day
1st Dec: Year 4 DT Sewing Bee
2nd Dec: Virtual Author Visit - Jonathan Emmett
11th Dec : Christmas Jumper Day
15th Dec: Christmas Tree Festival
17th Dec: Last day of term

Other dates, relating to Christmas are on hold at the present time.

Health and Safety

Please ensure that you follow the social distancing rules on school site. Please keep a 2m distance from other Parents and their children. I am concerned about the number of Parents who are not complying with these rules.

We need to ensure that we are keeping the children, families and our staff safe at all times.

Please keep your distance when communicating with Teachers and staff.

I would like to remind you, if you need to speak to your child's Teacher about an issue, please ring the Office. We will then give you a ring back. Discussions on the doors and gates should be limited for the safety of all.