



Oughton Primary & Nursery School

Summer Term 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic year and you should be very proud of your children. Have a lovely and safe holiday.

Ofsted Inspection

We are so pleased that the hard work of the staff, children and Parents has been recognised by Inspectors during our Ofsted Inspection this term. We are so pleased to be given an overall grading of Good.

Our report is extremely positive and highlights the great work that is going on at Oughton Primary & Nursery School. The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is **outstanding**. Our Early Years provision is also **outstanding**. Pupils say they are cared for by adults and they are respected and encouraged always to do their best. Parents value the support that the school provides for their children and themselves. The school's values are at the heart of the curriculum. Pupils are well behaved around school and in lessons. Parents agree that behaviour is good.

Our staff work superbly as a team and this was acknowledged by the Inspectors who stated:

The Headteacher is very well supported by a team of staff who share her vision to continue to improve outcomes for pupils. Staff are proud of be part of the school and feel respected and valued.

I would like to personally thank everyone who supported us during our Inspection.



Bishop of Hertfordshire Visit

This week, The Bishop of Hertford, the Rt Revd Dr Michael Beasley visited our school. He made the visit to celebrate the school's achievements in every aspect of school life, in its educational attainments as well as in the way governors, teachers and support staff together provide effective help to children in all aspects of their development.

Bishop Michael stated, "It is vitally important that all our schools take the well-being of pupils as seriously as their educational attainment."

Yours sincerely

Lisa Clayton
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Please ensure you look at the school calendar for key dates across 2017 / 18 on our website
www.oughton.herts.sch.uk

Dates:

Fri 21st July: Last day of term
finish 2pm

Wed 6th September: Back to school for Reception to Year 6

Mon 11th September: Nursery children start

Staff Training Day: Friday 20th Oct - Children not in school

Half Term: 23rd - 27th October

Last day of Autumn Term: Tues 19th December

Dinner money

Please note school dinners will be £2.40 each day from September 2017 for KS 2. (£12 per week)

Please pay in advance if you would like your child to have a school dinner.

If you think your child might be entitled to Free School Dinners please visit the Hertfordshire County Council website:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
or call
0300 123 4048

Staff News

Miss Markiewicz has successfully completed her first year in teaching with us, well done! She will now be continuing her career in Stevenage and we wish her well. Mrs Ritchie, who currently works with us for one day a week, will be leaving us this term to join her new school in Weston. We wish her well. Mrs Deery who is a Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor is also leaving to start a full-time career in Hitchin. We also wish her well.

Mrs Boddey will be changing her name over the summer and will be Miss Ward when we return in September.

Computing and Phones

Please look at the sites that your child accesses whilst they are at home on computers, iPads, tablets and phones. We have heard that some children are accessing chat rooms, plus downloading inappropriate games aimed at adults. We have spent considerable time dealing with out of school incidents involving phones and websites. Please check your child's phones, especially if they are entering group chats. Please remember to abide by age rules for Facebook and WhatsApp.

Summer Fair

Thank you to our Friends of Oughton and staff who organised our Summer Fair. We raised £922.26 in total, which is fantastic. Thank you to everyone who donated their time or gave a donation for this event. Thank you also to the band, who entertained us on the day. It was a great day.

Enrichment Activities

The trips and special days this term have been successful in enriching the curriculum. Reception visited Willows Farm last week and enjoyed learning about all the animals on the farm. Year 1 had an amazing day at the beach in Frinton and Year 2 enjoyed their day at Shuttleworth. Year 3 enjoyed their trip to St. Albans Verulamium to study the Romans and had a great day at Whipsnade Zoo. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their 'Egyptian Wow Day'. Year 6 visited The Hitchin Fire Station for 'Crucial Crew' focusing on keeping safe. This day was very informative.

Thank you to the staff who have worked hard to organise these special days to bring learning to life.

Governor Update

Thank you to Rev. Jane Mainwaring and Allison Drakes who represented our Governing Body during our Ofsted visit. They shared the hard work of the Governing Body and their commitment was noted. Many thanks.

