



# *Oughton Primary & Nursery School*

## *Spring 2018*

### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

How lovely the weather has been lately!

We always try to keep the school running as normal in snowy weather. We will communicate with you all via ParentMail if we need to close the school, so please ensure you read your messages. Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly: coats, hats, scarves and wellington boots / boots with school shoes to change into. Boots should not be worn in school as they are not part of the school uniform. If needed, we will adapt the access routes in and out of school, weather dependent.

### **World Book Day**

Thank you for supporting this event. The children and staff looked fantastic. As you know, we are promoting the love of books and reading. It was great to see many children dressed up as a book character and bring the book in too. Please read to your child and discuss the text as well as hearing them read.

### **Punctuality**

Our classroom doors open at 8:45am and the register is taken at 9am. Please ensure that your child is on time for school. There are a number of children who are late on many occasions. This disrupts the learning of others, as well as the late child plus the work of our office staff.

Please ensure that children are collected on time at the end of the school day. Collection is at the classroom doors at 3:15pm.

### **E-Safety**

We teach the children how to keep safe when using the internet as part of their computing curriculum. However, I am concerned about some programs that children are using, the lack of supervision of devices (including phones) at home and the time children are using devices. We are dealing with issues regarding computers, phones and iPad use at home. Be aware of who children are communicating with / playing games with - not always children. Be aware of the police information surrounding the program Roblox. Please see attached letter. Please monitor your child's use of such devices and limit their time on them.

Yours faithfully  
Lisa Clayton  
Headteacher

### **Diary Dates**

**Please look at the school calendar for key dates on our website.**

#### **Dates:**

Sun 11th March: Choir are singing at the Royal Albert Hall - Years 4, 5 and 6.

Fri 9th March - Mother's Day celebrations in school for EYFS and KS1.

Mon 12th March: Oliver Twist Theatre Production in school

Tues 20th March: Year 4 trip to West Stow

Thurs 29th March: Last day of term, normal time finishing.

Mon 16th April: Back to school

### **Dinners**

We are still having some Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Parents not paying for their school dinners in advance.

**This is a constant issue.**  
Please pay for school dinner in advance!

### **Parental Language**

Please be mindful of the language that you are using in front of your children and on the school site. There have been some occasions recently where children have heard inappropriate words and phrases from parents in the playground and in classes.

### **Attendance**

Just to remind you - if your child is ill, please ring the office or email attendance@oughton.herts.sch.uk or ParentMail to let us know why your child is not in school.

Please be aware that The Priory and some other secondary schools have a different Easter holiday to us. We are not an academy and do not have a choice when our holidays are, we have to follow the Hertfordshire plan. Please be aware, we expect all children to be in school the 4 days before Good Friday, 26th March until 29th March.

Attendance last half term. **Well done to:** Fabio, Tia, Ethel, Riyan, Sullivan, Ameira, Pippa, Archie, Isla (Nursery) Summer, Millie, Mia, James, Hannah, Blaize, Brianna, Albi, Hayden, William, Lenny, Elsie, Louis (Reception) Jake, Harleen, Madison, Thomas, Ethan, Alex, Connor, Melissa, Zara, Ebonie, Eoin, Demi, Amy, Harry, Finley, Destiny, Othelia, Teodora, Sebastian, Ciaran (Year 1) Logan, Ruby, Finley, Keeleigh, Bethany, Lesta, Millie, Timur, Scarlett, Georgia, Wayne, Solomon, Macy, Bethanie, Alex, Yasmin, Olly, Riley (Year 2) Gydon, Corey, Rachel, Lucas, Harry, Bethany, Peyton, Kyi, Ernie, Tyler, Lola, Summer, Mia, Amy, Chayse, Esmail (Year 3) Paige, Maya, Kayo, Katie, Megan, Chace, Cameron, Mayson, Mason, Dwain, Niamh, Lydia, Mohammed, Jack, Henry, Annie, Connor (Year 4) Jasmine, Melody, Layla, Alexi, Olivia, Taye, Anabelle, Jake, Daniel, Grace, Bartosz, Elliot, Chloe, Charlotte, Erin, Alex (Year 5) Caleb, Boyd, Shane, Jessica, Chloe, Zack, Jamie, Bailey, Harry, Caitlin (Year 6)

**All 100% attendance this last half term! Wow 119 children!**

### **Mother's Day Celebrations - 9th March**

Due to our increase in numbers, we now have too many children and parents to fit into St Mark's Church for our usual Mother's Day service. This year Nursery parents will celebrate from 8.45-9am with their child in the Nursery class. Reception and Year 1 & 2 Mums and female carers/relations are invited to an assembly at 2.45pm in the Hall.

KS2 children will be preparing something special to bring home to celebrate Mother's Day.

### **School Council: Road Safety**

Our School Council is working closely with Mrs Carroll trying to improve the road safety around our school.

Please do not park on yellow lines. Please keep to paths within school premises and remind children how to cross roads safely. The School Council are currently working with external agencies to improve road safety.

### **Our Choir at The Royal Albert Hall**

Our children in Year 4, 5 and 6 who are part of the choir have been invited to sing at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday 11th March. This is a fantastic experience and they have been practising a lot, including over half term. Thank you in advance to Mrs Merriman and Miss Evans who lead the choir, plus Mrs Strange for helping in this event. I look forward to hearing and watching their performance with some very proud Parents.

### **Governor Update**

The Governors have been visiting this term and discussing with staff Educational Visits, Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Early Years, Art and Attendance. We have been looking at the use of our budget and our School Development Plan.

