



Oughton Primary & Nursery School

March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that Easter is almost here, this term has flown by! Thank you to those Parents who attended our Open Evening this half term, I hope this was useful. If you missed this, please contact your child's Teacher and make an appointment to meet. It is vital that home and school work together in the education of all children.

Staff News

This half term, we have welcomed Miss Daniels, (Teaching Assistant) to our team. Miss Evans is currently having medical treatment and we wish her the very best and hope to see her returning to work next term.

Thank you

Thank you to the Nisa Westmill Store, who have very kindly donated £600 to our school. The shop is part of the Making a Difference Locally scheme (MADL) and the store raises money through the sale of selected products in store, including all Co-op own brand items and those from Nisa's own label Heritage range. Every time an item included in the scheme is purchased, a proportion of the price is added to the store's MADL fund and this is then donated to good causes in that store's local area. Our School Council have been working with Mrs Smith and have decided to use this money to purchase new books for every classroom.

Raising money for charity

We raised £187.18 for Comic Relief this year. Thank you to all of the families who donated to this worthwhile charity.

Well done

Today, I have announced the winning House for this term. Well done to Emerald with 1666 points, second place Sapphire with 1585 points, third place Topaz with 1583 points and in fourth place Ruby with 1534 points.

On Friday 19th April, Emerald will have a non-school uniform day as a reward for their achievements.

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 footballers who represented us at a Tournament last Saturday. They were superb, showing both resilience and a great attitude.

Well done to our Girls' Football Team who won their match against Whitehill this month. They played well as a team and showed great skill. We are very proud of our sporting achievements.

Well done to everyone who took part in our World Book Day celebration. I think both the children and staff enjoyed wearing their pyjamas and talking about their favourite book. Our toilet roll characters were a great success too.

Computing Update and Wellbeing

This term, we have been having problems as a result of gaming at home. Please ensure that you monitor your child's use of games and ensure that the games are appropriate for their age and their time online is limited.

Primary school children should not be playing Call of Duty due to the content and subliminal messages given; this is for 18+.

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses headlines to encourage engagement with articles, images or videos. This also sometimes includes scams, phishing sites and malware (malicious software designed to harm or exploit devices, services or networks. Clickbait (click here with a headline) could contain extremist political views or violent, pornographic content, as well as fake news. Please keep an eye on your child's online activity and make sure you have set controls in place.

This week, with the Easter holidays looming, we have been discussing our wellbeing and the impact of gaming for many hours. We have discussed other activities to stimulate our bodies and minds. The children have thought of: joining a Club, baking, reading a book, playing in the park, playing a board game with their family and playing cards. Please limit use of games and technology.

Lisa Clayton Headteacher

Dates will be published on our school website:

www.oughton.herts.sch.uk

Dates for upcoming term

Year 6 Easter SATS Boosters:
Mon 8th to Wed 10th April 9:30am-12pm. Our focus is Reading, Maths and SPAG.

Mon 15th April: Back to school
Tues 23rd April: Parents Coffee Morning

Tues 30th April: Year 1 Let's Celebrate Assembly at 2:45pm.

Wed 1st May: Year 2 Trip to St Mark's Church

Mon 6th May: Bank Holiday

Mon 13th May: Year 6 SATS Week

Mon 20th May: Celebrating the Arts Focus

Tues 21st May: Year 1 Science Wow Day - Plants

Tues 21st May: Year 6 River visit

Tues 21st May: Reception Let's Celebrate Assembly at 2:45pm.

Thurs 23rd May: Y5 Art Wow Day

Fri 24th May: INSET Day, no children in school

Week beg 27th May: Half term

Key Stage 2 Dinners

We are still continually chasing dinner money, which is very time consuming for our Office staff.

Please ensure that you pay for any dinners in advance. You can view your accounts and pay for school dinners via Arbor.

Governor Update

This term our Governors have been conducting visits with focuses such as Special Educational Needs, Wellbeing, Health and Safety as well as curriculum subjects - RE.

In Governor Meetings, we have discussed our school priorities. Our main priority is Reading and language.

Mrs Nearney, Our Chair of Governors has met with Mrs Clayton to discuss attendance, attainment & progress and safeguarding in particular.

Our Governors will be visiting next term for a morning and will be visiting classrooms and talking to children.