



# Oughton Primary & Nursery School

## March 2014

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy term so far. Thank you for your positive feedback via Parentview. Our Inspection report will be out shortly and a letter will be sent home to parents.

This week is busy, we had Pancake Races on Tuesday lunchtime for KS 1 and 2 and Reception had their races as part of their maths lessons this week. On Thursday, we are celebrating World Book Day and children can dress up as book characters. I wonder what the staff will do this year? Last year there were many dressed up as 'Where's Wally?'



### Parents in Partnership (PIPs)

Please join in with our next round of family learning on the dates below and find out more about how we teach maths and literacy and how you can support your child.

Wed 12th March at 9am—Year 5

Thurs 13th March at 9am—Year 6 (focusing on preparation for SATS)

Wed 19th March 2pm—Year 3

Tues 25th March at 2pm—Year 4

### Collection Time

At Oughton we have an open door policy for parents to have discussions with the class teacher. For the Health & Safety of the children we respectfully ask that you wait until all children have been collected before you approach the class teacher. Thank you.

### Attendance Awards

Well Done! Class winners for last half term:

1st—Pear B Class (Reception)

2nd—Willow Class (Year 5)

3rd—Beech Class (Year 4) & Elm O Class (Year 1)

Yours sincerely

**Lisa Clayton, Headteacher**



### **Remember: Spot the mistake!! Win a prize!!**

Please read this newsletter carefully and see if you can spot the deliberate mistake. First parent to the office to tell us the mistake.....wins a prize!!!

### Diary Dates

Thurs 6th March: World Book Day—dress up as a book character.

Tues 18th March: Year 1 Elm S Let's Celebrate Assembly

Fri 28th March: Mothering Day Service at St Marks Church—2.30pm

Thurs 3rd April: Easter Egg Hunt—3.15pm

Fri 4th April: Last Day of school

7th—21st April: Easter Holidays



Tues 22nd April: Inset Day—school closed.

Tues 13th May: Pear A Let's Celebrate Assembly

Tues 20th May: Pear B Let's Celebrate Assembly

Fri 23rd May: Friends of Oughton Disco—To be confirmed

26th—30th May: Half Term

Tues 10th June: Nursery Let's Celebrate Assembly (11am)

Tues 17th June: Elm O Let's Celebrate Assembly

Thurs 10th July: Transition Day

Sat 19th July: Summer Fair

Wed 23rd July: Last day of term.

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS

### Parking

Please be aware of our residents when you collect / drop off your children. Please do not block driveways or park on corners. We must ensure that the roads are clear for the safety of the children.

### Smoking

I have had a number of parents complain about other parents smoking near the school gate. Please do not smoke in the vicinity of the school as we promote healthy lifestyles to the children in school.

## Beavers & Cubs



The 8<sup>th</sup> Hitchin Scout Group holds meetings for Beavers and Cubs at our school on a Wednesday evening. Beavers are 6-8 yrs old and Cubs are 8 to 10.5. Beaver and Cub Scouts earn badges, play games, make things, make friends and learn about the world and themselves. Beavers sometimes go on sleepovers and Cubs go hiking and camping. Recently the Beavers have been learning first aid including the recovery position and cardiac massage. They also celebrated the Chinese New Year by making dragons and eating prawn crackers. The Cubs had a map reading session and also went on a night hike which they all thoroughly enjoyed. If your son/daughter is interested in being a Beaver or Cub Scout please contact Pippa Lally on [dcs.hitchinouts@gmail.com](mailto:dcs.hitchinouts@gmail.com) or 01462 387879, or you can leave a message at the school office and they will pass it to the leaders.

## School Dinners

As you may be aware, the Government are implementing changes to School Dinners from September 2014. All children up to Year 2 will be entitled to a Free School Dinner. At the moment, we are looking into this.



## Parental Support

Reading skills are vital to all areas of children's learning. Oughton is calling out to anyone who has any spare time and would be willing to volunteer in school to hear children read. If you would like to volunteer please contact the school office. Thank you.

## Governor Update

We have a Parent vacancy at the moment. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Schools Governing Body, please pop in and see Mrs Clayton or Mrs Holder (Clerk to the Governing Body). Please feel free to speak to our other Parent Governors to find out more about this role. Our Parents Governor are: Alison Drakes, Martin Burke and Roz Brown.



## Clubs on offer this term:



*Maths Morning Club from 8am:*

- *Years 5 & 6 Monday - Thursday*

*Recorder Club: Monday after school Year 2 and 3.*

*Dance Club : Friday after school Year 3,4 and 5.*

*Games Club: Tuesday after school Year 1,2,3,4,5 and 6*

*Cookery Club: Wednesday after school Year 3,4,5 & 6*

*Football Club:*

- *Thursday after school Year 3 and 4*
- *Friday after school Year 5 and 6.*

*Netball Club: Monday after school Years 3,4,5 and 6.*

*Basketball Club will be starting for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 during lunchtimes.*

## School Website

**You can find out more information about Oughton Primary & Nursery School on the website:**

**[www.ohjm.herts.sch.uk](http://www.ohjm.herts.sch.uk)**

## ICT Corner - Esafety

Please be aware of what your child is accessing on the internet. Please ensure that you add parental controls onto any ipads or tablets as well as laptops / computers.

Many children now have their own smart phone and may use APPS like Snapchat or Instagram. Please be aware that these site are open to the public and are not on a secure network.