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Oxford Road Community School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families. I hope you were able to have a restful holiday! The new term has started positively as always with the children jumping straight back into their learning with positive attitudes. I have attached a diary of events for this term, including dates for parents evenings and assemblies. Please make sure you make a note of important dates.

Claire Hurst



Roald Dahl

Beech 1 had a wonderful start to the new term with a trip to the Roald Dahl museum on the first day back!

They had a wonderful time looking around his house, seeing where Roald Dahl worked and wrote as well as learning some interesting facts about him as a young boy. He was not a very good student at school!

The visit certainly inspired their writing within the classroom as well as encouraging children to become authors.



Governors Day

The school Governors will be coming in to school for the whole day on Wednesday 3rd February. They will be looking at the learning taking place in classrooms, talking to the children and staff and will be available to speak to parents before and after school.



ORSA

Mr Lyford's science club is really taking off this term and the children are loving the activities. Exciting news is that they have just won a grant for £1,000 to help buy resources. Fantastic news!



Parent Pay



Chartwells will soon be launching a NEW online meal booking system. It will be available at school from **Monday 7th March 2016**.

ParentPay is a great new cashless system enabling parents to view the menu on offer, choose, book and pay for their meals without having to come into school. You will be able to order meals weeks in advance (which will avoid Monday morning worries!) however you can book, change or cancel the meal right up until 9am of the day the meal is needed, if for example, your child is unable to come to school.

The ParentPay website should be accessible from any computer or mobile device at a time that is convenient to you.

For children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 you will still need to register and activate your child's account and book your preferred meal choice online.

This great new system will also ensure your child receives their preferred choice of meal.

Further information will be provided to parents in due course to ensure the smooth transition to this new system. There will also be Parent Pay workshops on Tuesday 1st March at 9am and Wednesday 2nd March at 2.30pm to explain and demonstrate the system and to answer any questions you may have.

Many schools in Reading are now using the system and parent response has been very positive.

In the meantime if you would like any further information about ParentPay please visit the website at www.parentpay.com



www.oxfordroad.reading.sch.uk for copies of our newsletter - Claire Hurst, Headteacher.

Dates For Your Diary	
January 2016	
Friday 22 nd	Year 1 Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome
FEBRUARY 2016	
Tuesday 2 nd	University of Monsters Year 6
Wednesday 3 rd	Governors Day
Thursday 4 th	Year 4 trip to Apple store
Friday 5 th	Year 4 trip to Living Rainforest Year 2 Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome
Tuesday 9 th	Year 4 Mini-hockey event
Friday 12 th	END OF TERM 3.00pm finish
Monday 15th - Friday 19th February School Closed Half Term Holiday	
Monday 22 nd	Children Back to School
MARCH 2016	
Tuesday 1 st	Parent Pay information meeting 9am
Wednesday 2 nd	Andy Thompson - Author visit Parent Pay information meeting 2.30pm
Thursday 3 rd	World Book Day
Friday 4 th	Year 6 Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome
Monday 7 th	Parent Pay Launch
Tuesday 8 th	Parents Evening 3.15pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday 9 th	Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5.00pm
Friday 11 th	Year 5 Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome
Tuesday 15 th	Whole School Science Day
Thursday 17 th	Year 3 & 4 Production 2.00pm Parents Welcome
Friday 18 th	Sport Relief
Tuesday 22 nd	Year 3 Kwik Cricket event Chartwells taster session (Global Café) 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Thursday 24 th	Behaviour Reward Assembly Last day of term School Closes at 1.30pm
APRIL 2016	
Friday 25th March - Monday 11th April School Closed	
Tuesday 12 th	Children back to school