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## Oxford Road Community School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Where has the spring term gone?! The weeks have been rushing past. As always, classes have been studying lots of exciting topics and making good progress with their learning. Parents evening was a very positive event and it was wonderful to see so many parents. It is a pleasure for staff to be able to meet parents and to talk about what their child has been up to. Claire Hurst

### Class Dojo Points

You may have heard your child talking about receiving Dojo points in class and might be wondering what they are?!

We want our classrooms to be positive and supportive places where we encourage each other for using skills we believe are important.

Every child has their own dojo character (displayed on the interactive whiteboard). All members of staff, throughout the day, award children dojo points for skills like helping others, persistence, and teamwork. These all link to our Building Learning Power capacities. The children love being recognised for using their learning skills and are proud of how many points they get.



### Governors Day

The school Governors had a very enjoyable day in school before half term. They spent time in classes talking to children about their learning and what they enjoyed and how they felt challenged. The Governors saw enthusiastic, motivated and empowered children who were keen to learn in every classroom. A successful day.



### Parent Pay



As you know, Chartwells launched a NEW online meal booking system on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**.

ParentPay is a cashless system enabling parents to view the menu on offer, choose, book and pay for their meals without having to come into school.

It is essential, (even if your child only has a school meal once in a while), that you register with ParentPay as the school can no longer accept cash for school meals.

**We still have a large number of parents who have not yet registered and begun ordering meals. Unless you register your child with Parent Pay they can only be served a Choice 3 meal. If you have not yet signed up can we please urge you to do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions or problems please come in and speak to Mrs Wardle or Mrs Callard.**

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

Parent Pay enables you 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.

### Sport Relief Day.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, School Council are organising Sport Relief day to raise money to support children and families both in the UK and abroad. There will be sporting activities for all the children to take part in as well as a cake sale at break time. Wear your sporty outfit for £1.00 per family. Help us make a difference.



Dates For Your Diary	
FEBRUARY 2016	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Pay Launch
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.15pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5.00pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Science Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	ORSA Star Gazing Event 7pm - 8.30pm George Street Park
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Production 2.00pm Parents Welcome ORSA Open Day 3-5pm ORSA Star Gazing Event 7pm - 8.30pm George Street Park
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Relief
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 Kwik Cricket event Chartwells taster session (Global Café) 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Foundation Stage Easter Bonnet Parade - 10.45am/2.15pm Hall
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Behaviour Reward Assembly Last day of term School Closes at 1.30pm
APRIL 2016	
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April School Closed</b>	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school New Chartwells menu released.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3 (Beech 1) Class Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Multi-Skills Day
MAY 2016	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Steel Pans to perform at Royal Albert Hall
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Polling Day - School closed</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SAT's week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2-6 Hexagon - 'Gangster Granny'
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 (Beech 2 ) Assembly 2.30pm Parents welcome
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Rounders event
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
JUNE 2016	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school

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