

Issue 6
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Oxford Road Community School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you and your family had a restful holiday. Below are key dates for the summer term. In order that you don't miss anything your child is involved in, please keep a record of when there are trips, assemblies and other activities. These dates will be updated in the next newsletter, so check book bags too! We are looking forward to another term full of great learning opportunities and experiences.

Claire Hurst

Key Stage 2 Co-ordinator.

I am delighted to be able to inform parents that we have successfully appointed a new Key Stage 2 co-ordinator to take over from Miss Duley - it is our very own Miss Murphy! We interviewed before the holidays and Miss Murphy was the successful applicant. She will take over the role from the beginning of this new term. Congratulations.

Important change of dates



As you will be aware the government has announced a referendum to be held on Thursday 23 June. The school received notification from the Local Authority that we will be required to close in order for the school to be used as a polling station. As a result of this the Inset day planned for school for Friday 1st July is cancelled and will now be on Thursday 23rd June. Please remember to change the date in your diaries!

Sport Relief Day.

On Friday 18th March, School Council are organised Sport Relief day to raise money to support children and families both in the UK and abroad. The

children had great fun participating in sporting activities, wearing non-uniform and purchasing some tasty biscuits and cakes. As a result of school council's efforts they managed to raise the grand total of £263.02!

Well done to all the children the day successful and helped support others.



Forest School

As you know, Emily delivers our Forest School sessions in school. This year we have enabled all the children to have the opportunity to participate in the activities and develop skills linked to Forest schools. The group supports children with communication, working together and self-confidence as well as giving children opportunities to try new things. Activities are planned by the children and can include campfire cooking, dancing, art and craft, animal care, conservation work, survival skills, imaginary play, using tools, growing and harvesting produce and so much more....it is a lot of fun! Your child may have already been part of a Forest Schools group - ask them what they have learnt and what new skills they now have!



Parent Pay

Parent Pay launch went ahead before the holidays and despite some teething problems, most of our families have now registered and are ordering lunches for their child. We would encourage any family that has not yet registered to do so even if you are not ordering lunches on a daily or weekly basis. If you have any problems, please come in and speak to Mrs Callard who will be happy to help.

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

Dates For Your Diary	
APRIL 2016	
Tuesday 12 th	Children back to school New Chartwells menu released.
Friday 22 nd	Year 3 (Beech 1) Class Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome
Tuesday 26 th	Year 2 Multi-Skills Day
Friday 29 th	Year 4 Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome (CHANGE OF DATE)
MAY 2016	
Sunday 1 st	Steel Pans to perform at Royal Albert Hall
Thursday 5 th	Polling Day - School closed
Monday 9 th	Year 6 SAT's week
Friday 13 th	Year 2-6 Hexagon - 'Gangster Granny'
Friday 20 th	Year 3 (Beech 2) Assembly 2.30pm Parents welcome
Tuesday 24 th	Year 3 & 4 Rounders event
Friday 27 th	Last day of term
JUNE 2016	
Monday 6 TH	Children back to school
Wednesday 8 th	Beech & 2 Pizza Express trip Year 6 University of Monsters visit (Reading University)
Thursday 9 th	Class photographs
Wednesday 15 th	Sports Day
Thursday 16 th	Sports Day back up day
Friday 17 th	Year 1 Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome
Monday 20 th	Year 6 Theatre Trip
Thursday 23 rd	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR REFERENDUM
Tuesday 28 TH	Year 5 & 6 Sport event (tbc) Camp meeting - Year 5 & 6 parents
JULY 2016	
Tuesday 5 th	Year 5 & 6 Rushall Farm camp
Thursday 7 th	Chartwells Picnic Day
Friday 8 th	Year 5 & 6 back from Rushall Farm camp. Reception Class assembly 2.30pm Parents welcome
Tuesday 12 th	Fish and Chip night 5-6pm (Tickets available soon)
Wednesday 13 th	Key Stage 2 to Salvation Army