

Issue 1
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Oxford Road Community School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to the new families that have joined the school this year. I have been walking around school and going into classes and am delighted to share that the first week has started very positively. The children are enthusiastic and eager to begin! The classes are already really engaged in their new topics and have already been sharing their learning and rising to the new challenges. I am very excited about this year and all the wonderful experiences and opportunities ahead
Claire Hurst

Blogging

If you are not aware of our wonderful school blog, then take a look and see what our children have been up to!

The children can use the blog to post about anything they choose. They can share the learning they have done in the classroom, share their ideas or interests or simply post about what they have been doing at home or around and about.

We would really encourage you to write a comment to the children, as their audience is very important.

Mr Lyford has been setting up the new class blogs and there are already new posts and comments.

It is a great way for families to share the learning that is taking place in school and classrooms so go on, take a look!

www.oxfordroadcommunityschool.net



School Council Elections



School Council elections will be taking very soon. We have a democratic process of election. This means each candidate writing a manifesto to explain why they want to join school council, presenting this to their class who then vote for their favourite candidate.

School Council has 2 representatives from each class in Key Stage 2, holding their meetings every week. We will be announcing the results in the next few weeks!

Family Worker



I am delighted to inform parents that we have recently employed, with Wilson Primary School, a Family Development Worker to support what we do in our schools. Emma Wicks, (who many of you may already know), will be working with us on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. The remainder of the week she will be at Wilson Primary.

Emma can support families in many ways including:

- Working with you to ensure your child does well at school and maintain good attendance.
- Providing you with practical advice and support and access to parenting groups.
- Working with you to develop and maintain positive family relationships.
- Making sure children and young people's views are listened to.
- Signposting you to suitable support services including, job and training opportunities, budgeting, housing and debt advice

We hope that families will contact Emma if they have any concerns or questions.

If you would like to make an appointment to speak to her please contact the school office: 01189375511. Emma is also available for a drop in session every Monday 2.00 - 3.00pm in our Nurture room.

Our aim is to work in partnership with you to ensure that all children enjoy school, are successful and are happy and secure.



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Dates For Your Diary

SEPTEMBER 2015

Friday 23 rd	Year 6 Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome.
Monday 26 th	Science Week (more information to be sent out soon) Parents Puzzle Session 3.15 - 4.45
Tuesday 27 th	Year 6 Cluster Football Event

OCTOBER 2015

Thursday 6 th	Drama for All workshops FS/KS1
Friday 7 th	Year 2 Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome.
Monday 10 th	Reception Class to Rushall Farm
Tuesday 11 th	Wise Moves - African Dance Workshops
Wednesday 12 th	Harvest Festival 11am Parents welcome
Tuesday 18 th	Behaviour Reward Assembly

**Monday 24TH October - Monday 31st October School Closed
Half Term Holiday**

NOVEMBER 2015

Tuesday 1 st	Children back to school
Tuesday 8 th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday 9 th	School Photographer (Individual photos) Parents Evening 3.30pm - 5.00pm
Friday 11 th	Year 5 Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome.
Monday 14 th	Reception trip to Cinema
Tuesday 15 th	KS2 trip to Cinema Year 5 Tag Rugby Event Wilson 10-2pm
Thursday 17 th	KS1 trip to Cinema
Friday 25 th	Year 4 Assembly (Hawthorn 1) 2.30pm Parents Welcome.

December 2015

Thursday 8 th	KS1 Nativity to Parents (2pm)
Friday 9 th	Year 4 Assembly (Hawthorn 2) 2.30pm Parents Welcome.
Tuesday 13 th	FS Christmas Performance 10.30 am & 2.00pm
Thursday 15 th	Christingle (KS2)
Friday 16 th	School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 20 th	Behaviour Reward Assembly
Wednesday 21 st	Last day of term – School closes 1.30pm