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Oxford Road Community School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe how quickly this term has gone. There has been a lot going on! Some of our ORSAnauts went to meet Tim Peake (what an amazing experience), we have had African dance workshops, Tag rugby festivals, Cinema trips, Monster University as well as a range of topics and activities being taught in class. On behalf of the staff we would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday and we will see you in 2017!!!

Claire Hurst



Parents in School

We are always keen to have parents in school to help them gain a better understanding of the curriculum and how and what their children are learning. So far this term we have had a number of opportunities for some of our parents to come into the classroom.

Miss Everett and Mrs Haran, our Year 4 teachers, held an afternoon of learning for parents with Drama and Spanish sessions. Parents and their children had an opportunity to participate in a drama session, moulding themselves into different roles and developing communication and confidence. They also worked together to develop their Spanish learning colours through a hands on and interactive session. Look at the bottom of the newsletter for photos of the afternoon!

Year 1 & 2 have been holding reading sessions for parents to come in and share a book and read with their child. These have become more and more popular with parents staying and reading with their child as well as other children. If your child is in Year 1 or 2, speak to their class teacher and see when the next reading morning is taking place.



Keep your eyes open for more events in other classes and year groups!

PET Team Christmas Fair



The PET team ran another fantastic Christmas fair last weekend. As a result of all their hard work they raised a total of £620.19 for school fund. A record amount of money!!

Our thanks to all the parents and members of staff who helped to organise, set up and run the fair as well as our thanks to all the families who came and supported the event. It was a great afternoon.



School Council

Children in key stage 2 were very excited this term as the elections for our new school council were taking place.

Children wrote and presented their manifesto's to their classmates, who were then able to vote for their class representatives. The new school councillors were announced in Thursday's assembly.

Year 6: Scarlett and Samuel
Year 5: Imogen and Edon
Hawthorn 1: Amber and Peter
Hawthorn 2: Hope and Izyan
Year 3: Nicola and Pawel

Our school council raises money for charity and has an important role to play in decisions across the school. Their first project is Christmas Jumper Day Friday 16th December. Keep a look out for the posters!



Dates For Your Diary

December 2016

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) 6pm
Friday 16 th	Christmas Jumper Day – Raising funds for Launchpad, a local charity. School Christmas Dinner
Monday 19 th	Attendance Assembly
Tuesday 20 th	Behaviour Reward Assembly
Wednesday 21 st	Last day of term – School closes 1.30pm

January 2017

Wednesday 4 th	School Closed Inset Day
Thursday 5 th	Children back to school
Wednesday 18 th	KS2 Singing at Salvation Army
Friday 20 th	Year 6 Assembly 2.30pm Parents Welcome.

February 2017

Friday 3 rd	Year 1 Assembly
Tuesday 7 th	Year 4 Mini Hockey Event - Ranikhet Behaviour Reward Assembly

Homework



We will be introducing a new approach to homework after the holidays.

- The teachers will be giving the children 9 activities they can complete over a term.
- There will be three maths activities, three literacy activities and three topic activities.
- Each activity will have a mild, spicy and HHH challenge, with dojo points awarded for each level of challenge.
- It is expected that children will complete a at least one literacy, maths and topic activity.
- At the end of each term, each class will have an open afternoon for parents to come in and see all the children's homework contribution.

We hope parents will enjoy our new approach to homework and would appreciate any feedback over the next few weeks.

Staff changes



Just to let parents know that there are a few staff changes for next term.

- Miss Page will be leaving to begin her maternity leave. We wish her and her partner all the very best.
- Mrs Painter is moving to a new role in Reading. Again, we wish her all the very best in the future.
- Mrs Polly O'Donnell will be joining the school and teaching our Year 3 class.
- Mr Lewis Polden will be joining the team and teaching our Year 2 class.

A very warm welcome to them both.