

Newsletter

March 2019



Message from the Head Teacher

Another term completed! This year seems to be flying by and after the Easter break we are into one of the busiest periods of the year. It will soon be time to watch the weather forecast as we start to look towards events such as sports day and the summer fair. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful Easter break. **Mr Horton**

Moving forwards after Ofsted

Thank you to those who have given the school messages of support and encouragement, it is much appreciated. We are still disappointed with the report and feel that it doesn't truly reflect the school and the hard work that pupils and staff do every day. To continue to improve pupils' attainment and progress, move the school forwards and to be able to earn the judgement the school deserves in the next inspection, we have developed a post OFSTED action plan. As promised, this will be on the school website (after the break), under the OFSTED section. This is a document that will evolve and grow over time and at this current point, it sets out the areas that we need to investigate further. The focus for the next term is to ensure that we have any changes, systems and training in place ready for September.

New Governors

Following our recent election for a new Parent Governor, we are pleased to announce that Alison Baterip was elected onto the Governing Body. As the Governing body had a number of spaces to fill, we were able to co-opt the two other parents who had put themselves forward, Catherine Hunter and Jen Jakes, onto the Governing body too. We have also recruited another Governor, Lindsey Strachan, who has a background in education. Our new governors have a wide range of relevant skills and knowledge which we know will make our Governing Body stronger. We would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome them all to the Oulton team.

Teatime Club Consultation

Thank you to all those who have taken the time to respond to our consultation about our proposed teatime club. I am pleased to report that the Governing Body has approved the creation of a teatime club from September. We will now finalise our plans and share with you over the coming months.

Oulton's got Talent!

We have had a fantastic afternoon in school on Friday, watching many talented acts from Year 1 – Year 6 in our school talent show. We saw singing, dancing, ventriloquism, magic tricks, a puppet show and even a CPR demonstration! It was lovely to see how much effort children had put into their acts and it would have been impossible to choose a winner. We also felt really proud of children who overcame their nerves to have 5 minutes of fame! Thank you to Mrs Thorpe for organising such a great show.

Design an Egg Competition

We have had an amazing response to our design an egg event. The school library is currently full of many wonderful egg tableaus! To showcase the variety of the entries received, we have made a slideshow which can be found on the school website (news) or by scrolling to the bottom of the home page. Thank you to all who entered and for the support given to children at home. We will announce the winning entries during assembly on the first day after the break.



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Uniform Suppliers

After many years supplying uniform to Oulton Primary School, Top Style in Middleton are closing for business at the end of March. Alternative suppliers are Better and Bright in Castleford Market and myclothing.com.

P.E. Kit

A reminder about P.E. kit as unfortunately, a variety of different coloured tops and sports kits are starting to appear. Please ensure your child has a P.E kit consisting of blue or black shorts, a plain white t-shirt and a pair of trainers for outdoor lessons. Please also remember to label everything with your child's name!

Attendance

This week we have sent letters to all parents/ carers of children with attendance below 90%. If your child's attendance is below 90%, we will not be able to authorise any absences until their attendance is above 90% again. Having 90% attendance is equivalent to missing half a day a week which means a lot of missed learning opportunities. We are keen to support families to improve their children's attendance so if you would like any help or advice regarding this, please speak to one of our Learning Mentors.

Aqua Event

This week a number of our KS2 children attended an Aqua event for Leeds schools where they had a brilliant time practising their swimming skills. As always, the children behaved really well and were a credit to our school. Thank you to Miss Fleming for organising this event.

Mothers' Day Celebration in Early Years

Thank you so much to all of the special ladies who came to this event and spent time planting seeds and doing other fun activities with their children. We were really pleased with how many people attended and the children were so happy to see you all. As you will know if you were there, the teachers were unable to show you the videos the children had made. These have now been uploaded onto Tapestry so you can access your own personalised video clip there.

Upcoming Dates:

15th April- School Opens after Break
18th April EYFS- Easter Crafts: 1.30pm to 3pm
19th April Good Friday- School Closed
22nd April Easter Monday- School Closed
23rd April School Opens
24th April POPS meeting: 7.00pm
6th May- May Day- School Closed

