

# Osmotherley Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the Poppy Appeal this year. Even without the usual poppy selling, we managed to raise £109 and the children enjoyed choosing from the box of poppy gifts. The children also enjoyed dressing up for Children in Need last week and together we raised £92. Thank you all for your kind donations.

**Ofsted Visit** Ofsted carried out a remote visit to the school last Thursday. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the impact of Covid 19 on the school and how the school leaders are managing the recovery. Parents and carers will receive a letter from Ofsted outlining the key points as soon as it arrives.

**Preparations for Christmas** Christmas at school will be a little different this year but we are trying to hold as many of our usual lovely events by adapting them to ensure that they follow government guidelines.

**Book Fair** As we are unable to hold our pre-Christmas Scholastic Book Fair this year, we have organised an online event. If you would like to have a look please go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/osmotherley-primary/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by December 7th, 2020.**



**Reindeer Run** We are very keen to go ahead with the Reindeer Run as the children love it and it raises money for such a good local cause. This year, the Oaks and Acorns bubbles will do their runs on different days and they will run around the cricket field not the reservoir, so that we do not encounter members of the public. More details will follow soon.



**Christmas Lunch** The children will be having their traditional Christmas lunch, wearing their Christmas jumpers but the bubbles will each have their own sitting.

**Pantomime** In place of our annual Panto trip, we have booked a 'virtual' pantomime which we will be able to show twice so that the children in both bubbles can enjoy it. It looks very entertaining! More details will follow shortly.



**Christmas Performances** Sadly, we will not be holding Christmas performances this year. We know that this will be a huge disappointment for everyone, so we will record the children in both bubbles singing Christmas songs and share them with our families. Please contact the office if you would prefer that your child does not appear in the video.

**Singing in Care Homes and Oswaldene** We will not be visiting care homes this year but we might be able to share our videos with the residents.

**Christmas Party** The children will still have their Christmas parties (in their own bubbles) and hopefully we can arrange a surprise virtual visit (well, if Ofsted can do it....)

**Christingle** We will not be able to have a Christingle Service in church but the children in both bubbles will have a Christingle assembly and we will send details if anyone would like to make an online donation to the Children's Society.

Thank you for your understanding at this challenging time. By now, you would normally have been invited into school to attend open mornings, celebration assemblies and a face to face parents evening. Until we can resume these events, please remember that you are welcome to contact us by phone or email with any questions or concerns. We will continue to keep you informed of any changes as soon as we can. Also, a big **thank you** for responding to the DFE directive at the beginning of the week and wearing a face covering to drop off and pick up your children.

Best wishes, Miss Bamber

## DATES FOR DIARIES

<b>Reindeer Run Acorns</b>	Thurs 3rd Dec pm
<b>Reindeer Run Oaks</b>	Friday 4th Dec pm
<b>Virtual Christmas Pantomime</b>	Friday 11th Dec
<b>Christmas Lunch</b>	Weds 16th Dec
<b>Christmas Party</b>	Thurs 17th Dec
<b>Break up for Christmas</b>	Friday 18th Dec



In PE, the children have been taking part in some Autumn Challenges organised by our local School Sports Partnership. There have been four challenges so far: agility running, ball control, balancing and target throwing.

Every child from Reception to Y6 has taken part. We are keen to encourage them to be active outdoors as often as possible.

# After School Clubs

## Morning Mile

Every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday  
8.25 am—8.55 am

All Y1 - Y6 pupils are welcome.

Please arrive at 8.20am. Children can wear joggers or leggings with their school tops all day but they will need a change of shoes .



## Mixed Sports Club

Fridays 3.30—5pm

Please see flyer for further details.

## PHILOSOPHY CLUB

Philosophy Club is running on Thursday afternoons from 3.30—4.30pm .

The club is open to children in KS2 (Y3 to Y6).

Dates:

Thursday 26th November

Thursday 3rd & 10th December

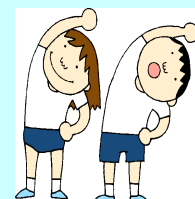
Please contact school if your child would like to attend.



## After-School Yoga

Yoga club continues on **Tuesdays** from 3.30pm—4.30pm.

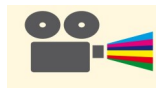
Kate can only accommodate 7 children per session and the club is now full.



## After School Minecraft Club



Minecraft Club continues on **Monday**s from 3.30—4.30pm. School iPads are provided but children are also welcome to bring their own devices, which can be stored in the school office during the day. If your child would like to join, the information is on the school website.



## JUNIOR FILM CLUB AND CHESS CLUB

Unfortunately Film Club and Chess Club will not be running this term,

## Payments to School

### ParentPay Polite Request

Please make all payments to school using ParentPay if at all possible. Please contact the school office if you require any further information, help or advice. Thank you.

[admin@osmotherley.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@osmotherley.n-yorks.sch.uk)

If your child is absent, please telephone or email School before 9.15am to let us know.

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**Please don't forget to inform school of any changes to your emergency contact details .**