



Osmotherley Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new academic year. I hope all of our families had a lovely summer break despite the ropery weather. Although it is frustrating that the sun has finally come out just as the children have returned to school, the first few days back have been wonderful and our new starters have been enjoying their outdoor area and have settled really well. There is a calm, happy atmosphere around the school. Everyone looks happy to be back. Hopefully they are well-rested and ready for the exciting challenges ahead.

Reading

Thank you to all the parents who supported their children with their reading, spelling and times tables recall over the holidays. Well done to the children who completed Mrs Edgeworth's reading challenge (I believe there will be prizes at the celebration assembly on Monday). We will continue to everything we can to instil a love of reading in all of our pupils this year. Not only has research shown that a love of reading is the strongest indicator of future educational success, but also books can transport us to worlds of adventure and bring us knowledge and such pleasure. We appreciate your support in helping your children to practise when they are learning to read and in sharing books and talking about books with them when they can read fluently. Every time parents or carers read with their children and sign the reading record book, their child is awarded a raffle ticket. The raffle is drawn at our Monday morning assembly and the child with the winning ticket can bring a friend to the staffroom for a hot chocolate at breaktime.

Attendance and Punctuality

Last year our attendance was 97.4 %, which is considerably higher than the national average of 94%. We are so pleased because attendance and punctuality have a huge impact on children's learning. Children who frequently miss days of school or who arrive late, miss steps in their learning which have to be caught up. Learning moves at a pace, right from Reception, so it is important to ensure that children attend if at all possible. They should stay at home if they have a high temperature or if they have had sickness or diarrhoea within the last 48 hours, but otherwise they should attend and, of course, parents and carers will be contacted if a child is not well enough to be at school. Term-time holidays are not authorised, except in exceptional circumstances, for the reasons outlined above, and the DFE plan to issue fines rather than leaving this to the discretion of headteachers.

Online Safety

At school, pupils are closely supervised when they are online and the school has installed the highest safety settings possible and internet safety is a key part of our computing and the PSHE curriculum. This year, in line with recommendations in the updated Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023, we will be monitoring internet use even more closely, including regular checking of the children's chrome books. At home, we would strongly advise parents and carers to be equally vigilant. We can never be too careful. Some useful links to support families in keeping their children safe online can be found on the e-safety page (bottom of the home page) on the school website <http://osmotherley.n-yorks.sch.uk/useful-links/e-safety/>.

Ofsted

We were delighted by the feedback from the inspectors after their visit in the summer term and, although it is a relief to have that behind us for now, I would like to reassure you that we intend to continue our journey of improvement and strive to provide the best possible education and school experience for our children. We hope that 2023-24 will be a happy and successful year for everyone. The teachers and support staff will support your children to achieve their potential and to become kind, resilient and well-rounded citizens. Inevitably, there may be problems to solve and difficulties to overcome, but please remember, we are a team working together to help the children and if you have any questions or concerns, either phone or come in and talk to us and we will do our best to help, reassure you and address any problems.

Best wishes, Miss Bamber

DATES FOR DIARIES

Education Sunday Service St Peter's Church	Sunday 10th Sept 10.45am
Year 1/2 Fun Run	Tues 12th Sept
Film Club	Fri 15th Sept
Year 5/6 Quicksticks Hockey	Tues 26th Sept
Parent Lunch	Mon 2nd Oct
Year 3/4 Quicksticks Hockey	Tues 3rd Oct
Mobile Library	Thurs 5th Oct
Year 5/6 Tag Rugby	Tues 10th Oct
Parent Consultations	Mon 16th & Tues 17th Oct
Flu vaccinations	Weds 18th Oct
Acorns Open Morning	Thurs 19th Oct
Saplings/Oaks Open Morning	Fri 20th Oct
Year 4/5/6 Girls Football	Tues 24th Oct
FOS Halloween Disco	Weds 25th Oct
Celebration Assembly	Fri 27th Oct 9am
Break up for Half Term	Fri 27th Oct
Autumn 2 Back to School	Mon 6th Nov



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After-School Clubs



Multi sports Club

Wednesdays

3.30-4.30pm

See flyer from
SCSS for further
details.



For Breakfast Club, After-school Club and
Holiday Club bookings—contact Gill at
Osmotherley Pre-school on 01609 883168



Cookery Club

Coming Soon

Thursdays from 3.30-4.30pm.

(Let Mrs Mansfield know if you are interested)

Morning Mile

Change of Day

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday from next week!**

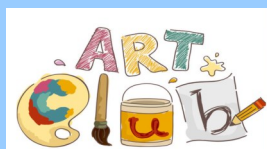
8.25 am—8.55 am

All Y1 - Y6 pupils and parents are wel-
come to join us for a run before school
(FS children can join in too if they are
accompanied by an adult).

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 .



Change of Day



Mondays 3.30-4.30pm



**New
Hoola-Hoop
Club
Fridays 3.30-
4.30pm**



Coming Soon!

**Lunchtime
Book Club
Tuesdays**



**JUNIOR FILM CLUB
15th September**

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

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

01609 883329

admin@osmotherley.n-yorks.sch.uk

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