



Osmotherley Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

Another busy term is underway and luckily we were spared the school closures that affected so many schools last week in the freezing weather. We are back into our routines after the excitement of the Christmas events and the holidays. The children returned on the 7th January, raring to go and they have impressed us with their excellent attitudes to learning. The teachers were spoilt for choice on Monday when they were picking their 'Osmotherley Good Learner of the Week'! Not a bad problem to have! Keep up the good work everyone.

Rededication of the Bells Service

Thank you to the families who attended the Rededication of the Bells Service at St Peter's Church last weekend. The Bishop of Whitby joined the service and congratulated the school children on their beautiful singing. Even though we are a community primary school, we have strong links with the church and we are always keen to take part in their community events.

Olivia's Adventure

Olivia, one of our fantastic ex-pupils, who volunteers every week at our after-school art club, is hoping to travel to Nepal with a group of students from her secondary school. They will stay with families in remote locations and help on their farms. It sounds like a real adventure and an amazing experience!

Olivia has to raise enough money to cover the cost of the travel herself. She baked some biscuits to sell at the bells service and we said that she could also sell some at school. Thank you for the donations that were sent in. Olivia is also planning a pancake party for the children in February. More information will follow. Well done, Olivia!

Attendance

I am proud to share with our families our very high average attendance of 97.4%. Poor attendance is a huge concern in schools nationally, but, despite the usual seasonal coughs, colds and tummy bugs, Osmotherley School is more than 2% above the national average of 95.1%. This shows that our children enjoy school and also that our families understand that good attendance is key for success in learning and why term-time holidays are not authorised.

Mental Health and Well-being

On the professional development day last week, all of our staff attended training on supporting children to cope with stress and anxiety. As a school, we understand the importance of mental health and well-being and we regularly talk to the children about physical and mental health as part of our PSHE curriculum. The children have been taught about the '5 ways of well-being', which are useful suggestions to try if they are feeling a bit down. The KS2 children should be able to explain what M.A.G.I.C. stands for (Do something Mindful. Be Active. Give. Be Interested. Connect with others). I am currently training to be the school's mental health leader so that I can support or signpost support for our whole school community, including staff and families.

Best wishes for a wonderful term, Miss Bamber

DATES FOR DIARIES

KS2 Cross Country	Wed 22nd Jan
Mobile Library	Thurs 23rd Jan
Forest School Acorns	Wed 22nd Jan 5th Feb
Parent Lunch	Weds 29th Jan
Acorns Open Morning	Thurs 30th Jan
Oaks/Saplings Open Morning	Fri 31st Jan
Reception Reading Meeting	Mon 10th Feb 3.45pm
Forest School KS2 TBC	Thurs 13th Feb
Celebration Assembly	Fri 14th Feb
Break Up for Half term	Fri 14th Feb
Teacher PD Day	Mon 24th Feb
Return to School	Tues 25th Feb
Forest School Acorns	Weds 5th & 19th March
Parent Consultations	Mon 3rd & 10th March
World Book Day	Thurs 6th March
Parent Lunch	Thurs 13th March
Dodgeball Y5/6	Tues 18th March
Red Nose Day	Fri 21st March
Netball Y5/6	Tues 1st April
Celebration Assembly	Fri 4th April
Break Up for Easter	Friday 4th April
Return to School	Tues 22nd April



Cross Country KS2 Next week, all of the children in Key Stage 2 will be taking part in the Northallerton Schools cross country event. The children will race against other children in their year groups from both the small and large schools in the area.

Osmotherley pupils traditionally do very well in this event—I'm not sure if that is because we have a hill instead of a playing field or if it is because of the morning mile—maybe it's a bit of both!



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After-School Clubs

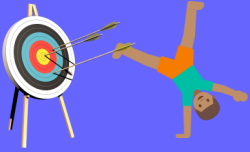


NEW
Badminton Club
Wednesdays
3.30-4.30pm

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



Unique Sports Club
Tuesdays



3.30-4.30pm

Morning Mile
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
8.25 am—8.55 am
All Y1 - Y6 pupils and parents are welcome to join us for a run before school
(EYFS children can join in after Easter).

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 .



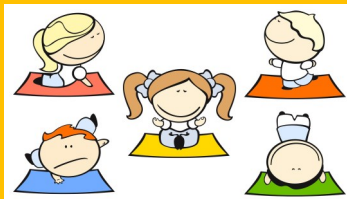
New KS2 'P4C' Club

Thursdays
3.30-4.30pm



AFTER SCHOOL ART & CRAFT CLUB

NEW Fridays
3.30-4.30pm



Yoga Club
Monday 20th & 27th January



JUNIOR FILM CLUB
Dates to follow



Lunchtime Handwriting Club
Mondays/ Wednesdays

Payments to School

Polite Request - Please make all payments to school using Arbor.

Please contact the school office if you require any further information, help or advice. Thank you.

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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 .