

Ox Close Primary School Newsletter



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Raising Money for Jude

Today has been a wonderful day in school as we have been raising funds for the amazing Jude. It was a pleasure to see everyone coming together to support him. We will announce the total amount in next week's newsletter, however we have already raised over £500. It has also been a very enjoyable day and the penalty shoot-out proved to be a big hit with the children, as well as Mr Crowther and Mr Shannon (our resident goalkeepers)!

Children's Voice

We are delighted that some children from Chester-le-Street Church of England Primary School will be visiting us on Monday to look at ways in which our children play a key part in school life. I have helped to set up a Children's Leadership Team in their school and those children are visiting and working with our Children's Leadership Team (CLT), as well as some other pupil groups. Yesterday, I was planning out the day with our CLT and it was such a pleasure to talk to them and be in their company - they are delightful. Our children are such an incredible advert for Ox Close Primary and their families.

Great Staff

It has been a very successful start to the year. The children and staff are working so hard and the dedication shown by all concerned is paying off. We are fortunate to have a staff who are so committed to achieving the very best possible outcomes for our wonderful children. Keep up the good work everyone!

Super Skipping

Yesterday, we had a Skipping Day in school, organised by Mrs Payne. Children from Key Stage 2 took part and showed fantastic skill. The organiser made comment upon how amazing our children were and on how resilient they were. She also said that the children picked up the skills so quickly. Several children are keen to continue skipping and it's a great form of exercise. There will be an opportunity for Reception and Key Stage 1 children to take part later in the year.

Bikes and Scooters

In the interests of Health and Safety, please could everyone remember not to ride bikes and scooters up the school path. Please could children sensibly push the bike/scooter along the path and then park them carefully in the shelters. We appreciate your support in ensuring that all children stay safe.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be visiting school on **Friday 11th October**. If you would like a family photograph including pre-school children, please come to the school hall for 8.15am. If you would like a family photograph including children from different classes, please let us know before 9.00am on Friday 11th.

Reception Donations

Reception class would be very grateful for donations of any waterproof trousers or jackets (aged 3-8 years) and girls grey skirts (age 4-5 years). Thank you!

Year 1 and 2 Spelling and Maths tasks

Mrs Phillips has asked us to let you know that these will be sent out next week.

Ox Close Friends Halloween Party/Disco

Please see the flyer going out today for details. Party/Disco tickets will be on sale from the school office from Monday at £3 each.

Spennymoor Town Hall Coffee Morning – Thursday 24th October 11am-1pm

The staff at Spennymoor Town would like to invite parents/carers to the Town Hall for a coffee morning. If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize then we will happily collect donations and pass them on to the Town Hall team.

Class Charts

Jack B was highest Class Charts point scorer in Reception, while our top scorer in 1/2 this week has been Will J. In Key Stage 2, Lily G scored highest in 3/4 and Allana K had the most points in 5/6.

Attendance

Class 1/2R had the highest attendance this week with 99.3%. The overall school attendance this year is 96.7% while this week it has been 95.6%. Five classes were perfectly punctual and 78 minutes were lost due to lateness. The threshold for what is termed as persistent absence has been determined as 90%. **Unfortunately, we are also unable to authorise term time holidays as we have to follow the Government and Durham County protocol. The Durham County protocol explains that penalty notices must be issued 'in instances of unauthorised holidays in term time (where the holiday gives rise to 7 days or more unauthorised absence in any period...).** The school processes absences and then the County Council pick up on unauthorised absence.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 11 th October	Phototronics – School Photos
Monday 14 th October	2pm – KS2 Harvest Festival
Thursday 17 th October	2pm – EYFS and KS1 Harvest Festival
Friday 18 th October	PM - Pirate Reward Trip
Wednesday 23 rd October	Halloween Party EYFS/KS1 3.30-4.30pm Halloween Disco KS2 5.00-6.30pm
Friday 25 th October	3:15pm School closes for half term
October Half Term	
Monday 4 th November	Children back to school
Wednesday 6 th November	PM - M and M Production – Peter Pan
Monday 18 th , Tuesday 19 th and Wednesday 20 th November	Parent Consultation Evenings
Friday 29 th November	Flu Immunisation - EYFS to Year 6
Monday 2nd December	School Closed – PD Day
Wednesday 11 th December	10am and 5pm – EYFS Christmas Production
Thursday 12 th December	10am and 5:30pm – Years 3 and 4 Christmas Carols at St Paul's Church
Tuesday 17 th December	10am and 5:30pm – Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 18 th December	10am and 5:30pm – Years 5 and 6 Christmas Production
Thursday 19 th December	AM - EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December	AM – KS2 Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December	3:15pm – School closes for Christmas holidays
Christmas Holidays	
Monday 6 th January 2020	Children back to school

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