



Ox Close Federation Newsletter

July 10th 2020



New Classes

Your child's new class will have been texted out to you today at 4pm. Following this, you will also have received a text message inviting you to join a Zoom meeting with the new class teacher next week. We do hope that the Zoom meetings will be really worthwhile and assist with transition.

September Arrangements

We have plans in place for September and these were shared with you in a letter today. Due to the ongoing pandemic, many measures will be in place to minimise risk and there will be staggered start and finish times. Details of these were made available in today's letter. We will also organise some videos which demonstrate these procedures and these will be launched in the week leading up to the return to school in September. Please rest assured that I am also risk assessing everything in school and will complete an entire new risk assessment in light of the latest Government guidance. I have also been experimenting with classroom layouts and both these and the way in which learning is organised will follow guidance and also be designed to promote welfare and rapid progress.

Transition Zoom (Nursery to Reception)

This week we are held 2 virtual transition meetings. In addition, I can confirm that we will be arranging for new starters to come into school on an appointment basis with 1 adult to see Mrs Bowman and the other staff at the end of the summer holidays. We have also arranged for a virtual tour of the classroom to be made and this will be finalised soon!

Nursery Zoom

Mrs Taylor has organised for some Zoom 'Goodbye meetings' for the Nursery children next week. I hope that lots of children and parents can take part to sign off their time at

Podcast Graduation Special

Although we can't carry out our usual end of year Celebration of Excellence events, the Ox Close Friends have kindly provided sponsorship and we will be holding a special awards podcast next week. There will be 5 £10 vouchers awarded in Nursery via staff nominations for demonstrating resilience and determination and empathy and kindness, while Reception, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 will have staff nominations for learning, 'Be the best you can be', 'Arts', 'Sport' and the Bryan Raper Outdoor Education Award.

Microsoft Teams sessions

Children from across Key Stage 2 have now had several opportunities to take part in Microsoft Teams sessions with their teachers. This has been intended to give us a trial to prepare us for possible lockdown and long term absences in the new academic year. Thank you to all of the staff for taking this on board.

Year 3 and 4 Geography on Teams

Mrs Phillips has produced a trial recorded lesson for Year 3 and 4 children on Geography. This is the lesson input and it only lasts for 10 minutes. If you are in Year 3 or 4, please do watch the lesson and have a go at the activity if you feel up to it. Thank you to Mrs Phillips for organising this. I know that Mrs Shepherd is working on a Geography lesson for Year 5 and 6.

Virtual Graduation-Year 6

We will hold our Virtual Graduation for the Year 6 children on Wednesday 15th July at 5.30pm. I am delighted that the staff will be taking part in this as it is important that the children mark what is an important time. I am also thrilled that we will be joined by Dave Stone, the Whitworth Park Headteacher, the Ox Close Chair of Governors, Pam Sneath and Alfie S, the Children's Champion. The Ox Close Friends will also be represented and they have bought hoodies for the children, which we will give out before the Graduation event. In addition, we will also be holding an afternoon tea for the Year 6s within their bubbles and offering a takeout service for those Year 6 children who are not currently attending school.

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