



Ox Close Federation Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2022 - Volume 1

Her Majesty The Queen

Today Ox Close Federation has joined the rest of the country in mourning the sad loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Over the course of today, the children have made and painted flowers, which will be displayed on windows in Nursery and School. We have also held a period of silence. Next week, we will hold an assembly and events to celebrate the life of an extraordinary and inspirational Queen.

Welcome Back

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone back to Nursery and School after the summer break. We have had a busy start to the year and we have many exciting things planned. It has been great to see the children settling into life in school and in Nursery too and fabulous to catch up with them all. I would also like to welcome all of the new starters, both children and staff alike. It is a terrific team that we have across the Federation. Good luck goes to Mrs Phillips, who is now Assistant Executive Headteacher, Mrs Jackson, who is School Business Manager, Miss Muldowney who has joined the Nursery team as an Early Years Practitioner, Mrs Woods who has moved to Nursery to teach for the year, Miss James, who is teaching Y1/2, Mr Webb, who is teaching in Y3/4 and Mr Cummings, who is teaching Year 5. We are hoping for a more normal year and are all looking forward to creating partnerships with parents and families over the course of the year.

SeeSaw

SeeSaw is the platform we use as a way of sharing the children's learning. I know from talking to lots of parents and carers, you all love seeing what your child has been up to and that it promotes lots of discussion at home about learning. This will also be how we communicate information messages and newsletters with you and it is also a method in which you can communicate with the staff. Please note that this platform is not monitored continuously so urgent messages must still be communicated through the main office.



Class	PE Day
RC – Mr Crowther	Wednesday
RP – Mrs Paxton	Wednesday
1/2B – Mrs Bowman	Thursday
1/2J – Miss James	Friday
1/2R – Miss Robson and Mrs Elliott	Friday
3/4D – Miss Day	Tuesday
3/4T - Miss Todd	Tuesday - Swimming
3/4W – Mr Webb	Thursday
5C – Mrs Cox	Thursday
5R – Mr Cummings	Monday
6P – Mrs Payne	Tuesday
6S – Mrs Shepherd	Wednesday

Paperless Newsletters

This will be the final paper version of the newsletter and from next week we will be moving to sharing the newsletter on Seesaw only. We believe that this will be a more efficient way of sharing our key news. If anyone has difficulties then the office will be able to print a paper copy upon request. Thank you.

PE at Ox Close

After the success over the last two years, rather than children keeping their PE kits in school and getting changed for PE, we have allocated each class a PE day where the children can come to school in their PE clothes. Please note that children must come to school wearing the PE uniform – a letter is being sent with this newsletter from Mrs Payne which has more information.

Good Luck Mrs Pickering

I would like to wish Mrs Pickering all the best in her retirement. Mrs Pickering was Nursery caretaker for over 17 years and she retired at the end of the summer. Good luck to her, as well as the other Nursery stalwarts: Mrs Heron and Mrs Taylor.

Parent Support

Miss Bewick, our Parent Support Advisor, is available to offer support. She can be contacted via the school office or on 07584072973 and can also be emailed: r.bewick300@oxclosespennymoor.uk.

Open Events

We have been planning out open days for prospective parents in both Nursery and School. I am delighted that we will be able to have parents in during the day so that they can see how things run for themselves. Full details will follow shortly.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 30 th September	ENRICHED Colour Run
Monday 10 th , Tuesday 11 th and Wednesday 12 th October	Parent Consultation Evenings
Tuesday 18 th October	Phototronics
Friday 21 st October	Break up for the Half Term Break
Monday 31 st October	Children back to school
Tuesday 1 st November	PM - M and M Production – Jack and the Beanstalk
Wednesday 9 th November	Flu Immunisation - EYFS to Year 6

D Harrison (Executive Headteacher)

A Bowden (Deputy Executive Headteacher)

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