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4th September 2009

Welcome back to a new school year we hope you've all had an enjoyable summer. This is a new beginning for many of us at the school and I am really excited at what we will achieve together in the year ahead and beyond.

As well as welcoming our new starters in Bronte class we also have a new Deputy Head, Mrs Kathrine Nutting, a new class teacher in Lister class, Miss Longstaff, and of course myself. We have all been made to feel very welcome and everyone is helping us to settle in and find our way around the school.

On Wednesday our staff training day focussed on looking to the future. We spent the morning developing a 'vision' for the children and the school. We then spent time looking at how we can work with the children, parents and the community to achieve this vision and in the process achieve the 'Investors in Pupils' award. The children have started their work for this already and we hope to successfully achieve the award in the summer term.

This is my first Oxenhope newsletter and it is my intention to communicate with you in this way on a weekly basis. If for some reason you do not receive a Friday newsletter then you will be able to view one on our website www.oxenhopeprimary.org.uk

Start of the school day

From Monday we will be opening the school doors at 8:45 am each morning. This is to allow the children into their classrooms to prepare themselves for their lessons.

We would ask that parents of children in Bronte, Lister and Hockney class accompany their children into the classroom and help them settle in before the register is taken at 8:55 am. Children in all other classes can come into the building unaccompanied and will be met by their teacher in the classroom. If your child is in one of these classes and you need to speak with your child's teacher before or after school please feel free to come in and see them via the main entrance. Teachers will be able to spare a limited amount of time to speak with you but if you feel you need longer please feel free to make an appointment with them at a mutually convenient time. Can I also remind you that my door is always open to you all.

School officially begins at 8:55 am. I have asked Mr Armstrong to ensure that all external doors are locked by 9:00 am. If you are running a little bit late and arrive after this time please enter the building through the main entrance.

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Meet the teachers

The teachers will be holding a series of information evenings in school very soon. These events are an opportunity for you and your child to find out more about the year ahead and give you the opportunity to ask teachers any questions you may have. If you have a child in Bronte, Lister or Hockney this will take place on Monday 14th September at 6:00 pm. For all other classes this will take place on Wednesday 16th September at 6:00 pm. We hope that you can all come along.

Friday celebration assemblies

Traditionally Friday's collective worship has been an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our children. From September 18th we would like to invite you to join us so you can share in this celebration. The assembly will start at approximately 9:05 am each Friday. Hopefully you will be able to join us for some of these through the year. Please note that there will not be a Celebration event on 2nd October as the Hall will be in use.

Breakfast with God

Your child will have been given a letter about this very popular before school club which takes place each Friday. If you would like your child to take part in this please could you return the slip and payment to school by Tuesday morning.

Friends of Oxenhope Primary School

As many of you know the Friends of Oxenhope do a tremendous job in organising events which add both to the life of our school and to help the school to fund many exciting developments. They will be meeting in school on Monday 14th September at 8:00 pm to discuss the year ahead. This is an open meeting for parents and friends to come along and find out more and enjoy a glass of wine. See you all there!

Dinner money

This half terms dinner money will be 7 weeks & 2 days. £1.40 per day. £7.00 per week. £51.80 for the half term. Please make cheques payable to Bradford Council

Milk Money

If your child is in year 1 or 2 they are entitled to milk at a cost of £6.50 per term. Your child will have received a letter about this yesterday or today. Please reply by Tuesday 8th September.

School uniform

Many of the children are sporting bright new school uniform. Please could we ask you to make sure that these items have your child's name in them. We still have a great deal of lost property left in school. If your child has lost any items we will be displaying them in the Hall after school on Wednesday 9th September. Any items left in school after this time will be distributed to charities.

Swimming

Priestley class will begin their swimming lessons from Monday. Please could parents ensure that the children have their costumes and towels in a separate waterproof bag.

Sponsored walk

We can now tell you that the Sponsored walk raised £1448.01. Well done to you all and many thanks with your help in supporting this worthwhile charity.

Secondary Schools admissions

Children from Macmillan class have been given information about applying for a Secondary School place for September 2010. If you have any questions about the form or admissions arrangements please feel free to come into school. You can apply by completing the form and handing it in at school or by completing the form online. Please note the closing date for admission forms is 20th October. If you are applying via the form please could you make sure that it comes into school before this date so we can be sure it is submitted on time.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Burns
Headteacher

Dates and times

Wednesday 9th September – Lost property in the Hall from 3:00 pm.
Monday 14th September – Bronte, Lister, Hockney Class meeting from 6:00 pm.
Monday 14th September – Friends of Oxenhope School meeting from 8:00 pm.
Wednesday 16th September – Butterfield, Devonshire, Priestley, Macmillan meeting from 6:00pm
Friday 25th September – School Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church from 1:30 pm.
Sunday 27th September – St Mary's Church Harvest Festival.
Monday 28th September – Netball league begins at Holy Family School.
Wednesday 30th September – After schools Football coaching starts for 10 weeks.
Wednesday 30th September – Bradford Schools cross country event at Bradford and Bradford and Bingley rugby club.
October 5th – Book week.
Wednesday 14th October – Individual photographs.

Friday 23rd October – School closed for half term.

Monday 2nd November – Wednesday 4th November – Life caravan in school.
Tuesday 3rd November – Parents evening 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm.
Wednesday 4th November – Parents evening 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm.
Sunday 8th November – Remembrance service at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 12th November – Oxenhope open afternoon from 1:30 pm.
Monday 16th November – Netball league at Holy Family.

Monday 30th November – School closed for staff training day.

Friday 4th December – Friends of Oxenhope Christmas coffee morning.
Monday 7th December – School choir to attend Young voices at MEN Manchester.
Thursday 10th December – Bronte, Lister, Hockney nativity performances 2:00 pm and 6 p.m.
Sunday 13th December – Lights of Love at Manorlands from 4:00pm.
Friday 18th December – Christmas service at St Mary's Church at 9:30 am.
Friday 18th December – School closes for Christmas.