



PARISH CHURCH OF  
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OXENHOPE

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## Church of England Primary School

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9<sup>th</sup> October

Dear Parents/Carers

Many apologies for the disruption that occurred on Wednesday. Hopefully nothing like that will occur again although I know you will all appreciate the need for us to be cautious in what could have been potentially a very serious situation.

The investigation into the suspected gas leak took until mid afternoon to complete and everything was found to be safe.

Could I thank those of you who stayed out on the playground with the staff and children while Mrs Leng, Mr Armstrong and myself had dealt with the initial procedures. Could I also thank the children who were left in the new part of the school for behaving so well in the circumstances, and of course the staff who were all brilliant!

Please could I ask you all to make sure that we have at least two **up to date** contact telephone numbers in case of emergencies in the future.

### Book week

The children and staff looked fantastic dressed as their favourite book characters yesterday. You should all be able to enjoy our whole school story "Little Red Riding Socks" that every class has contributed to. Thank you to Mrs Attwood for co-ordinating this work. All the children took part in a book quiz in our library. Thank you to Mrs Nutting for organising this for us all.

### Dedication Service

As I mentioned last week, on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October you are all invited to a special service to celebrate 160 years of prayer and praise at St Mary's Church.

The service starts at 10 am and will be followed by a Buffet lunch. See you all there.

### Netball

Well done to all the children who played the first games in this years netball league. The competition is becoming more and more popular with other local schools and as a result the staff and children were at Holy Family School until quite late. Mrs Driver has said we have been promised earlier games in the next round of games.

### Do you know anyone with a child who is due to start school in September 2010?

We will be holding an open afternoon for parents who have children who will be in Reception class next September. The afternoon will be an opportunity for prospective parents to drop into school and talk to myself and staff and to look around the school. The event will start at 1:30 pm on and run until 6:30 pm.

### School timetable

I have been asked by a parent to clarify some of the timings of our school day. This year we have split the morning into one long session and one shorter session. The reason for this is to ensure that teachers can timetable daily guided reading sessions and have an appropriate amount of time for Literacy and Numeracy lessons.

At the moment this means that children have their morning break at 10:55 am until 11:10 am. Bronte, Lister and Hockney go for lunch at midday with the rest of the school breaking for lunch at 12:15.

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## **Parents evenings**

These will be taking place the week after half term. In order for us to allocate everyone time slots we will be sending letters home next week. Please return your slips as soon as possible so we can let you know your times before half term.

## **Individual photos**

The photographer will be in school next Wednesday morning 14<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and family group photos. All children in school will have their photos taken. These are taken on a sale or return basis. If you have a pre school child and you wish to have their photo taken with a sibling in school, this will be happening at 9 o'clock in the school hall.

## **Jumble sale/ Bags 4 Schools**

There is a jumble sale in the Hall this evening from 6:30 pm. Following this the Friends of Oxenhope School have arranged 'Bags 4 Schools' to make a collection on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. If you have any old clothes, textiles, etc please could you bring these to school on Thursday morning and leave in the shed next to the car park.

The school will be paid an amount of money for this which will help to fund our upcoming exciting projects.

## **School Uniform**

Mrs Leng will be sending in a school uniform order next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October, if you wish to order any uniform please call into the office for an order form.

## **Vandalism**

I am afraid we have had a couple of incidents of vandalism recently. The playground fence has been damaged and will be costing the school a substantial amount of money to repair. Also Mr Armstrong had to clean some graffiti from the school notice board. Both incidents have been reported to the Police. If you see any anti social behaviour occurring on school premises I would appreciate it if you could let us know in school and contact the Bingley Neighbourhood Policing Team on 01274 475331. Many thanks for your support with this.

## **Star award winners**

Bronte:	Jack Peel, Matilda Labbett
Lister:	George Ellis, Niamh Wells
Hockney:	Naomi Smith, Jamie Whitters
Butterfield:	Ciaran Bartlett, Ruby Simpson
Devonshire:	Harvey Meek, Katie Barber
Priestley:	James Bairstow, Steven Mercer
Macmillan:	Lucy Tetley, Thomas Bolam-Peel

## **Lunchtime superstars**

Joshua Bartlett, Nuala McAleavy, Isobel Gomersall

**Attendance winners** - Hockney class

Enjoy the weekend!

Yours sincerely  
Mr D Burns - Headteacher