



# Oxenhope

## Church of England Primary School

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10<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Dear Parents/Carers

Recently many of our classes have been lucky enough to visit Challenge College in Bradford to use their facilities and expertise to carry out a variety of exciting ICT projects.

All the children and staff have come back from their sessions excited and rightly proud of their achievements. We envisage ICT will continue to have a high profile within our new curriculum that we are developing for the rest of this academic year into next year and beyond. As you know we now have in excess of twenty netbooks, a newly installed wireless network as well as the desktop computers that we have in school.

### **Family Learning ICT course cancelled**

This course was due to start today, however due to a lack of numbers we have had to cancel this. Please accept my apologies for this.

### **School Budget**

Our new communal displays reflect our recent work investigating the school budget. The children have been learning about the importance of looking after our school, its resources and making the most of the learning opportunities that the school provides.

They have investigated the cost of lessons, looked at the proportions of the budget that are spent on everything we need and everyone now knows how much the school spends on paper towels every year!

This latest work forms part of our work towards achieving the 'Investor's in Pupils award'.

### **Before and After School Club**

Over half term we will have contractors in the building to refurbish the ICT suite and transform this area into a multi purpose school library/ teaching area/ before and after school club.

This work will be paid for through the schools government capital funding plus a contribution from the Friends of Oxenhope C.E Primary School.

We anticipate this work will take between two to three weeks to complete with the majority of this taking place in the holiday period. We anticipate some minor disruption which I will make you aware of nearer the time.

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### **Oxenhope C.E Primary School in the news**

If you haven't seen this yet we feature in this weeks Keighley news. The article can also be viewed via the papers website.

Many thanks to Mr Anthony Bennett, our Chair of Governors, for liaising with the paper to put the article together. Hopefully we will feature more and more in the future as we intend to share the good work of the school with our local community.

### **Theft of lead from the school roof**

Unfortunately on Tuesday night a large quantity of lead was stolen from the school roof. The work to make the building water tight is estimated to cost in excess of £2500. Needless to say the contractors will not be using lead to repair the damage this time as we want to do everything that we can to deter further damage to our building.

Mr Armstrong has also reported some other damage to the premises as a result of anti social behaviour. I would urge you all to report any suspicious activity around the building to the local police or to forward your concerns to school so we can do everything we can to deter any further damage to our wonderful school.

Many thanks for your support with this.

### **Football club development**

I have been asked by Oxenhope Football Club to inform you of some work that will be starting on the lower football pitch very soon.

The club has secured a grant to upgrade this pitch to secure first team football in the village again which is great news. However, the work will involve contractors using some heavy construction vehicles which you and the children need to be aware of. Please ensure that the children stay away from this area whilst these works take place.

### **Class structure for 2010 – 2011**

Very soon you will receive a letter from the school which will outline the schools class structure from September 2010. As part of keeping you informed of school development we would like to invite you all to a parent's information evening on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 6:00 pm.

During the evening there will be presentations from all the members of the schools Senior Management Team. There will also be a presentation from Mr Sam Adams who will be reporting on aspects of the work he has been helping the school to implement over the past few months.

There will be an opportunity for you to speak to myself, Mrs Nutting, Mr Parkin and members of the Governing Body who will be available to answer any questions you may have.

We hope that you are all able to join us.

### **Lister Class Assembly**

On last weeks newsletter I forgot to congratulate Lister Class on their wonderful assembly. Many thanks to all the children, Miss Longstaff and Miss Smales who told us about all the amazing things that are going on in their class, or as I call it 'the garden centre'. They are certainly learning lots about plants and growth at the moment. Keep up the good work.

**Stars of the week**

Bronte - Maisy Booth

Lister - Jack Burns

Hockney - Naomi Smith

Butterfield - Amelia Nichols

Devonshire - Sophie Smith

Priestley - Harvey Wynn

MacMillan - Chris Tate

**Lunchtime superstars** - Maisy McManus, Ryan Gill, Sunny Bains, Sophie Tankard

**Attendance award winners** - Lister, Priestley, MacMillan

Yours sincerely

Mr D Burns (Headteacher)