



PARISH CHURCH OF  
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OXENHOPE

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## Church of England Primary School

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11<sup>th</sup> June 2010

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back for the final half term of this academic year. The diary is full to bursting with many exciting things for us all to look forward to. Let's hope we get some wonderful weather to complement all our summer events. Hopefully the weather will have behaved itself for the Hockney class visit to Blackpool sea life centre which has taken place today.

### **Building work**

The refurbishment of what was the ICT suite will be completed today. This area will be used as our library, before and after school club base and an extra teaching area. The existing library area will become a Key Stage 2 cloakroom from September. All our desktop computers are now located in the classrooms giving the children a greater opportunity to use them in all areas of their learning. This work has been funded with some of the schools capital buildings funding. A significant contribution from the Friends of Oxenhope to help the school to cover the 10% contribution Voluntary Aided Church schools must provide to access this funding. A huge thank you to all the 'Friends' and to all of you for supporting their fundraising events.

### **'The Oxenhope World Cup.'**

Some of the children in Macmillan/Priestley class are holding a 'World cup event' next Friday. They are hoping to raise money for Manorlands hospice through the 'mind your own business' project that they have been involved in throughout this year. They intend to hold a penalty shoot out competition for children in Bronte, Lister and Hockney in the morning. During the afternoon there will be a 5 a side competition for children in Butterfield, Devonshire, Priestley and Macmillan classes. Every child entering will represent one of the World Cup nations with the winning teams winning prizes. The cost of entering the competition is £1 and children entering can come to school wearing football shirts. They will need to have PE kit to change into, including trainers or pumps. If your child would like to enter this charity event then please complete the slip below and return it along with £1 to school before next Wednesday.

In addition to this the kitchen staff will be preparing a special 'World Cup lunch' on the same day.

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### **Class photographs**

These will be taken in school on Monday. Please could you ensure your child comes in appropriate school clothing. I have spoken to a number of children about wearing white trainers and a range of fashionable accessories which are not part of school dress. I would be interested to hear your views on school uniform when we look at reviewing our school uniform policy later on this term. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **New clubs**

Please note that the Journalist club, Choir and athletics club will commence this coming Wednesday straight after school until 4:15 pm.

### **Fun in the playground**

To celebrate the opening of Oxenhope's fantastic new playground the Parish Council and Bradford Council are holding a celebration event.

This will take place in the playground from 3:30 pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. All of our children will be provided with a ticket/ voucher which will entitle them to a free ice cream. See you all there!

### **Assessment week**

Children in Lister, Butterfield, Devonshire and Priestley classes will be carrying out assessments in reading, writing and maths next week. It is important that all the children have an opportunity work through these assessments as these complement the teacher's assessments and allow us to prepare for the next academic year. If you would like any further information about the assessments please see your child's teacher or feel free to speak to me.

### **Lead theft from the school roof**

Unfortunately we had further damage and theft of lead from the school roof over the half term break. Thieves visited the school twice over the period. The majority of the damage has been repaired and the school should now be water tight thanks to the contractor changing his work schedule to make this work his priority. I would also like to thank Mr Brian Armstrong for taking care of organising repairs and liaising with myself and the police.

### **Free school meals pilot cancelled**

Many of you will have seen this week's news about the government withdrawing the offer of free school meals for all Primary school children in Bradford. This is hugely disappointing for everyone, however the invitation for you to come into school and have lunch with your child/ children still stands. The cost of the meal will be £1.45 and we hope you can all come along to sample the food and atmosphere. Dates Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2010.

## **School Meals**

Dinner money for this half term will be 6 weeks & 2 days £46.40 in total, please make cheques payable to Bradford Council.

## **School Uniform**

Mrs Leng will be placing an order with our supplier ready for September, the final date to order enabling delivery for September will be **July 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please call into the school office for an order form.

## **Important dates for the half term**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Class photographs

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Devonshire class visit to Sikh Gurdwara

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June – World Cup event in aid of Manorlands hospice

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 6 Netball tournament at Parkside

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June – September 2010 Reception class intake parents information evening .

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Oxenhope playground opening event.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Transition days for children to spend in their new classes.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Oxenhope's got talent event.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Lister class visit to Tropical World in Leeds. Year 6 transition day for pupils transferring to Oakbank and Parkside.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Annual leavers service for Macmillan class at Bradford Cathedral.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Sports day from 1:30 pm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Reserve date for Sports day

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Key Stage 2 performance 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Leavers Church Service at St Mary's from 9:30 am.

Have a good weekend.

Mr D Burns (Head teacher)

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I would like my child to take part in the World Cup event on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

Name of child; \_\_\_\_\_

Class; \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose £1 entry fee.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ parent/carer

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**Invitation to school lunch**

Name of child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to join my child/ children for school lunch on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July/ Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**New clubs starting Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to take part in (please tick one of the options).

Athletics club for Y2/ Y3 ( )

Choir ( )

Journalist club for Y4,5,6 ( )

Child's medical needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardians signature: \_\_\_\_\_