



Oxenhope

Church of England Primary School

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE



15th January, 2010

Dear parents

Hopefully you will all be finding getting around a little easier at the moment. Once again I can only apologise for the closure of the school on Monday. Again I must thank all the staff as every one of them was prepared to make the journey into school even though the road conditions were extremely treacherous.

This week's hero of the week has to be Mrs Fiona Green who, with the support of many staff members, was able to cook school lunch on her own on Wednesday.

Winter clothing and PE kit

Earlier on this week I spoke to all the children about taking care to hang coats, hats, scarves and gloves on their pegs in the cloakrooms. I also asked them to make sure they leave their outdoor footwear tidily underneath their pegs.

I have been very impressed by their efforts and our 'wardens' in ensuring that they do this. However, please could I ask you to make sure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled in case it becomes lost.

We have had reports from some parents that items have been lost at school, some with names in. Please could I ask you to check the clothing your child has brought home. If you find they have someone else's clothing could I ask you to return it to school. We have had similar issues with items of PE kit so could I also ask you the label these items and return any kit which may not belong to your child.

Thank you for your support with this.

Newsletters and individual writing targets

Along with this newsletter your child should have brought this term's newsletter and their personal curricular writing targets home with them. Can I apologise for the quality of the printing. We are waiting for the maintenance engineers to help us to rectify this problem. If you have any questions about these items please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

School clubs

Art club with Mrs Dyson and Tai Kwando with Mrs Mercer have both taken place this week. Hopefully the weather will continue to improve so we can continue to run these clubs on a weekly basis. Football club with 'Pro skills' coaching will start next Wednesday as will choir with Miss Taylor.

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Creative writing week

Next week we will be running a 'creative writing' week for all classes. On Tuesday each class will be working with poet Andy Tooze and on Wednesday the 'Story Magic' Theatre will be performing Pinocchio to the whole school.

The children will be using these as a stimulus for some writing which we will be sharing with you at a later date.

Writing will continue to be a whole school focus for the rest of this term and teachers will be awarded bi-weekly certificates to children for exceptional pieces of work.

Investor's in Pupils update

The children are currently investigating the roles and responsibilities of the many different groups of people who work in school to help them with their learning.

They are interviewing their chosen people with the aim of producing some informative communal displays for the rest of us to learn from.

Classes will also be reporting back to the whole school through a series of assemblies. This work is an important part of our aim of becoming an Investor's in Pupils school.

Before and after school care

I mentioned in my last newsletter before Christmas that we intend to start a before and after school club from September 2010. As part of our planning work I asked those of you who would be interested in sending your children to this to complete a slip and return it to school. We have had a great deal of interest from parents already but I appreciate that many of you may have missed this information or forgotten about it over that particular busy time of the year.

If you think you would be interested in sending your child please could you complete the slip and return this to school as soon as possible. Just for your information it is our intention to offer this from 7:30 am each morning up until 6:00 pm each evening during term time.

Achievement awards

Stars of the week

Bronte – Charlie McManus

Lister – Ellie Lambert

Hockney – Matthew Reynard

Butterfield – William Hahn

Devonshire – Isobel Lloyd-Owen

Priestley – Harvey Wynn

Macmillan – Karanjit Bains

Due to the interruption caused by this week's weather we have not awarded the weekly attendance award. Also, the kitchen staff feel unable to award Lunchtime superstar certificates for the same reason. Normal service will hopefully resume next week!

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Burns (Headteacher)

Oxenhope C.E Primary School before and after school club.

Name of child/ children: _____

Class: _____

We would be interested in using the club on the following days: _____
