



Oxenhope

Church of England Primary School

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE



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Dear Parents/Carers

This term has got busier and busier as the weeks have passed by. Today we said farewell to our fantastic Year 6 children. They enjoyed their 'Leavers Service' at Church this morning and this evening they will be enjoying their 'Prom night' at the Community Centre. I have to say they have been an incredible bunch who have been a real credit to the school, their parents and themselves all year. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing them the best of luck for the future and we all look forward to hearing about their success in the next stage of their education.

We also said goodbye to Mrs King, Miss Crolla and Mrs Guy. I would like to thank them for their continued commitment to the children and the school during the time they have been with us. Again, I'm sure you will all wish them the best of luck for the future.

Ancient Greece the musical

Our two performances took place on Monday and were extremely entertaining. Well done to all the cast (every child in Key Stage 2) and of course Mr Parkin and the all the staff who helped the children to rehearse, design and make scenery and put together authentic Ancient Greek costumes. The performance highlighted the amount of excellent team work that has taken place all year in our school.

Mind your own business

On Tuesday we were visited by the fundraising team from Manorlands hospice who came into school to thank the children from Year 5 and Year 6 for raising money through taking part in the annual 'mind your own business' enterprise competition. Collectively the children raised £591 from an investment of £80 from Manorlands. Our most successful team was made up of Rhianna Thomas, Abigail Powell, Alice Mellors and Ester Cameron who raised over £200 from making advent wreaths, Valentines Day goodies and organising the 'Oxenhope World Cup'. Well done to everyone for working together to support a very important local charity.

A big thank you to our outgoing School Councillors

I would like to mention all of our outgoing School Councillors who have been marvellous ambassadors for our school all year. They have contributed to a wide range of school improvements and become more active in school as the year has progressed. Recently they met with the newly elected School Councillors to write an 'action plan' for the year ahead.

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They have identified developing our school playground as a priority for the next academic year and they will be researching playgrounds, consulting with the rest of the children about what they would like to see on the playground and organising fund raising activities to pay for these.

Our oldest School Councillors enjoyed a morning of 'ten pin bowling' to reward all their hard work. They were accompanied by Mrs Dyson and I would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment in supporting the children all year.

Yorkshire 3 Peaks Sponsored Walk

Mr Anthony Bennett, our Chair of Governors, is organising a sponsored walk for adults following the Yorkshire 3 Peaks route on Saturday 9 October. He already has 20 people signed-up (including me, Mr Parkin and Mrs Nutting!) and anyone connected to the school is welcome to join us! More details will be made available in September but if you want to take part you can start getting sponsors over the summer by using one of the attached forms. It's not intended to be a race - but it will certainly be a challenge! All sponsorship money raised will go towards redeveloping the playgrounds next year, something the School Council have identified as one of their main priorities.

Before and After School Club

I am pleased to say that we have had a great response so far - we have also appointed Mrs Karen Kinnaird to be the Assistant Playworker - she will be working in the Club every morning. We are averaging just over 10 children per session for next term which is a fantastic start. Tuesday afternoons are almost full most weeks and completely full (with 16 children) on 21 September, 28 September and 12 October. There are spaces available on all other days though. If you are interested but haven't booked yet please download the Registration Forms from our website www.oxenhopeprimary.org.uk and then email the Governors' Committee on governors@oxenhopeprimary.org.uk to arrange where to send your form to over the summer. The Committee are sorting out the set up of the club in readiness for Mrs Donna Marcroft, the Club Manager, starting full-time in September. If you have applied but haven't received your reservation confirmation letter and invoice please email the Committee as above.

And this years winning house team are Blue

And finally.....

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for all your support throughout the year. I have been really impressed by the amount of commitment you and the community of Oxenhope have shown to the school. We are extremely fortunate to have enthusiastic, motivated and well behaved children who are a joy to work with. The school has made so much progress in so many areas and the year ahead promises to be extremely exciting too.

Have a brilliant summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 7th September.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Burns (Headteacher)