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OXENHOPE

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## Church of England Primary School

*BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE*



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Wow what a week! The term has got busier and busier. Lister had a very successful visit to Eureka in Halifax yesterday. As well as learning lots and lots and having a great deal of fun staff told me that a number of other adults commented about the wonderful behaviour of all the children. I rewarded the class with a large amount of pasta for this, and because they brought me a present back.

Speaking of pasta, Bronte class are our first class to fill up their jars! This afternoon they have been enjoying a cinema afternoon as reward for all their hard work and super behaviour. Macmillan/ Priestley Class have also filled their jars and have enjoyed their reward too. I wonder what they will aim for next.

### Family Learning

This morning some parents and their children were able to enjoy an 'arts and animation' family learning taster session. This took place in school under the guidance of an external tutor. I will be writing to you all very soon to invite you to join in other opportunities. These may take place during the school day or after school. Hopefully many more of you will be able to join in with these activities.

### Operation Christmas child

Mrs Nutting introduced this year's shoe box appeal in assembly earlier on this week. You will have received a letter about the types of things you can place into the boxes. Please could you bring shoeboxes into school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Hopefully we will have lots of boxes to send away to children in either Eastern Europe or Africa.

### DCSF Early years buddying project

Mrs Nutting had some very exciting news last week. She had been asked by the Early Years Team in Bradford if our school would like to join an innovative Early Years project. This project will involve the school developing outstanding provision for children in Bronte and Lister class. All the teachers will receive free training and the school will receive a wide range of resources to help provide even more exciting activities for the children. All of this is geared towards making our school a 'model school' for this type of education in the Keighley area. The training for staff starts after half term so watch this space!

### Life caravan

This will be located in the school car park from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Each class will spend approximately 1 hour in the caravan learning about 'healthy lifestyles'. Parents are invited to enter the caravan and find out more from 3:00 pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Bonfire night

The annual St Mary's church bonfire will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November behind the church. This event is free to all, although members of the church will be asking for donations to cover the cost of the firework display. Traditional bonfire refreshments will also be available.

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The PCC have asked that no fireworks (including sparklers) are brought to the event. It all gets underway at 6.30 p.m. see you there.

### **Tae-Kwando**

Mrs Driver sent a lesson home this week about Tae-Kwando lessons for children in Year 1 and year 2. These sessions will be run by Mrs Jodie Mercer and take place on Thursday's after school and have been funded through the Oakbank sports partnership. Mrs Mercer hopes to be able to offer sessions to older children in the not too distant future.

### **Parents evening's**

I have asked Mrs Leng to attach a short parental questionnaire that may help you to prepare some points you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher. As a school we would also find your written comments helpful in order to improve how we work in partnership with you to support your child's learning. Please could you bring these along with you when you meet with the teacher. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **School Cleaner**

We would like to thank Lisa for her hard work over the 1.1/2 years and wish her well in her new job.

### **Star of the week awards**

Bronte	-	Coby Ellis
Lister	-	Nuala McLeavy
Hockney	-	Stan Lawler
Butterfield	-	Eleanor Vickerstaff
Devonshire	-	Oliver Crabtree/Alex Bennett
Priestley	-	Kournai Hahn
Macmillan	-	Zak Reeday

**Lunchtime superstars** - Paul Mercer, Steven Mercer, Elizabeth Denby, Zoe Bennett

**Attendance winners** - Lister

School reopens Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Have a good week.

Mr D Burns