



Oxenhope

Church of England Primary School

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE



28th May 2010

Dear Parents/Carers

Many thanks to all of you who were able to attend the parent's information evening on Tuesday evening. I hope you were all able to see how much progress the school has made since September and gain an understanding of how we will be working hard to design our new school curriculum for all of our children for the future.

If you were unable to attend the meetings and would like to find out more then please feel free to contact me at school.

Reception Class moderation

Earlier on this week we were visited by two early years consultants to review the quality of provision in Bronte class. All Foundation stage class settings, such as our Reception class, are subject to this on a rolling programme nationally.

The purpose of the moderation is to observe the practice that is in place, to quality assure the judgments the school is making about every child's progress in this setting and to make recommendations of how to further improve the provision for the future.

I am pleased to inform you that the outcome from the process was very positive. The moderators found the provision for the children to be of a high standard and they were particularly complimentary about the systems in place, the accuracy of the assessment judgments and the quality of the interaction between the adults and the children.

I would like to say a huge well done to Miss Hewitt, Mrs Kinnaird, Miss Dawson, Mrs Nutting and our regular helpers who all work so hard to ensure that our Reception children have such a great start to their Oxenhope school careers.

Super man!

Did you know that we have a world class triathlete in our school? Mr Parkin enjoys nothing more than a very long bike ride, a strenuous run and swimming in freezing cold open water! And he loves it!

He is really looking forward to his summer break this year when he will be enjoying the weather and beautiful surroundings of Alp D'huez in the French Alps. He won't be relaxing though, he will be competing. He has asked the governing body if the school would support him in his efforts by sponsoring him to raise money for the school to purchase more ICT hardware. I am sure many of you will want to sponsor his efforts and we will be sending out further details of how you can do this after the half term break. If you have any links with local businesses who you know may be interested in supporting his efforts we would also love to hear from you.

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Cricket

On a very hot Monday afternoon some of our Year 4 and Year 3 children took part in the Drax cup kwik cricket competition at Keighley cricket club. The children had a really enjoyable afternoon winning two out of their three games. Well done to all the team.

ICT days out

Macmillan class spent two really enjoyable days at Challenge College this week. Over the two days they have produced CD's and learnt to manipulate digital images producing some very effective pieces of work.

Building work taking place

Over the half term break there will be contractors carrying out work in the school building. This work will take approximately two weeks to complete. This will mean there will be disruption to the way the school operates as contractors carry out refurbishment work in the ICT suite.

Please be aware of this as access into school will be limited at the start and the end of the school day. Butterfield class will need to enter the building via the entrance used by the other Key Stage 2 classes during this period.

Asda vouchers

Your child will have been given a voucher for a free child's activity session. These can be used at a wide variety of centres. To locate an activity enter www.ASDA.com/freeactivities or call 0844 335 6408.

New clubs after half term

The last Tae Kwando club took place last night. I would like to thank Mrs Mercer for running this club for a large part of this year.

The following three clubs will start in the week commencing Monday 14th June. These will be;

Year 2 and 3 athletics club on Wednesday after school, Choir, also on Wednesday and Journalist club which will take place each Wednesday starting on the 16th June.

If your child would like to take part in one of these clubs then please complete and return the permission slip attached to this letter.

Breakfast with God

There will be **no** Breakfast with God on the first Friday back after the break Friday 11th June.

Invite for lunch

In last weeks newsletter I mentioned that we would be offering parents the opportunity to have lunch with your child in preparation for the school taking part in the free school meals pilot which starts in September 2010.

Due to a slight change in staffing we will have to alter one of the dates that were offered to you last week.

School lunch will be available to you all on Tuesday 13th July and Thursday 15th July. If you would like to come along and join us on either of these dates then please complete the attached slip and return this to school.

I have been asked by the school kitchen to ask all parents and carers to notify us in writing if children are changing from school lunch to a packed lunch. The kitchen plans the menu in advance and has to order in the ingredients. Any excess food is disposed of at a cost to the school budget. If you intend to change the arrangements for school lunch please could we have your notification 2 weeks in advance. Many thanks for your support with this.

Stars of the Week

Bronte	-	Faye Colley
Lister	-	Adam Whitters
Hockney	-	Tommy Celik
Butterfield	-	Ciaren Crabtree
Devonshire	-	Issac Schofield
Priestley	-	Joshua Day
Macmillan	-	Matthew Cooper

Writers of the Fortnight - Beth Davies, Eleanor Walker, Chloe Burbidge, Olivia Nichols,
Megan Davies, Toby Ross, Sophie Tankard

Lunchtime Superstars - Eleanor Vickerstaff, Joshua Day, Toby Ross, Daisy Dimitrijevic

Half term break

I hope you all have an enjoyable break. School will reopen on Thursday 10th June.

Enjoy the sunshine

Yours sincerely

Mr D Burns (Head teacher)

Invitation to school lunch

Name of child(ren) _____

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

I am interested in taking up school meals from September 2010 (Yes/No).

Signed: _____

New clubs starting Wednesday 16th 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: _____