



# Oxenhope

## Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Lots of our children have been out and about this week.

Devonshire class have been to visit Hall Green Baptist Church and were given an entertaining guided tour by Mick Lockwood who also comes into school on a regular basis to lead Collective Worship.

Lister class have also been out and about in the village and yesterday they all visited the Methodist Church.

Hockney class went on 'a bit of an expedition'. As their current topic is transport they travelled by bus to Hebden Bridge to board a train to York where they visited the National Railway Museum!

A big thank you to the teachers who put a great deal of time into organising these valuable educational visits. Can I also thank a number of parents and teaching assistants who gave their time willingly to accompany the children. These visits would not have happened without you.

Finally I would like to mention the children who are always very well behaved wherever we take them.

### Phonics evening

On Thursday a number of children from Bronte class took part in an after school phonics class led by Miss Hewitt.

This was an opportunity for parents to experience first hand how we teach these crucial early literacy skills which are the foundation for the children to build their reading and writing skills upon.

Thank you to all of you who attended and a big thank you to Miss Hewitt for giving her time to organise and run this event.

### Mrs Jodie Mercer

Next week will be Mrs Mercer's last week with us. I am very pleased to inform you that she has been successful in gaining a very special promoted post at Parkside Secondary School in Cullingworth.

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We will all miss Jodie; she has been a valued friend and colleague to us all. Most of all she will be missed greatly by all of our children who have benefited so much from her support in classrooms, on the playground and on the sports fields.

Of course we will still see quite a lot of her as her two sons both attend our school and I am pleased to say that her very popular Tai Kwando club will continue each Thursday after school.

I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her the very best of luck in her new post.

### **Christingle service this Sunday**

Your child should have brought an invitation from St Mary's Church for a very special event this coming Sunday.

A Christingle service will be held at 3.45 p.m. and this will be followed by a picnic tea for all the children. I do hope that many of you are able to attend.

### **Text around**

We now have a text messaging and email service in school. Some of you may have received text messages this week to notify you of upcoming events. This service has been provided to the school free of charge by the company who would like us to be a show school for their product.

Messages are sent at a cost to the school but I am sure you will agree that this is yet another way that we can continue to improve communication between school and parents.

Please could I ask you to notify Mrs Leng if you change your telephone number or email address. If you have not provided us with this information we would be grateful if you could. Many thanks.

### **Flora Cooking with Schools**

Our School is officially registered on the new Cooking with Schools website, and we need as many people as possible to support us in order to make our collection a success.

Tokens can be found on the coverleaf of special packs of Flora in stores from January until the end of March 2010 (while stocks last). Just one large pack of Flora could give us £1 to spend on the items of our choice, from cooking utensils to a portable oven.

Simply go online to [www.cookingwithschools.com](http://www.cookingwithschools.com), find our school, register the token code against our school, and the value will go straight into our school's account. Alternatively, send your tokens into school and we can register them.

**Stars of the week**

Bronte - Amy Bennett

Lister - Millie Rhodes

Hockney - All

Butterfield - Lewis Langthorne

Devonshire - Jacob Scott

Priestley - Kiera Wood

Macmillan - Abigail Powell

**Lunchtime superstars** - Ryan Gill, Ruth Drury, Alex Bennett, Beth Davies.

**Attendance award.** - Hockney

Have a great weekend.

Mr D Burns

Headteacher