



Oxenhope

Church of England Primary School

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE



30th April 2010

Dear Parent/Carer

Last week I was extremely lucky to be enjoying the excellent weather in the beautiful surroundings of Ingleborough Hall in North Yorkshire. I was also in the excellent company of Devonshire class who enjoyed a wide range of outdoor activities including caving, gorge scrambling, a visit to a wonderful show cave and some beautiful scenic walks. Everyone had a brilliant time because of the high quality activities and their outstanding behaviour.

On behalf of us all I would like to thank Mrs King for organising and leading the visit. The amount of preparation, organisation and leading of residential visits are a major undertaking and without her hard work and enthusiasm the children would not have had the experiences they enjoyed. I also need to thank Mrs Dyson and Mrs Driver who gave up their time and their home comforts to help us to make the visit possible. Well done to everyone!

To follow up their visit Devonshire visited Challenge College on Wednesday. The children used digital photographs and video to put together presentations and have produced some high quality ICT work.

School budget week

This week all the children have been investigating our school budget to find out about where the money to help run our school comes from and how it is used to make our school an exciting and safe place to be every day. They will be displaying their work around the school from next week.

This piece of work is part of our bid to become an 'Investors in Pupils' school and I have been very impressed with the creative way the children and the teachers have been exploring this.

Parent questionnaire

Thank you to all of you who returned this questionnaire. There were many positive comments and some very useful suggestions on how the school could further improve its provision. The results and analysis can be viewed on the school website www.oxenhopeprimary.org.uk.

Before and After School jobs

The school is advertising for three new members of staff to work with our children in our 'before and after school club' which will be available to our families from September.

If you would like to find out more about these posts or know of someone who has either an NVQ level 3 or level 2 qualification in childcare and development who may be interested, then please contact the school office for more details.

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School Council news

The School Council is made up of two children from Hockney, Butterfield, Devonshire, Priestley and Macmillan who were elected by their class. They meet most Wednesday mornings to discuss important school issues.

This week they have been discussing organising a parents information evening to share the work that has been taking place in their class and organising a child safety week.

The minutes of the meetings are available in every class and are shared with all the children each week. Ideas discussed included making our website more interactive, offering more after school clubs, mirrors in the toilets and developing quiet areas for reading in the playground.

Airedale Writers' Circle

Saffron Ingham in Year 2 has been highly commended in the Airedale Writers' Circle children's competition in her age group for her poem 'My Dog Jester'. She will be presented with her prizes and certificates at East Riddlesden Hall. Well done Saffron.

More after school clubs

The Senior Management Team of the school will be offering three more after school clubs after half term. A journalist club, a Key Stage 1 games club and Choir will all begin on the first Wednesday after half term. We would like to start these clubs sooner however due to other school commitments after school it would be difficult to start these new clubs and run them continuously for the remainder of this half term.

Letters will be sent home in the next few weeks

Holiday clubs

You will have received information about holiday clubs that will run over half term in the Worth Valley. Many of these clubs are free and are run locally by qualified staff. Please return your choices as instructed by the letter as soon as possible to secure places.

Also, you will have information about summer art clubs that Education Bradford are running through July and August. These are very popular so if you and your child are interested I would advise booking as soon as possible.

Family Learning ICT

Karen Koshak from the family learning team we will be running this course each Monday from the 10th May to the 12th July from 3:15 pm to 5:15 pm. The course will cover using email, internet, word processing and digital cameras at home and to help your children with their learning. There will be refreshments provided and a crèche. Please complete the slip attached to the letter and return this to school. The course will only run if we have 9 parents interested so please return these as soon as possible.

PE kit

I have been asked by a number of teachers to remind you that the children need to have their PE kit in school. Please could you ensure that your child has a pair of shorts, a plain white t-shirt and pumps or trainers which they can change into. It is important that they have appropriate footwear as many lessons will take place outside this term. If your child does not have the correct kit then they will be unable to take part in these lessons for health and safety reasons.

Please could you ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name and brought in a bag which can hang from your child's coat hook. Many thanks for your support with this.

Attendance in school

In this morning's celebration assembly I presented thirty eight 100% attendance certificates. Well done to all of these children who attended every day last term.

Last term's whole school winners were Butterfield class with 98% attendance, a magnificent achievement. Keep it up everyone!

New village playground

I know many of you have spent time with your children enjoying this fantastic new facility. Some of you have raised some concerns regarding 'snagging' which have been raised with the Parish Council and Bradford Council.

Bradford Council will be addressing these issues next week. This will include the installation of gates above the steps into the school car park and the new entrance to create disabled access.

Have a great weekend. School opens Tuesday 4th May.

Stars of the week

Bronte	-	Cameron Archer
Lister	-	Ava Sacchetto , Holly Bairstow
Hockney	-	Jamie Whitters
Butterfield	-	Ruby Simpson
Devonshire	-	The Whole Class
Priestly	-	Toby Ross
Macmillan	-	Zak Reeday

Lunchtime superstars - Max Brown, Nuala McAleavy, Maisy McManus and Jasmine Williams

Writer of the fortnight - Athena Walker-Clegg, Oliver Butterfield, Anna Cusdin, Ethan Laycock,
Sam Williams, James Bairstow, Brittany Hudson

Weekly attendance award- Lister

Yours sincerely

Mr D Burns – Headteacher

Family Learning ICT Course Monday May 10th – Monday July 12th 2010

Name :

Child's class:

I would like to take part in the course

I would prefer the course to run from 3.30 p.m. /6.00 p.m.

I would need to use the crèche facilities (yes/no)

I consider my computer skills to be very good, average, below average

Signed _____ parent/carer