



Mrs Jones' Newsletter

Oxenhope C of E Primary School—Newsletter from Mrs Jones—February 19



Rising to the challenge !



As the sun streams down the hillsides and moors, I am reminded of what a beautiful part of the world I am lucky enough to work in.

Oxenhope Village has a special place in my heart which has only deepened since taken on this role at Christmas.

Many people dread coming back to work after a holiday however I can honestly say that there was a sense of excitement in me at the prospect of coming back to school and getting my teeth into the many projects, plans and ventures for this term.

Last half term was fantastic and the children yet again made me brim with pride at their tenacity, their perseverance, their innovative attitude and love of learning.

Our sports teams showed tremendous team spirit at their various events by cheering on their own team and the teams from other school.

I taught year 6 in the mornings for the last two weeks of the half term and I was impressed with their work ethic and drive to do well. They showed me that this is potentially the strongest year 6 group we have had at Oxenhope.

I have also really enjoyed being out on the playground most mornings, meeting

the children and families as they arrive at school. Family is so important for a child, and I like to believe that Oxenhope is an extension of the child's family, teaching them, guiding them, loving them. It is a true pleasure for me to serve such a warm and welcoming community who want what is best for their children.

We have worked hard with our children around behavior, rewards and consequences and they have very articulately shared their views and ideas about making Oxenhope a safe place to be. We will be continuing our work on our Behaviour Policy and we will have this finalized by Easter.

Writing has been one of my main focuses since Christmas. We have introduced year group expectations in the form of our Writing Rainbow. We will send this to parents later next week and also have information at parent's evening.

We will also have new signage and art work installed around the school, as well as a new all singing, all dancing website which will give our school a fresh and modern look and will showcase all the wonderful work we have been doing. The website will ensure that parents can access infor-

mation about classes, the school and homework easily.

We have made some changes to the expectations within school. Ensuring that children get the best possible deal from their Oxenhope Experience. I feel that instilling and love of learning with the robust rigor of ambitious targets and expectations will prepare our children for the challenging world ahead. I never underestimate our children and they are truly rising to the challenge.

Please can **all** clothing and shoes be named

World Book Day 7.3.19

Red Nose Day 15.3.19

Life Caravan visiting 20.3.19—22.3.19

Parent's Evening 20.3.19 and 21.3.19

Assessment Week WC 4.3.19

Can you please send weather appropriate clothing with your child as the weather in Oxenhope can change quickly.

Next half term is set to be as busy as this.

Look out for class newsletters going out 1.3.19

Reading

Mrs Parker and I are formalising reading across

school. Your child will be taking part in an assessment over the next 2 weeks to find out their reading age. From this we will be more accurately able to match your child to a suitable reading book which is colour banded. We will be spending a long time discussing this with the children and preparing them for the change. Reading for 20 minutes everyday with your children can improve their reading age dramatically.



Safeguarding

- Please ensure that you monitor what your child is accessing when using devices. We have had a number of issues around WhatsApp and YouTube over this last half term. If you are concerned please contact the school office for contact details of our Cyber PCSO—Jo Cato for more advice.
- Lockdown—We will be taking part in our annual Lockdown practise this week. Please talk to your child about this and allay any worries. We will be having a whole school assembly and circle times about this.

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD, ACT

You can ring Bradford Social Services Initial Contact Point:

01274 437500

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Just a friendly reminder...