



Mrs Jones' Newsletter

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

Community Matters



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

Bradford City Fire Anniversary Day—Raising money for the BRI—10.5.19

Year 2 and Year 6 will be taking part in SATs this half term

Class photos—21st of May

Celebration Assembly 24th of May

Look out for other key dates on the notices around school, the app and website, as well as Facebook.

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 7.5.19



One of my big ambitions when I took on this role in January was to make the school a hub of the community within the village and surrounding area.

I am reminded of the African saying 'It takes a whole village to raise a child' and I believe this is important to remember when we are in the business of educating the future generations and preparing them to be successful members of society.

I remember my own childhood when I was encouraged to spend time in my local community with the different members who all played an important role, the elderly, other children from different backgrounds, people who had lived there for generations, doctors, the clergy and shopkeepers and this gave me a clear understanding about my place in the world and gave me a deep respect for others.

In a world where we are less likely to go out and spend time talking to people face to face and we are more likely to google

advice rather than asking someone who has been there and done it, it is vital that we teach our children about the community they live in and the people who are part of it.

With this in mind we have started our Community Matters initiative which will build children's understanding about belonging, open the school up to the local community and develop further links with outside agencies to ensure that Oxenhope C of E Primary is seen as a location of help and support.

We launched this initiative with our community arts day which was a fantastic success. This allowed families from the local area and beyond to come and create art for the Tour de Yorkshire. This coming together has inspired us to ensure that we look at all opportunities to welcome the community in.

We are very excited to launch our first Discover and Play

day on the 7th of June 2019 (1:30pm –7pm) which is an open day for families and the public to come and see what our school is all about. With places in all year groups, we are wanting to encourage as many children as possible to join our family. Activities will be happening throughout the afternoon and evening. With a petting zoo, bouncy castle, stalls and many other exciting things it's sure to be a fun filled Friday so come along and find out about us.

Our nature area is also crying out for some community support and we are applying for grant funding to improve security and safety so that, that too can be an asset to us all

We will also be taking part in linking projects across Bradford which will help broaden our children's understanding about others and diversity .

With many other projects planned we are set for another busy term with lots of learning, linking and laughing ahead.

Homework and Behavior

As mentioned previously we have reviewed our Behaviour Policy and our Homework Policy. Draft copies of these will be available on our school website from Friday the 10th of May. Please feel free to make any comments about these via email to the school office (office@oxenhope.bradford.sch.uk) by Wednesday 15th of May so that we can make any changes to the documents prior to ratification by the Governors—Thank you.



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. If you are concerned please contact the school office for contact details of our Cyber PCSO—Jo Cato for more advice.



IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD, ACT
You can ring Bradford Social Services Initial Contact Point:

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