



Oxenhope Church of England Primary

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12 February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I can't quite believe we are at the half term of what has been a tremendously hard half term for everyone.

Firstly, I wanted to send out a big thank you to you all. Your resilience and support have been outstanding. I have been amazed by the way families have worked and pulled together as a community to support our children.

This has been the most challenging half term of my career and as I come up to my one-year anniversary of getting this job I can't help but reflect on just how different it has been from my perceived vision back in February 2020. However, the unshakable aspects have been the love and kindness from my staff and the truly humbling support from families.

None of us expected what happened after Christmas, we were excited to start the new year and ready to welcome our children back. Unfortunately, this was not to be the case and even though things have been different the thing that bounds us is our unfailing community spirit.

Lockdown has been isolating and hard on everyone, emotionally, physically and emotionally and we need time to recover, re-group and rest. This is why this holiday has come at the right time. I saw a quote on Facebook which talked about what children actually need in order to learn - fresh air, time to play, time to investigate, to think and to grow. This is what I want families to focus on - academic progress is important but without a firm foundation of play, rest and love it is pointless. This holiday recover, re-group and rest. Our ability to do things socially is limited I know, but there is new hope with the vaccine and cases reducing.

Take some time to think about everything you have achieved over January and February. Think about what is important, what drives your family what makes your heart sing and fills you with love. Be kind to yourself and breathe, you are amazing, your children are amazing and together we will do amazing things.

Take care, all my love

Mrs Jones

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After the holiday school logistics

Start time and finish time for children

This will remain at 8:40 - 9:00 with doors closing at 9

School will finish at 3:15

Entrances and exits

Year group	Entrance	Exit
R	Reception door	Reception door
1	Link corridor	Year 3/4 cloakroom door
2	Link corridor	<u>Link corridor - Please note the change</u>
3	<u>Year 3/4 cloakroom door - Please note the change</u>	Year 4 classroom door
4	Year 4 classroom door	Year 4 classroom door
5	Main entrance	Council macca gate
6	Main entrance	Council macca gate

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What can be brought from home

Water bottle and lunchbox.

No bags, pencil cases or personal treasures such as toys

What should I do if my child is not coming into school on a day I have booked?

You **must** contact the school on the day of the absence to inform the office of the reason. Failure to do so could mean we conduct a home visit or even ask the police to do a welfare call.

Uniform

If your child is in school they must wear uniform. Please ensure they are dressed appropriately as we keep the school ventilated to reduce the spread of the virus. Children can wear joggers if they are cold. Your child must always bring a coat to school as they sometimes want to wear them in the classroom.

Explorers

Explorers before and after school club will resume after the half term break. (7.30 to 8.40 and 3.15 until 6.00) If you have requested a place, this has been given. If you have not booked a place, but need one, please do not worry, there are plenty of spaces. Please email the school office to book.

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