



## OXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Be Kind.**

**Be Brilliant.**

**Have an "I can" attitude.**

21st September 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

### Headteacher's Newsletter 2

It has been lovely to see how well all the children have been settling into their classes. I have had the privilege to see some of their excellent work, which they are so often proud to show to me!

#### Year 6 Bikeability

Last week, the majority of the Y6 children decided to take part in Bikeability. This meant they took part in a series of lessons, learning how to ride safely on their bikes. After initially practising on the school playground, they progressed to practising their skills on the streets in the local area. These sessions were led by professional instructors, who certainly put the children through their paces! I am delighted to report that they all passed their level 1 and almost all passed the much harder level 2 test. Crucially, this will have given the children the extra confidence and road sense that they need in order to keep themselves as safe as possible when out on their bikes. Thanks must go to Yasin and his team, as well as the staff and parents for their support, too.

#### Transplant Games

In more amazing news, I am delighted to be able to let you know that one of our pupils - Harry Mott - has been selected to represent Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the World Transplant Games, to be held next Summer! This is an incredible achievement - to be representing your country. Harry, who had a liver transplant when he was very young, will compete in athletics events. Congratulations must go to him - he is truly inspirational. I cannot wait to find out how he gets on, though we will have to wait a while longer before the competition itself!

#### The Power of the Pencil

The children in Key Stage 1 want to have an exciting "Dinosaur Day" in school, to take place this term. However, bringing dinosaurs to school is not cheap! The children in the Turtles class decided that it would be a good idea to write to some local businesses to see if they would help donate some money towards this event. They decided on who they could write to and then spent time composing their letters. One of the first replies we had, which included a cheque, was from the local chip shop! The children were thrilled to see that their letters were beginning to have an effect. Well done to the Turtles class!

#### Reading Challenge Winners

I am very proud of the number of children who decided to take part in this year's summer reading challenge, which is organised by the local library. The children had to make sure they read enough books over the summer holiday to complete the challenge. Amazingly, **41** children from Oxley successfully completed their challenge and were presented with their certificates in front of the whole school, earlier this week. This is certainly one of the highest, if not **the** highest, number of reading challenge winners we have ever had. Congratulations to them!

## Harvest

This year's Harvest celebrations will be taking place next month. Please note, there was an error in my previous letter; harvest celebrations are taking place on **Wednesday 10th October**. The Reception and Key Stage 1 classes (Bears, Penguins, Turtles and Leopards) will have their celebration at **9:10**. The Key Stage 2 classes will have their celebration at **10:30**. Parents, carers, grandparents and other family members are all welcome to join us!

As in previous years, we will be collecting donations of food which will be sent to the Shepshed Food Bank, to support those in our local community who rely on this important service.

## Chair of Governors

After many years at the helm, as our Chair of Governors, Scott Heath has now decided to step down from this role. In his time as Chair, he has given countless hours of his own time to lead the Governing Board through crucial events in the life of the school. He helped to appoint me as Headteacher, oversaw the age-range change and has transformed the work that the governors do. Mr Heath has always managed to strike the right balance between supporting the school, whilst providing us with challenge to ensure we are providing the best experience possible for our pupils. I would like to extend a huge thank you for all he has done for Oxley and the wider community.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that the Governors now have a new Chair - **Victoria Loffhouse**. As well as being one of our parents, Mrs Loffhouse is an extremely hard-working and dedicated governor. I would like to congratulate her on her appointment. You will often see her on the playground at the start and end of each day, and is always willing to talk with you about any aspect of the school's work. You can also contact her via the school office. I have included a picture of Mrs Loffhouse in the Photo Page with this newsletter.

## Dates for your diary

- Monday 24th September - School photos. More details to follow.
- Tuesday 25th September - Y6 Residential Visit to Caythorpe begins.
- Friday 28th September - Y6 return from their residential visit.
- Wednesday 3rd October, 6:30-7:30pm - Internet Safety Session for Parents (see separate letter).
- Monday 8th October, after school - parents' evenings begin.
- Wednesday 10th October, morning - Harvest celebrations - 9:10 for Reception and KS1, 10:30 for KS2.
- Wednesday 10th October - Late evening appointments.
- Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th October - parents / carers can visit Iveshead for a "working day"
- Friday 12th October - INSET day. School closed to pupils. Half term begins.**
- Monday 22nd October - First day back of school.
- Monday 12th November - National Anti-Bullying Week begins.
- Friday 16th November - Children in Need Day.
- Wednesday 12th December + Thursday 13th December, 2:00pm - Reception + KS1 Christmas Production.
- Friday 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day.
- Friday 14th December, 1:45pm - KS2 Christmas Celebration, St Botolph's Church.
- Friday 21st December - Last day of term.

**INSET Days**

Friday 12th October, Monday 25th February 2019, Friday 24th May 2019

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman  
Headteacher