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Be Kind.

Be Brilliant.

Have an "I can" attitude.

8th November 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

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We have had such a busy week in school and there are so many other things coming up, that I thought I needed to write another newsletter this week.

Fairy Tale Trail

On Monday, the children in Y3 and Y4 enjoyed an exciting fairytale trail. Clues and objects from well-known stories had mysteriously appeared in the school grounds, including a glass slipper, sweeping brush and magic wand. It was up to the children to hunt for the clues and use their detective skills to work out which stories they belonged to and make connections between the objects. This was a great way to launch their new topic in English and certainly hooked their interest!

Dinosaur Day

On Tuesday the children in Key Stage 1 enjoyed a wonderful day, getting a chance to be fossil hunters, as part of their "We Are Giants" topic, . The highlight of the day was the visiting dinosaur, which everyone in school had a chance to meet. Apparently, this T-rex was only 7 years old, but she was truly gigantic; who knows how big a fully-grown one would be! We were also joined by some members of the local Tesco, so we could say thank you to them for so kindly helping to raise money towards this exciting day in school. There are photos to accompany this letter.

Djembe Performance

On Wednesday, the Raccoons class gave an incredible performance of djembe drumming. The sheer energy and power of their performance almost lifted off the roof of the hall! So many of the parents and families who came along told us how much they had enjoyed it. One gentleman even commented that the children's performance was better than any he'd seen in a drumming group he has been part of for almost 30 years!

Website

Our old website is now no more, and the new one is almost completed. In the meantime, you can keep track of school events by going to the Oxley PFA Facebook page. We are also on Twitter - search for Oxleyschool. Or, if you are reading this letter by email, follow this link.

<https://twitter.com/oxleyschool?lang=en>

Remembrance

Please remember that we are opening the school to parents, carers, family members and friends tomorrow (Friday) from 2:45pm. We will have our own poppy display in the hall, and the Key Stage 2 classes are inviting visitors to look at the children's topic work on World War 1. I hope you are able to join us.

We also hope you can come to Loughborough on Sunday to take part in Charnwood's Remembrance event. If you recall from my previous letter, there will be a large statue of Songster, a local war horse, which will be covered in poppies. Some of these poppies were made by Oxley children.



-13.30 Songster will have his own procession from Market Street to Market Place, led by a drummer and Territorial Army volunteers. All children/families are invited to join in Songster's procession at this point.

-13.45 Songster will be at Market Place from 13:45 – 16:00.

Alternatively, if you prefer something more local, Shepshed has its own remembrance parade at 2:45 on Sunday.

Dress Down Day

Tomorrow (Friday) is dress down day. We invite children to come dressed in non-uniform, if they bring in a donation for the PFA Christmas Fair. Donations could include toiletries, bottles of alcohol or anything that you think would make a nice gift or prize. Thank you for your support.

Children in Need

This takes place next Friday (16th November). This year, we are having a slightly more sporty theme to our fundraising efforts. We would like the children to dress in something sporty, and which celebrates difference! This could mean wearing a football top with cricket trousers, or mis-matched items of clothes, funny combinations of colours, odd socks, etc.

In honour of the Rickshaw Challenge, we have set ourselves our own Oxley challenge: we will be setting up exercise bikes, which we want to keep continually in motion during the day. Each class will get a turn and all the staff will be taking their turn, too! We are sending home sponsor forms for the children to see if they can find people who will sponsor them to take part in this challenge. We hope you can also support our efforts in raising money for this excellent cause.

Dates for your diary

-Monday 12th November - National Anti-Bullying Week begins.

-Wednesday 14th November - Flu immunisations in school.

-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.

-Tuesday 18th December - Young at Heart Christmas Party

-Friday 21st December - Last day of term.

INSET Days

Monday 25th February 2019, Friday 24th May 2019

I hope you have a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman
Headteacher