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# Oxspring News

Newsletter for Oxspring Primary School

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**From Mrs Irwin—** Welcome back—I hope that you all had a lovely holiday! We are now in the final half term which is already incredibly busy. It has been an excellent week, with lots going on in preparation for the Duck Race next Friday. See PTA updates on page 2. I am incredibly proud of the achievements of our children yet again—see below for details of the PGS maths challenge, the cricket championship and this week’s ‘in the spotlight’ pupil. Massive congratulations and thanks to all concerned. Many thanks to everyone who came along to our first writing portfolio drop in this week— it was good to see lots of delighted parents / carers and proud children sharing their writing! Over the next week, we will be sending out information of next year’s classes and arrangements for transitions days are being finalised. I have finally been called to court on Friday for my jury service, so many thanks in advance to Mr West and the team during my absence. Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.



**TOPICS—** For your information, the children are currently learning about the following topics this half term:

**Class 1 –** The Seaside and holidays; **Class 2 –** Charlie and the Chocolate Family

**Class 3 and 4 –** The World Cup ; **Class 5—** Tudor Exploration

If you have (or know anyone who has) any particular interest or knowledge linked to any of our topics this half term (or have any resources) and would be willing to share them with us, please get in touch! We would be delighted to hear from you! Thank you.

## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

- Could we please remind all parents / carers to return all of the privacy notice declaration forms and photograph consent forms as a matter of urgency. Many thanks to the families who have already returned theirs. We are still waiting for approximately 50% of the forms to be returned.

**ATTENDANCE—** Well done to Class 5 for achieving the highest attendance of 97.8 % last half term! Class 2 came very close with 97.1% , followed by Class 3 with 95.7% and Class 1 with 94.2%. Class 4 achieved 93.3% last half term. Please remember every day counts towards your child’s education.



**YOGA—**Thank you so much to the Seed Yoga teachers, Liz and Michelle, who came along this week to deliver free yoga taster sessions. The morning was a huge success and they plan to offer after school yoga sessions for all interested pupils from September. Further details will follow.

## PGS MATHS CHALLENGE—

Very well done to the Year 6 girls (Molly, Annabelle, Ava, Rebecca, Sarah and Chloe) who attended the PGS maths challenge this week. The girls were split into 2 teams to compete against other Year 6 teams across our pyramid. They took part in a range of mathematical reasoning and problem solving challenges and we are delighted to report that they came in both 1st and 2nd place! You are mathematical superstars girls! Many thanks to the group of parents who provided transport and to Mrs Rolling for her support with the visit.



**CRICKET—**Another fantastic achievement to report is that our group of boys who took part in the Penistone area cricket championship this week came in second place, which means that they have made it through to the final! Superb news. Well done and thanks to Sam, Will, Oliver, Hugo, Rowern, Jack, Macen, Ben, Jake and George. Further thanks to the family members who provided transport and to Mr Stratford and Mrs Kaye for their support from school.



**GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK—** We would like to say a fond farewell to Miss Chaddaway who finishes her final teaching placement today. She has been an absolutely fantastic member of the Oxspring team and will be sadly missed. We would like to wish her well as she starts her new post as Year 1 teacher at Ward Green Primary School. Sending lots of love and best wishes to you Miss Chaddaway—thank you for all your hard work.

**CONGRATULATIONS—** We are incredibly proud of all of the student teachers who come to Oxspring on their journey into teaching. We feel very privileged to be able to support them into such a rewarding and fulfilling career. Huge thanks go to Mrs Rolling in her fantastic role as student mentor who ensures that all the students get the best possible opportunities whilst at Oxspring. We delighted to report that a previous student teacher has nominated Mrs Rolling for an ‘inspirational mentor’ award—we wish her well for the finals of the awards! Fingers crossed!





## IN THE SPOTLIGHT—

We are extremely proud to hear of the recent gymnastic successes of Elise in Class 2! She was entered into her club interclass competition. This is a competition where all children at recreational level can enter. It is run as a proper competition with qualified judges. After amazing performances, Elise is now in the top two for her age group in her class and as a result is going forward into the final out of approximately 80 children! She is now competing against the top 16! Elise attends High Green Gymnastics Club and has been there for nearly two years where she started in the foundation level. She particularly enjoys the beam and bars. We are so proud of her and her family are too! Well done Elise and very best of luck for the finals!



## Help—our school needs you!

**An urgent call out for plant donations please.....** Our children would like to have a plant stall at this year's Duck Race. Please help us by donating any surplus plants (veggies/ herbs/ fruit/ perennials/ shrubs etc.). They do not have to be Chelsea standard—just alive!



You can contact Emily (craftygardener3@gmail.com), drop them off at the school garden or at the school reception anytime. We will not be able to have a stall to help raise funds for the PTA unless we have more plants however. Thank you kindly for your support.

## UPCOMING EVENT—'BOSVILLES AND BELL HORSES'

*Did you know that Oxspring village has not always been where we know it?*

*Do you know the site of the old Oxspring Manor? Furthermore, do you know where you can see an image of Elizabeth de Oxspring from the 15th century or even where the Romans hung out?*

*Learn all of this and more in an illustrated talk on the history of Oxspring by Julia Tomson and Dave Perkins on Thursday 28th June at Oxspring Primary School from 6.30pm.*

*Refreshments will be provided. Free admission. Donations welcome.*

*Hosted by the PTA in aid of school funds.*



**PTA NEWS—** One week to The Duck Race! This time next week we will be almost ready to host our main fundraiser of the year, the Duck Race and Summer Fair. Starting at 6pm at Bower Dell - we hope you can all be there to enjoy it too!

In this last week before the race we have a few things going on -

Today is the last day to return you Duck ticket stubs and money and/or any unsold tickets. Thanks so much to you all for buying and selling so many tickets once again this year. Tickets will also be for sale at the Duck Race itself.

From Monday through to Friday next week we are accepting your donations of Tombola items, soft toys, plants, and bottles for the wine game please. These can be left in the school hall.

On Tuesday at 3.30pm we will be sorting the ducks in the school hall, any help will be greatly appreciated.

On Friday morning donations of cakes and other baked goods are welcome, again in the hall please.

## Duck Race



Friday 15th Duck Race day is also a non uniform day for the children, this is in return for a Tombola item or £1 donation please.

We would love your help on the day itself, please get in touch if you're available to help either in the morning after drop off, during the afternoon setting up at Bower Dell, at the event itself manning a stall and/or after to help with clearing up and transporting things back to school.

Please check our Facebook group for more information or to contact us. Or get in touch via the school office.

And last of all, please come along to the Duck Race and have an amazing time while raising vital funds for our lovely school - Thank You!

### Dates for your diary:

- ⇒ Next Monday 11 June is our Bags to school collection to raise money for school and the Fire Fighters charity. A leaflet was issued this week regarding this.
- ⇒ Next Tuesday 12 June is the Duck sort 3.30pm
- ⇒ Next Friday 15 June is a very busy day in school as it's:
  - Class 1 Seaside morning
  - Non uniform day for tombola donation or £1
  - Class 2 Bun day
  - And of course the Duck Race! (see above for all the details)

***Wishing you a lovely and safe weekend from all the staff and governors .***