

Friday 6th January 2023

OXSPRING NEWS

Happy New Year !



Happy New Year to you all!

Welcome back, after what I hope has been a happy Christmas with family and friends. The New Year always feels like a time to reset and continue to work on new targets, both personal and professional, and I wish you every success in what you have decided to aim for in 2023. For Oxspring Primary, we are looking forward to delivering on our school plans, which we write every year, as part of the School improvement plan (SIP) which all schools in England have in place. We work closely with the local authority and we had a review in the final week of term which was

very positive and recognised the changes which had taken place and we also had a safeguarding review which highlighted that we have high standards for safeguarding in all areas. We will continue to strive for our continued school development with the ultimate goal to ensure our pupils receive the excellent education and nurturing that Oxspring prides itself upon. We can't do this without your continued support and contributions, so I will thank you in advance for that you continue to do in 2023.

Mrs Helen Rolling

School uniform

We discussed school uniform in assembly today, I was delighted that the vast majority of pupils were in correct school uniform or PE kit. We have started to see some standards slipping particularly with children wearing designer sports hoodies/ tracksuit tops. Please can you ensure that children wear a school jumper or cardigan in school. This is particularly important for our older pupils as we prepare them for the expectations of secondary school and beyond. We will be starting a free 'uniform stop' in reception, where we would encourage all parents or carers to use for free uniform, so that we can recycle uniform to reduce the carbon footprint and save money for all families. Once fully stocked we will actively encourage families to collect any items of uniform as they wish.

Parking

It has been noted that an increasing number of parents or carers have been parking on double yellow lines around the school at pick up and drop off times. Both the council and police are aware of the concerns of other parents and local residents and have offered to increase patrols at these times. Please can I ask for the safety of all, that parking is done responsibly and legally.

Thank you

Behaviour policy

From next week, we will start our new reward system in school, which is based on a merit system, where children can earn a daily merit for showing the expected behaviours in the classroom and around school. At the end of the half term, children will use the merits they have earned for prizes or experiences, which will be enhanced as the number of merits

increases. My main motivation for the change is so, that the vast majority of our pupils who consistently show excellent behaviour and effort are recognised and rewarded. Full details can be found in our new behaviour policy which will be published online next week.

I am looking forward to seeing all pupils see the benefits of the merit system next week.

Class news

In Class One Class 1 were so excited to tell me about their Christmas holiday and the children had a go at writing about their favourite Christmas present. We have continued to learn about toys from the past. We have been finding out about toys from the 80s and the children thought of questions to ask parents and grandparents. We're looking forward to finding out about the toys they played with. The children have also been learning about shapes. The Year One children have been naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes and the Reception children have been exploring shapes with 4 sides.

Class Two This week class two have enjoyed being back in school after a fantastic break over the Christmas period. In our Maths both Year 1 and Year 2 children have looked at different 2D and 3D shapes; this has included identifying similarities and differences allowing them to sort objects appropriately. In R.E. we have looked at The Bible and why it is important to Christians. The children really enjoyed exploring some of the stories from the book. In writing we have carefully used conjunctions to complete the re-writing of The Snowman, and made sure our handwriting is as tidy as possible!

Class Three have had a fantastic first week back after the Christmas holidays. We have been looking at the Pied Piper of Hamelin in English and have come up with lots of adventurous vocabulary to describe the rats and how we might feel if we lived in that village. In maths, we have been multiplying numbers by 10 and using times table facts that we already know to help us work out trickier calculations, such as 8×40 and 50×6 . In guided reading we have began reading a new book called Amelia Fang and the Barbaric ball. In History we have started our new unit 'The Romans' and this week we discovered where and when the Roman Empire began. We have also begun our new unit 'Light' in Science. This week we were finding out what a light source is. We were very surprised to find out that the moon is not a light source, because it reflects light from the sun! In Spanish, we read a story called the El ratón glotón (the greedy mouse) and learnt some foods in Spanish.

Class Four have had a great first week back. The children have been so amazing and have been eager to start learning their new topics. In Maths, year 4 have been multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Year 5 have been converting mixed numbers into improper fractions. In Writing, we have read the book 'Varmints.' The children have been using adventurous vocabulary to write expanded noun phrases and adverbials. The children will use these to write a description. In Reading, we have started to read our new text 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.' The children have enjoyed exploring the characters so far. In Science, Year 4 have started to

set up an investigation to find out the best temperature for melting chocolate. Year 5 have carried out their own investigation to find out which materials would be good insulators for a new lunch bag.

In History, we have started our new topic 'The War of the Roses.' The children have learnt what The War of the Roses was, when and why it took place.

Class Five This week, Class 5 have began a study of a new text – Percy Jackson and the Lightning thief. They have spent this week focusing on comparing contrasting characters and creating profiles to describe their behaviours and actions. In Maths, Class 5 have explored fraction arithmetic problems and they have worked hard to worked complete work on order, rounding, place value and roman numerals. In shape, they have began to identify parts of a circle and explore the features of 2D shapes. In Reading, Class 5 have started a new text. They are now studying The Hobbit and have spent the week studying new characters. In History, we are now studying Crime and Punishment and have explored how the Romans dealt with troublemakers!



Excellent learners

Class 1 **James** - For super independent work about toys from the 80s!
Oliver - For using his Fred fingers to spell words!

Class 2 **Eli** - For consistent, beautiful handwriting in his Literacy work!

Jemima - For working hard and always helping others!

Class 3 **Erin** - For using adventurous vocabulary in her diary writing!

Isla - For ALWAYS giving 100% in every lesson!

Class 4 **Hollie** - For using some great vocabulary in order to create expanded noun phrases!

Sophie D- For always showing enthusiasm and determination in all her learning – Sophie is a superstar!

Class 5 **Isaac** - For including lots of description in his writing!

Owen - For making a fantastic start to the term!

Sports awards

Class 1 **Paloma** - Paloma has giving her all every lesson and shown a great attitude!

Class 2 **Sonny** - He's been very determined at achieving his weekly goals and enjoys new challenges!

Class 3 **Lucas** - Has shown a great attitude during P.E. listening more and achieving more!

Class 4 **Buddy** - I really enjoy coaching Buddy, one of the best attitudes in school. Always does his best and helps everybody in his class!

Class 5 **Sienna** - Shows perseverance as well as a high level of skills on a regular basis!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sophie and Rose

Huge congratulations to Sophie and Rose who set out to attempt their 25m certificate, however they kept swimming and both came out with their 400m! Such an important life skill to have and showing our Oxspring values of perseverance and courage!



Tilly and Seth

Tilly and Seth both achieved their yellow stripe in Taekwondo at the end of last half term which is a fantastic double award for them. Huge congratulations. We are very proud of you and so happy to share the news.

