

## OXSPRING PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Week 5 Newsletter

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Dear families,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. Last week's theme of Community and Charity couldn't have been better timed as our wonderful community once again demonstrated how amazing we are when we pull together! Thank you for donations for the green themed dress down and for all donations of baked goods...we had a lovely afternoon and sold lots of lovely cake and buns to families and then children at home time! A superb £350 was raised! Well done everyone, this is great work and the money will make a real difference to Macmillan! A big thank you to our team of helpers for their hard work as always!

### School Updates

Our Pupil Parliament are keen to bring in class names with a theme- the children are all being surveyed around their ideas this week before a final decision is made! Lots of families got involved with the Step, Pedal, Push initiative last week- great to see! The benefits of physical exercise are always translated to good learning in the classroom so please do keep it up! Speaking of which, last week Y5 and Y6 pupils signed up to leadership roles in school. Some will help at Parents' Evenings and with tours for new parents- see an email soon for dates and details- and many will become playground sports leaders starting today! We hope this will help them to develop their personal skills and confidence but that it will also bring more safe and creative games to our younger children to help them to develop agility, balance and co-ordination! Also, in terms of competitive sports news, please note that we are launching the Spring Cup- an exciting new development based on a range of sporting events for different age groups and interests throughout the year! Look out for dates and details on our newsletters!

### Reward and Behaviour Systems

Our staff have been working together to develop the school rules and a behaviour system based on rewards and consequences. Staff have expressed an interest in a system that I know well and one that the school has used in the past, Good to be Green. We attach the first draft of our initial policy and urge all parents to have a good look at it and share their feedback via email or in person. Please note that some of the policy, e.g. relating to seriously concerning behaviours or the way that parents and carers communicate with school is not based on any concerns that myself or the staff have at Oxspring. They are features that need to be set out in any school policy as determined by the DfE. In terms of communicating with school, if you do have any feedback for us, please do call us for a chat or email your views in. If you would like to talk to a teacher about a concern in class please:

- Pass on when children are collected if quick and simple
- Arrange to come and speak at 3.30pm, or at a mutually convenient time, if more detailed and/or private
- Ask to make an appointment with Mrs Rolling, as Head of School, if you have a significant concern
- Please avoid emailing teachers directly as we want to protect their workload and family time

### Communication Survey

Thank you so much for your feedback about how we currently communicating. When I met parents last Summer I said that a feature of my leadership would be to listen and to consult. I am responsible for the school now but the school isn't mine, it belongs to us all! Your feedback is very clear and has been heard. The following changes will be implemented from this Friday:

- A weekly newsletter which features Excellent Learners, Sports Stars and In The Spotlight features that have been emailed in by parents (by 6pm each Thursday please to make the Friday newsletter!)
- It will also feature reminders, key dates, snippets of news from the classes and general news to keep you updated about our work.
- This will be emailed to all parents on a Friday afternoon and added to the website. Children with media release for the website will be included and those without will be covered with an emoji. Children's names and faces will not be published together as this can create an Online Safety risk. Please make us aware if you would like to change your child's current media release status in light of these developments before 6pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Excellent Learners, and any news from outside of school, since the start of term will be published on the first edition to catch up.
- Our X/Twitter feed will be closed from today as the vast majority of families are not using the feed or have concerns about us using the platform and we will use the PTA Facebook group for important reminders. What would have been on X/Twitter will now be published in the newsletter instead.

Your views and comments last Summer on a general link set up for feedback has been most useful and this has been used to create this year's development plan. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive which was lovely to read and share with Mrs Rolling and the team and some suggestions to improve further have already been actioned- like publishing our key diary dates before the end of the last academic year for the whole of 2023/24.

### **Allergies**

Last week we sent out reminders about nut allergies as we have had some nut-based products brought in to school recently. Could we also please remind you that all products including sesame seeds are not allowed due to allergies.

### **Reminder: 'Flu Spray**

A gentle reminder that next Monday we have 'flu sprays being carried out in school. Please see the email sent recently to sign up ASAP if you wish for your child to receive the spray in school.

### **Reminder: Parents' Evening**

Our first Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October between 1.30pm and 7.30pm. We will set out how this will operate this year in a letter sent home on email and hard copy tomorrow but please save the date and be sure to return the slip when received as soon as possible so that we can make it work for everyone!

Have a great week everyone!

**Best Wishes,**

Mr L McClure and Mrs H Rolling

**Executive Headteacher and Head of School**