



Newsletter January 2020

A very warm welcome to our first newsletter of 2020. We have already made a very good start to the new year with our children keen to engage with their new learning opportunities and new targets.

This first newsletter serves as a reminder of some of our expectations and details of key events taking place.

Uniform Reminder

Visitors continue to comment on how smart your children look in their uniforms. As we know, it is all part of the high standards that we expect at Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academy .

Please ensure that coats and jumpers are provided every day and all items of clothing must be clearly named. Black school type shoes must be worn (no trainers please).

Dark plain jogging bottoms are required for outside PE during these cooler months. Please make sure PE kits are in school for all PE and Healthy Heart sessions.

All uniform is to be clearly labelled for easy identification as we no longer hold lost property in school. Children will be encouraged to take responsibility for their own property in cloakroom areas.

We are very grateful for your consistent support of our uniform policy.

Safeguarding

Please help us to keep everyone safe by complying with the following whilst on the academy site:

- **Completing and returning the permission slip form on parentmail re permission for your child to walk home alone (Y5/6 only) or nominated adult information.**
- **Not using the car parks as drop off points.**
- **Avoiding parking or dropping off/picking up on Orde Avenue.**

Attendance

We know that you appreciate the importance of regular attendance to help achieve consistent learning.

We are aware there are lots of coughs and colds around at this time of year which can linger for a long time. We are always willing to administer medication if required, please see the office staff for more information. It is really important that you ring in everyday if your child is going to be off school.

We have been delighted to see so many children arriving from 8.30am and maximising their learning.

Pupil Wellbeing

The 3rd February 2020 is Children's Mental Health Week, with the theme being 'Find Your Brave'. A key focus of the learning for the children is to develop their understanding of the need to develop resilience and perseverance and it would be great if you could talk to your child about what they have been learning about these crucial life-long learning skills. We look forward to enjoying lots of linked activities throughout the week.



One of the best things you can do to help your child:

Parents often ask us what they can do to help their child with their learning out of school hours. We always respond that the most important action, regardless of whether a child is 4 years old or 11 years old, is to help ensure they are practising their reading. Ideally children should read every single day and it really benefits them if parents read with them and to them. It is good for children to read lots of different types of texts and to talk about what they are reading. Reading is essential in the development of talking and thinking skills as well as helping enhance children’s knowledge and confidence. Everyone, with the right support, can become confident and independent readers. Please help us with this! Class teachers are always happy to offer advice on supporting children’s reading if required.

Parent Questionnaire

At Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academy, we are constantly trying to improve the quality of education, it is important that in this process we gather the views of those who work in partnership with us. The views of parents are really important and help us shape our decision making, therefore we are issuing a questionnaire that we invite parents to complete. The questionnaire can be accessed via the Academy website, hard copies are available from the office. Thank you for your support.

Year 6 Superstars!

We are extremely proud of our Year 6 pupils and the excellent start they have made to their final year of primary school. They are mature, focused and keen to succeed. It is particularly important that these pupils are in school as early as possible after 8.30am each day and we would like to say a huge thank you to the parents and carers of our Year 6’s for ensuring they arrive to school on time and with a positive attitude towards learning during this important year.

Key Dates 2020

Week beginning 27th January	Storytelling week
Week beginning 3rd February	Children’s Mental Health week
10th February	Science Day
Week beginning 10th February	Launch of ‘Coppers for Copters’ event - raising money for East Anglian Air Ambulance
11th February	Safer Internet Day
17th—21st February	School closed for half term
3rd & 4th March	Parents evening for both Academies
4th March	World Maths Day
5th March	World Book Day
Week beginning 9th March	Sports Relief
Week beginning 16th March	Shakespeare Week
Week beginning 23rd March	Poetry Theme Week
1st April	Last day of term