



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really successful end to the Spring Term! Here are some of the highlights that the children have enjoyed since their return to school!

“Letting Go” Theme Week



The children really enjoyed our “letting go” week upon their return to school. The learning environments are looking lovely festooned with balloons and it was heartwarming to see the children release their worries and send their hopes for the future up into the air with their helium balloons.

Here is a selection of images from the week and please do have a look on our website and Facebook pages to see some more.



Comic Relief 2021

The children really enjoyed “Wacky Wardrobe” day last Friday. There were lots of fabulous outfits on display and, across both academies we raised a fantastic £735.13 for Comic Relief! Thank you for your generosity in supporting this great cause. Here are some memories of the day (more can be found on our website and Facebook page).



myON

The children have been really enjoying using our new reading programme, myON. Already, access to this virtual, interactive library is proving to be inspirational for so many children and engagement with reading is soaring! It even has an audio narration feature so that your child can listen to books being read as well as reading independently! Please see the separate myON Use Guide for Parents.

Marie Curie National ‘Day of Reflection’

We were pleased to recognise the National Day of Reflection on Tuesday. It was very poignant to see the children arriving with their daffodils and to have these displayed in the children’s classrooms. Supporting this event gave the children and staff an opportunity to take time to reflect together upon the challenges and sadness of the past year but also upon their hopes for the future.



Jerusalem Dance!

For the past two weeks, the halls in both academies have been filled with children and staff working together in their class bubbles to learn the Jerusalem dance. This has proved to be great fun for all involved and you can watch our videos of each bubble’s dance on the website and Facebook page. Be warned though, it’s quite addictive!

Junior - <http://www.ocpja.co.uk/news-and-events/video-gallery/> Infant - <http://www.ocpia.co.uk/news-and-events/video-gallery/>



Year 3 Stone Age Day

To mark the end of their topic on The Stone Age, our year three children really enjoyed their special Stone Age themed day, which they spent doing activities such as flint knapping (by carving soap), cave painting and Stone Age Maths!

Easter Raffle

Over the past few weeks, children in every class have been 'buying' squares on their class grid for our Easter Raffle with a difference! Thanks to Mrs. Blaxell and Mrs. Haizel for organizing the event and to all of you for supporting it. Today, a winning square was drawn for each class, and the winners received delicious Easter egg prizes. All monies raised will be shared between both academy charities – East Anglia Children's Hospices and The Benjamin Foundation.

Academy News & Information

School Uniform

We believe that wearing the correct uniform is really important as it helps to create a real sense of pride in our academies. A polite request therefore please that all children attend the academies wearing correct uniform. Over the past few weeks we have noticed that trainers, hoodies and decorative leggings/, jogging bottoms are increasingly being worn. Until the weather warms up and the children begin wearing their summer uniform (which they are welcome to do as and when the weather allows during the Summer Term) all children in the Junior Academy should be wearing a tie please. We would also request that only small, discreet hair accessories are worn.

Harrisons are continuing to offer a 'click & collect' service to support parents and carers during lockdown. Please do refer to the relevant uniform section on our website for information about general and PE uniform or feel free to have a chat with us if you're unsure. Thank you for your support with this.

Childcare Provision

We are pleased to confirm that we are able to continue to provide the before and/or after childcare provision from 8.30am and until 3.30pm after the Easter holidays. If you have already registered your child for this option, then there is no need to do anything further for continuation next term. If this is a service which you feel you would benefit from in order to enable you to either attend work or an education setting, then please email the office, who will be happy to assist you. Unless guidance changes in the interim, we will review this again at May Half Term.

Mrs. Mitchell

We are very sad to be saying 'farewell' to our Teaching Assistant, Mrs. Mitchell, as she leaves us to begin working for her family business. Many of our children will have been supported by Mrs. Mitchell, both in their classes and of course through After School Club and we know that you will join with us in saying a huge 'thank you' to her for her commitment to the children of the Cliff Park schools over the past 17 years! We wish her and her family every success in their new venture and every happiness for the future.

And finally....

We would like to say a huge thank you to you, our families, who have supported the academies so wholeheartedly over the past few weeks since wider re-opening. Together, we have ensured that all of our children have made a really successful transition back into school and have all continued to work together to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We really appreciate your support and look forward to welcoming the children back into the academies at the **start of the Summer Term on the 12th of April**. We wish you and your family a safe and happy Easter Break!



Ormiston Cliff Park Infant and Junior Academies

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Academy holidays are highlighted in YELLOW.

Bank Holidays are highlighted in RED.

Staff training days are highlighted in GREEN.

Ormiston Cliff Park Infant & Junior Academies will be closed to pupils on all of the above occasions.