



Ormiston Cliff Park Infant and Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academies



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November 2019 News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks for your support again this term. There have been many fun and creative learning opportunities and activities taking place in our academies over the past month.

Celebrating Memorable Moments

Times Table Rock Stars Day

We have had great fun celebrating Times Table Rock Stars Day. Thank you for encouraging the children with this and making a fantastic effort with their wonderful costumes! We ask that parents and carers to help us to support children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 by encouraging them to access time Tables Rock Stars regularly at home. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you need any help with this.

Children in Year 1 and 2 challenged themselves to apply their times tables through song, dance and rhyme. Year 2 children will be getting involved with the online challenges of "Times table Rock stars" after Christmas.

Anti-bullying Week and Odd Socks Day

The week of 11th November was National Anti-Bullying Week, and to raise awareness of this issue we held an 'Odd Socks Day' across both schools, joining with Ormiston Herman Academy. Our odd socks remind us that we are all different, unique, and special in our own way. We also celebrated World Kindness Day during this special week, with lots of 'kindness slips' being given to children for their kind gestures that day.

Staying Safe

Local Police Officer PC Simmons visited us to support children in Years 1 and 2 in staying safe over the Halloween period. In Reception and Key Stage 1, children have spent time discussing how to keep ourselves safe both in and out of school. This has of course included staying safe on the way to and from school as well as Firework safety.

Picture Book Week

At the beginning of November, all of the children at Ormiston Cliff Park Infant and Junior Academies took part in 'Picture Book Week'. They were absolutely inspired by these texts and it was lovely to see the wide range of poetry, story writing, artwork and other exceptional work produced by the children.

Thanks to everyone who came along to share their lovely work during our exhibition on Friday. We hope you enjoyed seeing how talented the children are!

Time & Tide Museum Trips

Over the past few weeks, children in Years 3 and 4 have had a wonderful time visiting the Time and Tide Museum. They enjoyed a wide range of activities and came back buzzing with new facts that they had discovered. We were really proud of all of the children, who were excellent ambassadors for the academy and we look forward to seeing the wonderful work that these visits helped to inspire.

Crucial Crew Visit

Year 6 spent a really enjoyable afternoon visiting the Crucial Crew Roadshow last week. This was an excellent opportunity for them to learn about lots of different aspects of keeping themselves safe. It was a great afternoon and very informative too!

Attendance and Safeguarding

We continue to work hard to ensure that attendance in school is excellent. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Please remember that lessons begin promptly at 8.50am in the Junior Academy and at 8.55am sharp in the Infant Academy and it is essential that all children are in class and ready to learn by this time please. If your child is unable to attend due to illness, please phone in to let us know.

Attendance for the year to date is as follows:

Ormiston Cliff Park Infant Academy – 95.6%

Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academy - 95.5%

The School Community

Harvest Appeal

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to support our Harvest Festivals. We were very proud of all of the children! We would also like to thank you for your generous donations for our Shoebox Appeal. Together, we have filled 47 boxes and this is a wonderful achievement, which will make a real difference to the families in receipt of them.

The Golden Book

We are really enjoying celebrating the children's achievements through our special Golden Books each week. All of the children are working really hard to earn marbles for their teams and look forward to seeing which team has won the extra playtime each week!

We also love to hear about children's achievements out of school so please do make sure that your child lets us know if they've achieved something special and we will celebrate this with the school community!

Working with the Local Community

Please continue to work with us to keep all our children and families safe on the way to and from school.

Avoid driving along Orde Avenue and support our commitment to keep all our children safe. Please be considerate to our neighbours within the local community in not blocking entrances, exits or parking without thought for the needs of others. Many thanks.

Please see below for a list of **key dates** for the new school year. Additional dates will be added as the year goes on but thought that it would be helpful for parents to have these dates as soon as possible to aid planning.

Key Dates:

Autumn:

21st November Year 3 Learning Cafes @ 9.15am

22nd November Year 4 Learning Cafes @ 9.15am

4th December Year 6 Learning Cafes @ 9.15am

9th December Year 5 Learning Cafes @ 9.15am

9th December- Year 3 Christmas performance @ 2.15pm

10th December - Year 4 Christmas performance @ 2.15pm

11th December - Year 5 Christmas performance @ 2.15pm

12th December – Year 6 Christmas performance @ 2.15pm

16th December – Year 2 Christmas performance @ 9.15am

17th December – Year 1 Christmas performance @ 9.15am

18th December – Reception Christmas performances: -

Starfish @ 9.15am

Dolphin @ 10am

Puffin @ 10.45am

19th December – Christmas lunch; Key Stage 2 Carol Service; Last day.

Advanced dates:

4th May – 22nd May – Year 2 SATs assessments within this period.

11th May – 15th May – Year 6 SATS week

26th June – Sports morning for Year 3 to Year 6 children.

8th July – Sports morning for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

As always, please see our websites (ocpia.co.uk and ocpja.co.uk) for letters to parents, events, photo galleries, school lunch menus, calendars, and lots of other useful information.

We look forward to a busy and learning packed month ahead.

Mrs Watkins and Mr Reid