



# Ormiston Cliff Park Infant and Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academies



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## December 2019 News

Dear Parents and Carers,

The festival of Christmas is about hope and thanksgiving and there are many things to celebrate and give thanks for across our 2 schools for the past month.

### Celebrating Memorable Moments

#### **Hoot with Me visit to Reception classes.**

As part of their text-led learning, the children in Reception have recently enjoyed "Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell and had an exciting opportunity to explore more about the beauty of wildlife with a visit from 3 owls. Our children discovered more about their habitat, food and had the opportunity to meet them first hand!



#### **Sounds4 Christmas**

25 children from Year 2 joined with 17 children from the Junior Academy to perform at the Minster in Great Yarmouth for the Sounds4Christmas event. They all gave a wonderful performance, sharing the stage with many other schools in the local area.

#### **Winter Wonderland performance at St Georges Theatre.**

Children from across both academies who attend our popular Street-dance club (coached by Premier Sports) had an amazing time taking part in The Premier Arts dance show held at St Georges Theatre. It was a great opportunity to perform to others and join with other local schools.



#### **Kindness Ambassadors**

Pupils at the Junior Academy were recently visited by a group of Kindness Ambassadors from Ormiston Cliff Park Academy (High school). They set the children a challenge to perform acts of kindness towards others and those with the most acts recorded took place in a Treasure hunt during the last week of term, attended by the Grinch!

#### **Christmas Performances**

Festive performances across both Academies have been well loved and well attended and have given us all a lift as the children have shown us once again what super stars they are! Thank you for joining with us as we celebrate the season together in our school communities.



#### **Year 2 Gymnastics competition**

All classes in Year 2 have been working hard to sequence and develop gymnastics routines in a bid to win the coveted Year 2 class competition trophy. After a very hard fought competition, Ibis Class came out as winners - well done!

### 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. It is essential that all children are in class **before** this time and ready to learn please.

#### **Attendance for the year to date is as follows:**

Ormiston Cliff Park Infant Academy – 95.2%

Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academy - 95.2%



## Curriculum and the Academy Community

### The Golden Book and Marble Team Awards

Celebrating the children's achievements is a central part of life in our Academies and we do this in a whole range of different ways. Children can be nominated for inclusion in the Golden Book for improvement in work, for effort, for making good choices, for reading at home, amongst many other things. These are celebrated in our weekly celebration assembly. Marbles are earned within class for a range of different reasons including contributions to the class, determination and resilience, showing kindness as well as improvements in work. Each child contributes to the total score across the whole Academy – either Infant or Junior.

### Working with the Local Community

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

Parking on the verge is illegal and puts others in danger.

Avoiding driving along Orde Avenue is a very practical way of supporting our commitment to keep all our children safe.

Many thanks.



### Thank you and Goodbye to Mr Joyce!

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mr Joyce as he leaves us to take up a new post in Suffolk next term. We would like to thank him for the wonderful opportunities that he has created for children to participate in music and drama events and wish him well in his new role. We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Barnes to join our Y4 teaching team and she will be taking over as full time teacher of Chaffinch class from the start of next term.

### Drama Club and Choir

We are very pleased to inform you that Drama Club is returning to the Junior Academy! Mrs Staff will be running this as an enrichment option during our activities on a Friday afternoon and it will be available for pupils in Y5 and 6. Mrs Staff will also be taking over the running of the choir (open to all KS2 pupils) on a Friday lunchtime. She will be supported in both ventures by Mrs Manifold, who has very kindly agreed to volunteer in school on Friday afternoons.

### Whole Academy Values

Each month, our Academies have a focus on a value for thinking and action. We learn how each value influences what we think and how we show this through our actions and words. So far this year we have been considering the following:

Consideration, Equality, Honesty and Happiness

### Thank you...

Many thanks go to the PTA, supported by The Works on Gapton Hall estate, who have made sure that all of our children in both academies have a gift of a book this Christmas.



Value for the Month	
September	Consideration
October	Equality
November	Honesty
December	Happiness
January	Tolerance
February	Love
March	Compassion
April	Resilience
May	Cooperation
June	Care
July	Confidence

Further **key dates** will follow in the new year.

### **Please remember:**

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school

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

The staff and children of Ormiston Cliff Park Infant Academy and Ormiston Cliff Park Junior Academy would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and restful Christmas.

Mr Reid and Mrs Watkins

