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NEWSLETTER

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"I have placed my rainbow in the clouds,. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth"

Genesis 9:13

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy week, the rhythms of our 'new normal' continue to flow well and I congratulate the children on the way in which they have embraced all that is asked of them. I hope that my weekly newsletter gives you an insight into what we are doing. I am keen to be to involve you, our parents, in all that we are doing despite not being to invite you into school at this moment. Please do ask if you have any questions.

The children have really taken on the challenge and pace involved in the new way we are approaching writing. The standard of work being produced is superb across the whole school and it is lovely to see children excited to see what is going to happen in the next plot point!

Whilst we are unable to hold our usual Open Day, we are starting to look at how we share our school with potential parents again, with strict Covid-19 precautions. If you know of anyone looking for a school place, please do not hesitate to give them our details. I am so proud of our learning environments and the incredible work that your children are producing and am always delighted to share this with new families.

I am sure you are aware that nationally there has been a shortage of tests for Covid-19. This is extremely frustrating for anyone who is having to self-isolate due to possible symptoms. Thank to you any parent who has found themselves in this situation over the last week; for persisting and for supporting the school in our endeavours to remain Covid-19 secure.

As a school we have applied to the DFE for more tests and I am in the process of writing a policy to ensure that we are able to release tests (if we have them) for those most in need within our school community. Please be assured that my absolute priority is to keep the school open, children learning on-site. the bus running and wrap-around care staffed and able to run.

Any child who is self-isolating and well enough to receive work, will be sent work via Seesaw by their class teacher. Mrs Purnell will be in touch with any families in this situation on a regular basis. If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please do so via letters@oare.excalibur.org.uk

Covid-19 Reminders

- If your child or any member of your family is displaying symptoms of Covid-19 please ensure that you follow the guidelines below:

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if they have [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#), or have tested positive in the last 10 days.

Anyone becoming unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 10 days (please note this is a change in guidance and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

Any members of staff who have helped someone with symptoms and any pupils who have been in close contact with them do not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves (in which case, they should arrange a test) or if the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive or they have been requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace.'

- If your child has a mild cold, as long as they do not have a cough, a temperature or a loss of taste or smell, they can attend school. However, we would urge parents to seek medical advice if you are unsure in anyway as to whether your child should be attending school or not. We are happy for you to speak to us if you need to, but we cannot provide medical advice. Please ensure you ring school to report **all** absences by 9.00am each morning. We have to report our attendance daily to the DFE.
- Could we please politely remind parents that social distancing does need to be observed outside the school gates. Staff have been asked to park so that they don't overhang the pavement that runs outside the school hall in order to ensure that there is space for Skylark and Kestrel parents to be able to queue and observe distancing rules.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Facebook and Twitter

Please follow this link to the [Oare Primary School Community Page](#). This was set up by the school as a supportive page for the school community to share information, ask questions and for advice, recommendations and forthcoming events. We also have an open [Facebook](#) page which serves to share what we have been doing as a school with the local community.

The school's [Twitter](#) feed also aims to promote our very special rural primary school. We love to post the incredible work that your children produce (of which we are so proud) and give an insight into the opportunities we give to them to develop as learners.

A school is created by its community and you as parents are a vital and much valued part of this. Please do follow us, like us and share far and wide.

Dates for your diary

Reception children in school full time - 8.55m - 3.05pm - w/c 21.9.2020

National Poetry Day - Thursday 1st October 2020

Hello Yello - Young Minds Day - Friday 9th October 2020

Last day of Term 1 - Wednesday 21st October

First day of Term 2 - Monday 2nd November

Please click [here](#) to be taken to our school calendar on our website.

WEEKLY WOW's

Kyloe in reception for his super phonics (especially the 'p' sound)

Alex in Yr 1 for persevering with his number formation.

Elsie in Yr 2 for really trying hard to develop her learning.

Tom in Yr 3 for his understanding and use of similes.

Iris in Yr 4 for her fabulous written work.

Anya in Yr 5 for her maths successes this week.

Adi in Yr 6 for achieving all of his writing success criteria.

An extra special WOW to Harry in Yr 6 - we have been extremely impressed by his empathy towards several other children. It hasn't gone unnoticed Harry and has been commented on by more than one member of staff. Well done!

WOW, WOW, WOW and well done to you all. All of the staff at OPS are super proud of you.



