

# Oare Church of England Primary School

Cold Blow, Oare, Wiltshire SN8 4JL

Tel & Fax: 01672 562256

Web: [www.oare.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.oare.wilts.sch.uk)

e-mail: [letters@oare.excalibur.org.uk](mailto:letters@oare.excalibur.org.uk)



## NEWSLETTER

06/11/2020



**'Community is about doing something together that makes belonging matter'**

**Brian Solis**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new term! A huge Oare welcome to Mr Taylor who has joined the Oare school community this week. Thankfully the sun is still shining and despite a few frosty mornings, the daytime temperature isn't proving to be too cold at the moment. Attendance continues to be good, with most children achieving above the national average. Just a reminder that a leave of absence form is required to be filled in as normal should you wish to request that your child does not attend school for any reason, other than medical appointments.

Traditionally, Term 2 is full of exciting Christmas trips and activities. Whilst we are unable to visit The Watermill this year for our traditional pantomime, we will be watching a production via Zoom – more news to follow on this. We will still hold our traditional Christmas lunch, but this will be eaten within each bubble and of course Christmas just isn't Christmas without the opportunity to wear a silly outfit on Christmas Jumper Day. News of a nativity will follow once we have some more information about what will be possible this year.

Thank you so much to everyone who has worn a face covering when dropping off and picking up this week. We very much appreciate your support with this. Excalibur Academies Trust has made the decision to request that all eligible staff wear facemasks in corridors and indoor communal areas in both secondary and primary schools and that staff ensure that they socially distance from each other. The children have very much taken the staff wearing masks in their stride and are particularly enjoying Mrs Purnell's Disney facemasks. Miss Davies's new tool belt has also been a bit of a talking point this week (Kestrel parents' - I am sure your child will explain but the photo possibly speaks for itself!) I of course, as always, have to thank my staff for their commitment and support during this time and to taking the changes that have needed to be put in place to ensure everyone is kept as safe as possible during this latest lockdown in their stride.



It is absolutely vital that you inform the school if you have any Covid-19 related concerns that we need to be aware of. This is particularly important if parents need to take a test or are found to have a positive case. Please contact us immediately so we can act accordingly.

As I said in my letter yesterday, I hope that the new lockdown measures are not causing any significant problems for families, but please do let us know if we can support in any way.

Wishing you a safe and restful weekend.



**BBC Children in Need**  
**Friday 13th November**



**'GOODBYE RAINCLOUDS'**  
**DRESS UP DAY**

This year has been difficult for everyone, but for some children it's been especially hard. Together - we can make a difference!

With this in mind, on Friday 13th November we are asking all staff and children to come in dressed in one colour from the rainbow from head to toe - well, at least tops, trousers and jumpers! Pudsey and Blush ears welcomed!

Help us say goodbye to those rainclouds for Children in Need and make a huge Oare rainbow of hope!

Please bring a donation of £1 or anything that you can spare for this important charity.



PE lessons will happen as normal, so please don't forget trainers and layers for outdoor wear including a warm, waterproof coat.



### **Youth Climate Summit 2020**

Schools from around the UK will be coming together for the Youth Climate Summit during what would have been the week of COP26 to take action to create a more just, sustainable world and make commitments and pledges for the planet. As part of their geography block of learning, Owl Class will be taking part in the summit next week. This ties in the autumn term's whole school learning theme of Our Place in the World and we will of course share what the class have been up to in next week's newsletter.

Follow @TransformSDG on Twitter for updates about the summit.



### **Free School Meals**

If you need more information regarding free school meals and you think that your child may be eligible, please follow the link below. Please don't hesitate to talk to us in confidence if you need any help with this.

[Wiltshire Council Free School Meals](#)

## WEEKLY WOW's



### Skylark Class

WOW to Zara for showing such kindness and compassion to her peers.

WOW to Alex K for his super effort with his homework and his perseverance with his accurate sentence structure.

WOW to Jennifer for working hard on the accuracy of her letter and number formation.

### Kestrel Class

WOW to Kenzie for his enthusiasm for reading.

WOW to Bonnie for her organisation skills and presentation.

### Owl Class

WOW to Seren for her absolutely beautiful narrative writing.

WOW to Zi for his constantly hard work in class.

## Dates for your Diary

Youth Climate Summit 2020

9th - 13th November

Remembrance Day

Wednesday 11th November

Children in Need - Goodbye Rainclouds Dress Up Day

Friday 13th November

Flu Vaccination

Friday 27th November

Christmas Jumper Day

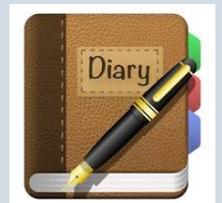
Friday 11th December

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16th December

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

Unfortunately it is not possible sync personal calendars with our new website.



31 OCT  
2020

Secondary  
Schools



15 JAN  
2021

Primary,  
infant, junior  
transfer

### The clock is ticking...



Is your child starting secondary school, primary school or moving from infant to junior school in September 2021?

You can now apply for school places - please submit your school place preferences by **31 October 2020** for secondary schools and **15 January 2021** for primary schools and infant to junior transfer.

Apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

**Wiltshire Council**