

News from Oakridge CP School



Thursday 14th September 2023

Welcome back!

Hello and welcome back. I hope you've all had a lovely summer and enjoyed the occasionally glorious British weather.

The children have really hit the ground running and there is a really calm and purposeful atmosphere in classrooms. It's been amazing to already have had so many visitors into school and to hear them say wonderful things about the children and our learning environment.

With all the brilliant things planned, I am sure this term is going to be the best yet!

Fun of the Fair



If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like to enjoy Mrs Bell's special meal on Friday 6th October, please let the office know by next Wednesday 20th September.

Seahorse Class

We are reading: Grandad's Camper by Harry Woodgate.

Ask us about: Masai artwork.



We had a visit from Havelock Dentist. The children took part in different activities to learn about importance of brushing their teeth.



The children had great fun.

If your child is not registered with a dentist, Havelock Dental Practice do have NHS places available for children.

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Dolphin Class

We are reading: Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian.

Ask us about: WW2 leaders



Jonathan from the NY Moors outdoor education centre returned to share the findings of last year's Birds on the Edge project. He then led an exciting geocaching activity around the school grounds.



Children across school have been enjoying their *acro* lessons with Poppy.

I've been really impressed with the ability of some children and the perseverance of others.

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Volunteers

We are privileged to have a growing number of wonderful volunteers in school who enrich learning for our pupils. However, we are always on the lookout for more.

If you are passionate about reading or maths and have a free afternoon, let us know. If you have other passions or skills that you would like to share, please contact the office to arrange an informal discussion with Mr Russell.

Family Reading Carousel

We are hugely excited to repeat last year's successful Family Reading Carousel. This year, there will be a reading treasure hunt, a pop-up shop from Whitby Book Shop and much more. So, mums, dads, nans, granddads, uncles, aunties etc. come and join in the fun!

Wednesday 20th Sept 1:15-3:15

Attendance

Good attendance is linked to success in all aspects of school life.

This fortnight, our attendance has been

97%

This is above our target of 96%.

Free School Meals and Pupil premium funding

The school receives extra funding for children who are eligible for free school meals even if you choose to not take up a school dinner.

If your circumstances have changed or, if you have never applied for free school meals, please visit <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals> and click the green button.

Please note, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals however, the school will only receive extra funding if you apply.

If you want to see how we spend this funding, please visit <https://oakridge.n-yorks.sch.uk/about-our-school/pupil-and-sport-premium/>

The cost for school meals has increased to £2.75.

Nursery school meal has increased to £2.00.

If you have any worries or concerns about paying for school meals, please do not hesitate to come and speak with Mrs Thompson or Mr Russell about this.

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Dates for the Diary

- Wed 20th Sept – Family Reading Carousel
- Thurs 21st Sept - Multi Skills KS1 @Caedmon
- Mon 25th Sept – Cross Country KS2 @Whitby
- Fri 29th Sept – Messy Church
- Thu 5th Oct – KS2 trip to Eden Camp
- Fri 6th Oct – Fun of the fair Meal (please book your child's place at the office by 20/9)
- Fri 6th Oct – Football Tournament KS2 Team @Eskdale
- Thurs 12th Oct – Harvest Festival @ 2:30pm
- Thurs 19th Oct – Tag Rugby KS2 Team @Whitby
- Tue 24th Oct – Sponsored Sports for Champions Event
- Fri 27th Oct – Messy Church
- Fri 27th Oct – Last day of term
- Mon 6th Nov – First day of term

Celebration!

Please join us at 3.10pm tomorrow (Friday 15th September).

Stars – Oscar and Oliver

Specials – Mateo and Holly

Mr Russell's BfL award –