



9/6/23

Dear parents /carers,

Weekly Message from Mrs Scarth

Welcome Back!

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely half-term break. The children have certainly liked sharing what they have been up to over the holiday with me, throughout this week. The weather continues to be bright and sunny with temperatures forecast to rise next week. Please do remember to ensure your child arrives at school with sunscreen already applied, a water bottle and sunhat, so that they can enjoy their playtimes outside safely and comfortably.



Lots to look forward to this half-term; please see calendar of events at the end of this letter as a reminder and for your reference. If you can offer your help for any of the forthcoming trips or events, please contact your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Staffing News

I am delighted to announce the appointment of our new Deputy Headteacher, Andrew Morley, who will join our school in September for a one-year secondment, as Miss McNamara embarks on her new interim Headteacher position at Coppice Valley Primary School. Mr Morley is currently the Deputy Headteacher at one of our RKLT schools in Leeds, Austhorpe Primary. He is looking forward to the fresh challenge of moving to a large Junior School and bringing his wealth of experience and knowledge. We are very much looking forward to welcoming him to the OJS team!



Y2/3 and Y6/7 Transition

Our Y2/3 transition programme of events is well underway, and we look forward to welcoming our new Y3 intake of children on their visits to OJS over the coming weeks.

Y6 pupils will be visiting their new secondary schools this half-term and they have already started to have visits from their new Heads of Y7. Our Y6 team are liaising with their Y7 colleagues to ensure that the transition to secondary is happy and successful for all our children. This can be an unsettling time for some Y6 pupils, so if you have any concerns, please do contact your child's class teacher.

PTA Summer Fair - Saturday 17th June from 2pm-5pm.

A reminder for donations of:

- good quality tombola prizes
- filled sweetie jars
- bottles of wine
- board games
- cakes.



If you are able to kindly donate any of these items, no matter how small, please take them to the school reception.

We are also in need of volunteers to help on the day. So, if you are available to help out, even if just for an hour, it would be greatly appreciated! You can sign up to volunteer by clicking on this link [Volunteer Sign-up Sheet \(google.com\)](#) Thank you in advance!

For the first time ever, in the spirit of a traditional country fair, we will be holding 'The Great Oatlands Bake Off' competition, where children are invited to bring their best cupcake, traybake or showstopper to the fair for judging at 3.30pm. Children can enter one of three categories to be in with a chance of winning a £20 Amazon voucher. Categories are as follows: 4-6 year old, 7-9 year old and 10-11 year old. Happy Baking everyone We hope to see everyone on Saturday 17th June, come rain or shine, to enjoy a fun-filled day and to fundraise for our school!



Twitter

Remember you can view our weekly achievements and events through our Twitter feed on the school website. For those of you who do not have a Twitter account, you can still see our main school Twitter feed through the school website: <https://www.oatlandsjunior.co.uk/latest/oatlands-on-twitter/>

A polite reminder that our Twitter Feed is for sharing celebrations and not a platform for parents/carers/followers to air complaints or negative comments about our school. Please do contact your child's class teacher or me if there is something you are unhappy about, so that we can work together to resolve any issue. Thank you.

Year group Twitter pages can be found on the class pages: <https://www.oatlandsjunior.co.uk/class-pages/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Estelle Scarth
Headteacher

June	
Mon 5 th	School Opens.
Mon 5 th – Fri 16 th	Y4 Multiplication Check, 2-week window.
Tues 6 th	Owls' tennis coaching with Harrogate Racquets
Tues 6 th	Year 5 Bikeability Course 6.
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th	Year 6 Enterprise Week
Wed 14 th	Year 3 Countryside Day
Fri 16 th	Year 4 Theatre Trip
Sat 17 th	PTA Summer Fair - Joint with OIS at OJS.
Mon 19 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Afternoon
Thurs 22 nd	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Afternoon
July	
Fri 7 th	School Closes for RKL Training Day
Tues 11 th	PTA Meeting in school at 4pm
Thurs 13 th	Transition Day
Fri 14 th	Annual End of Year Reports
Fri 14 th	Year 6 Class Shows to parents
Tue 18 th – Wed 19 th	Year 6 Woodlands Day
Tues 19 th	End of year report – open parent consultations 3.45-5pm
Thurs 20 th	Y6 Leavers Presentation and party. PTA disco.
Fri 21st	End of term. School closes for summer holiday at 2:30pm. PTA non-uniform day.