



Oatlands Community Junior School

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Dear parents /carers,

September Newsletter

Ofsted Report

Firstly, a sincere thank you to everyone for taking the time to drop me an email or say congratulations on our fabulous Ofsted report. You may have seen the media release in Harrogate Advertiser, Stray Ferret and Harrogate Mumbler. Below is the link to the article that has been circulated:

<https://www.rklt.co.uk/ofsted-inspection-finds-outstanding-evidence-at-oatlands-junior-school/>



Macmillan Mixers



It was lovely to see so many of you at our Macmillan Mixers. Great to see parents/carers having the opportunity to chat and mingle with each other and class teachers, before heading off to join in Art, Music and PE lessons. I know the children were all very excited to have you working alongside them in their lessons. Thank you for the generous contribution of cakes and money donations, to help raise funds for this important charity. The final amount will be announced shortly.



Parent Consultations

A reminder that we look forward to meeting you all in school over the next two weeks for parent consultations. These run from 3:45-6:30pm and the online booking system has now closed. If you have not made an appointment, please contact school. If you have made a 3:45pm appointment, please be aware that the barrier on Beechwood Grove is closed from 3:00-3:45pm. So please give yourself time to park elsewhere.

These are for parents/carers only:

Years 5 and 6 – Monday 2nd October

Years 3 and 4 – Tuesday 3rd October

Years 5 and 6 – Wednesday 11th October

Years 3 and 4 & Y5 Tigers Class Thursday 12th October

School Streets

Mr Morley, our new Deputy Headteacher, has written to you all today asking for your help in managing the barrier for our School Streets drop off and pick up closure. Details about times, signing up and what to do are all contained in the letter. Any time you can spare, will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



A reminder to ensure your children are walking on the pavement or cycling or scootering by the side of the road as Beechwood Grove is still open to delivery/ service drivers, staff and residents going to and from their properties.

Book Donation



This week we were delighted to receive a collection of 100 fabulous books curated by Imagined Things bookshop for our school library. The books were funded and donated by local company Professional Safety Services as part of the bookshop's Little Dragons Corporate Sponsorship Scheme. Flamingos class have been



lucky enough to have a sneak preview of the collection and they were beyond excited to get their hands on them (as was Mrs Wilkinson!) We can't wait to share them with our new Reading Ambassadors and get them into the library and book corners. A huge thank you to Professional



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Safety services and to the wonderful team at Imagined Things bookshop for nominating us for this generous donation. We are very excited to work with them again next week for our Y5 writer's workshop with children's author Hannah Durkan.

Eco News

This year, the Eco Committee are launching their '**Just One Thing...**' campaign to try and make Oatlands Junior School and its community more sustainable and ecologically conscious. We hope to encourage everyone to change one thing they do which will help to minimise the human impact on the planet.

Some initial ideas are:

- using our reusable water bottles, rather than buying bottled water;
- bringing in snacks in reusable containers to reduce amount of plastic waste;
- composting some of our food waste
- picking up litter if we're out and about
- switching off lights/switches when not in use

We look forward to bringing you more ideas and initiatives as the year goes on and hope that you will be able to find your 'thing' to support our cause!



Our weekly news and information will be shared through the school website. This is an accessible and convenient way of keeping up-to-date with school news.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Estelle Scarth
Headteacher



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