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**Ormiston Cliff Park**  
**PRIMARY ACADEMY**

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16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and successful half term we have had! Over the past six weeks, the children have enjoyed a wider range of learning experiences both within the classroom and beyond. Here are just some of the highlights from this half term:

- The successful launch of our new Personal Development Plan. The children have learnt lots about successful communication and are using their skills regularly and in a variety of ways throughout the curriculum.
- A fantastic range of sporting events across the Academy – including the success of our Under 11's Girls Team.



- Excellent attendance levels at our range of After School Enrichment Clubs – it has been lovely to see the children developing confidence and skills as well as building new friendships.





- A range of Parent and Carer information sessions, including the teaching of maths from Reception to Year 6 and supporting your child with managing anxiety. We were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers to these sessions and look forward to planning further events. Materials shared at these sessions have been shared with families and are also available on our website.
- Two National OAT Award winners from Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy! We are delighted that Arrabella in Year 4 has won the OAT Hero Award for her kindness and support towards others and her inclusive nature. We are also delighted that Mrs. Dawson won the OAT Enrichment Champion Award for the incredible contribution that she makes to our Academy and the enthusiasm and energy that she brings to her role.



- To celebrate the end of their learning about castles, Year 1 have enjoyed a wonderful Medieval Banquet this afternoon! Thank you so much for your support with costumes – they all looked amazing!

## **Developing home/School Links**

We have been working hard since the start of term to share more of the children's learning with you via our website and social media pages and we are grateful for the positive responses that we have had from parents and carers in response to this.

When the children return on February 26<sup>th</sup>, Mr Walsh, our Assistant Principal, will be launching a consultation survey with you to learn more about the ways that you might like to become more involved in the work of the Academy. When you receive the link, it would be really appreciated if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey as we will use the results to help us to plan for further opportunities for parents and carers to get involved, reflecting the needs and interests of our families.

## **Parents' Evenings**

Please remember to book your appointment for the forthcoming Parents' Evenings on February 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. A reminder please to try to stick to your allotted slot and to make a separate appointment if you require a longer conversation, so that the evenings can hopefully run on time.

A reminder too that I will be available to talk to in the KS1 Hall throughout the sessions as will our NHS Children's Mental Health Team Representatives, who will be offering a drop-in service, if you would like some advice.

## **Forthcoming Events**

Next half term may be a short one, but we are packing it with exciting events for the children to enjoy. These include World Book Day on March 7<sup>th</sup>, our Book Fair on March 8<sup>th</sup> and Comic Relief on March 15<sup>th</sup>, more details to follow.

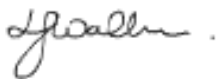
Our Easter Fayre will be taking place after school on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for all of your donations so far. We would be delighted to receive any further donations after the holiday.

Thanks also for your generous donations for our class-based Easter Raffles. The children really look forward to these events every year!

We will soon be launching our entry for this year's 'OAT in Bloom' Competition, where we will be transforming one of our outdoor spaces into a beautiful garden area for the children to enjoy during playtimes. Further information will follow shortly, including ways in which you can get involved.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support during my first half term as the new Principal and I wish you all a restful half term.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Watkins  
Principal