



13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a really positive start to the new school year! All of the children have settled well in their new classes and are very enthusiastic about the year ahead.

We have already seen lots of children earning Golden Book certificates and being recognised in our weekly Celebration Assemblies.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that they have all arrived looking so smart too. We take great pride in our uniform and the children understand that wearing their uniform smartly is an important part of our ethos here at Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy.

### **Reading Cafes**

We have been delighted to welcome so many of you to our recent Reading Cafes. These have provided a good opportunity for parents and carers to meet our Year Teams and to learn more about some of the ways that we teach reading. There will be more sessions running next week (please see dates below) and we hope to see you there.

### **Parent Information Sessions**

Working in close partnership with our families is very important to us and over the Autumn Term we will be offering a range of information sessions for parents and carers.

We would love to see as many people there as possible but also recognise that it can be difficult to attend meetings if you are working. Therefore, after each session, we will place a copy of the presentation on the website for anyone who would like to catch up with the information after the event.

These sessions are very informal and provide a good opportunity to meet staff and other parents as well as the chance to ask any questions that you may have.

Parent Information Sessions for this term are as follows and will last for approximately 45 minutes:

Session	Date & Time	Audience
Early Reading with Mrs Carter (EYFS Lead)	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 9.15am	Reception Parents/Carers
Introduction to Y6 SATs (Mr Edwards)	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2.15pm	Year 6 Parents/Carers
Maths at OCPPA EYFS (Mr Walsh & Mrs Carter)	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November 9.15am	Reception Parents/Carers
Maths at OCPPA (Mr Walsh)	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2.15pm	Year 1-6 Parents/Carers

Reading at OCPPA – how to support your child (Miss Cunningham)	Tuesday 01 <sup>st</sup> October 2.15pm	Year 1-6 Parents/Carers
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### **SEND Support Parent Coffee Mornings**

In addition, Mrs Upton will be hosting regular cafes for parents and carers of pupils with additional needs to access support and advice. We look forward to welcoming you on the following dates:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

All SEND coffee mornings will take place at 8.45am until 9.45am.

### **Parents' Evenings**

We look forward to welcoming you to attend our Parents' Evenings on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of October. The purpose of these meetings will be to find out how your child has settled in their new class and to discuss their recent progress and any targets for your child. You will be notified via Parentmail when the online booking system is open. These will be face to face meetings and will take place in your child's classroom. During your visit, we will be asking parents to complete one of our questionnaires please as your feedback is very important to us.

### **Ormiston Cliff Park Nursery Update**

Building work on our new nursery provision has been completed over the summer holiday. It is a fantastic space that will provide an excellent start to children's learning and a valuable resource for our school community. We are really looking forward to welcoming our first pupils in January and will be sharing information packs with families in early October, including details of our offer, opportunities for visits and how to apply for a place.

### **Community Garden Winners!**

Many of you joined us back in May when we officially opened our new garden spaces for the children and, this week, we were delighted to learn that we have been chosen as the winner of the OAT in Bloom Community Garden Award! We have been awarded a £50 voucher to develop the garden further next spring. This is testament to all the hard work undertaken by pupils and staff. Congratulations to all those who supported this project.

### **Goldmark Award in PE Games**

We were very pleased to learn that once again we have achieved the Goldmark standard for PE and games. We are very proud of the PE curriculum and wider opportunities that we offer the children in sport and this is a celebration of Cliff Park's ongoing successes in this area.

### **Pupil Voice at OCPPA**

We actively promote opportunities for the children to develop their oracy skills and to develop the confidence to share their ideas and opinions. Here are just some of the ways that we are promoting pupil voice.

## **Regional Student Voice**

Every year at this time, OAT offers the opportunity for pupils in Year 5 to put themselves forward to become Academy Representatives on their National OAT Student Voice Panel. This is a place where children can share their ideas about their academies and how we can improve them.

We have been delighted to see so many of our Year 5 pupils confidently applying for these positions. Following a week of hustings, our six finalists, Beau, Holly, Evie, Jonathan, George and Devshankar have been selected and these children will make their pitch to our Key Stage 2 children in an assembly next week. Just as in a General Election, the children will then vote for the candidates that they feel will best represent their views and our representatives for the year will be elected. As well as providing the children with a channel through which to share their feedback and ideas, it also teaches children about the process of elections and the importance of democracy.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children who put themselves forward and to wish our final six candidates the best of luck for next week!

## **School Council**

The children have also been busy electing School Councillors in every class across the academy. Our School Council play a key role at OCPPA and meet regularly to consider ways in which they would like to improve the academy and support our local community. They also play a role in charity fundraising. This year's new School Council will be announced in next Friday's assembly. It is a pleasure to see so many of our young people showing confidence and enthusiasm towards representing their peers and their community.

## **The Big Debate Question**

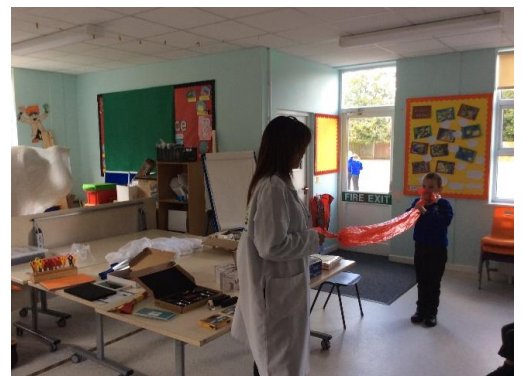
This week we have started our new 'Big Debate Question' sessions with Key Stage Two pupils. Each week, the children spend a short time discussing a key question and then voting to share their opinions. The same question is shared in lots of different schools across the UK and the children are able to see how their collective opinion compares with the national vote. This also supports our work on the British Value of Democracy.

## **Curriculum Clubs**

We are currently conducting a review of our Curriculum Club provision and will be sharing details of opportunities for the term ahead shortly. These will begin after October Half Term.

## **Year 2 Dr DNA Visit**

Year 2's Science topic started off with a bang when Dr DNA visited the academy to teach the children all about Forces. They learnt how air is used to help flight and about the scientist Daniel Bernoulli. In groups, the children made a rocket and then went outside to launch them. It was very exciting and some even ended up on the school roof!



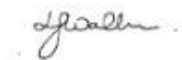
## Peripatetic Music Teaching

At OCPPA we are passionate about the value of music in primary education. We are therefore delighted to announce the return of Peripatetic Music Teaching to Ormiston Cliff Park Primary Academy. Violin lessons will begin shortly and guitar lessons will start in early December. This project is run via the Norfolk Music Hub and, at £3.90 a session (reduced by a further 50% for pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals) it provides a more affordable way for your child receive tuition and also be loaned an instrument, particularly when compared with the cost of private music lessons. Spaces for this year have already been allocated following our recent application process but, if it is successful and the Music Hub have additional capacity, we hope to expand this further next year.

**Key Dates** (further dates may be added as we go through the term)

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 9.15am	Year 2 Reading Café
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 9.15am	Year 1 Reading Café
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 9.15am	EYFS Reading Session
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2.15pm	Year 1-6 Reading Session
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 3.15pm	Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photographs
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2.15pm	Year 6 Introduction to SATS Meeting
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evenings
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Autumn Term 1
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of Autumn Term 2
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Maths Session
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Residential Trip
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1-6 Maths Session
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am & 2.15pm	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am & 2.15pm	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am & 2.15pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am & 2.15pm	EYFS Christmas Performance
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term

Yours sincerely



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Principal