



# OXTON ST SAVIOUR'S NEWS



## October Newsletter 2017

### October Diary Dates

Friday 13th October	Harvest Celebration for Reception parents
Tuesday 17th October	Year 6 football tournament
Wednesday 18th October	Year 5 & 6 football tournament Messy Church
Thursday 19th October	Cross country event PTA disco
Friday 20th October	3.30pm End of half term
Monday 30th October	INSET day
Tuesday 31st October	Welcome back children

### November Diary Dates

Monday 6th November	Prospective F2 parents walking around
Wednesday 8th November	F2 Robot day Year 5 & 6 football tournament
Monday 13th November	Year 4 swimming lessons start (2 weeks)
Wednesday 15th November	Individual pupil photographs (Winter uniform please) Year 5 & 6 Futsal tournament
Monday 20th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22nd November	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 28th November	F2 on D.T. educational visit
Wednesday 29th November	F2 on D.T. educational visit
Thursday 30th November	Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics

### School Council 2017-18

A school council is a group of pupils who are elected by their classmates to represent the views of all pupils and to improve their school. We are pleased to introduce our School Council for this year:

Year 6: Lewis T and Lucy

Year 5: Sam T and Sophie R

Year 4: Isaac and Amaya

Year 3: Caiden and Lucy G

Year 2: Lucas P and Amaya



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### *It's Good to be Green!*

*Our Eco-team have been driving change and improving the environmental awareness of our school community since they were in the infants. Their first task this year will be to do some litter picking along Duckpond Lane; making our community a better place.*



### GOING ELECTRONIC

*In order to save paper (and we know that a lot of newsletters don't make it home!), we are going to try to go as paperless as possible! The monthly newsletter will be available online on the school website, however if you would like a paper copy there will be some available in the school office.*

# PTA News

## PTA Disco

The first school disco of the year will be on Thursday 19th October.

In addition to dancing and prizes there will be hot dogs, drinks, a tuck shop and stalls selling pocket money toys, tattoos & inflatables.

There will be a charge of £2.00 per child on the door.

The times are as follows:

Infant's disco 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Junior's disco 6.45pm to 8.00pm.



We are looking for parents to help out on the night. If you are willing to volunteer a bit of your time, please contact Clodagh Rose, [stsaviourschair@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stsaviourschair@yahoo.co.uk) or leave a message via the school office.

## Christmas Card Project

If anyone still wishes to order Christmas cards of their child's art work, order forms must be returned to school first thing on Monday morning (9th October) at the latest.

## Christmas Fair

We are giving you lots of advanced warning that the Christmas Fair will be on Friday 8th December, 3.30-5.30pm.

## Be Safe and Considerate

Please be aware of the school crossing when you park. The school crossing is a safe place for our children to cross the busy road—please park so our children are safe.



## Christmas Diary Dates

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December (3pm onwards): PTA Christmas Fair.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (2pm): Infant Nativity.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December (5.30pm): Infant Nativity.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December (9.45am): Church service at Oxon St Saviour's Church.



## **CROSS COUNTRY**

The cross country season started with our first race at Arrowe Park. The race at Arrowe Park is always a tough one with a long incline for the runners to battle with, but our team all persevered and finished the race with rosy cheeks and a smile—after they caught their breath! Well done to the team, particularly Ethan (Y6) and Clancey (Y5) who both came 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in their race. A great start to the season—the muddy training at school is really paying off!

We will update you on our future races in the next newsletter!

## **School Improvement Priorities**

- Throughout each year group and across the curriculum, including in English and mathematics, current pupils make substantial and sustained progress, developing excellent knowledge and understanding, considering their different starting points, particularly focusing on girls' progress.
- Children make consistently high rates of progress in relation to their starting points and are extremely well prepared academically, socially and emotionally for the next stage of their education. As a result, almost all children, including children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities, disadvantaged children and the most able, are making substantial and sustained progress. (EYFS)
- Teachers plan lessons very effectively and creatively, making maximum use of lesson time and coordinating lesson resources well (including use of TAs). They manage pupils' behaviour highly effectively with clear rules that are consistently enforced.
- Staff and pupils deal effectively with the very rare instances of bullying behaviour and/or use of derogatory or aggressive language.
- Staff reflect on and debate the way they teach. They feel deeply involved in their own professional development. Leaders have created a climate in which teachers are motivated and trusted to take risks and innovate in ways that are right for their pupils.

These priorities are further broken down in the school's 'strategic development plan'. Throughout the year, the staff and governors will be working on these priorities.

## KS2 Playground

We are currently trialling changing the structure of the playground at lunchtimes in order to:

1. To reduce the amount of first aid injuries.
2. To allow children fairer access to the playtime equipment.
3. To reduce the number of incidents that occur between different year groups.

This structure change has been made in our professional judgement / knowledge of the school and in discussions with other schools who find that this system is effective. Over the next few weeks, we will constantly be reviewing the structure of lunchtimes, both with the staff and children (via the School Council), to ensure that our pupils are safe and happy.

**Thank you for your support in this matter.**

