

Friday 7th June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term. We have had a great start to the half term with our annual School Development Day on Monday. This is a chance for us all to come together as a staff to evaluate the year gone by and to plan ahead for the new academic year. We were also very grateful to Charlotte Clarke who gave us the opportunity to revisit the behaviour strategies that we have in place and to further our understanding of relational practice. We seldom have the chance to get together as a whole staff group so we were pleased to have this opportunity and that the day was such a success.

This morning all of our Year 2 children had the opportunity to take part in a morning of sport at Cleves. The children were put into teams of 12 made up of both Oatlands and Manby Lodge children. Year 5 children then ran the event with fifteen activities for the children to engage in. This was a great way for the children to meet one another and to begin to become familiar with Cleves. We were so proud of the children and they gave a very good first impression to Mr Smith. Thank you to the year 2 parents who helped us walk the children back to school.

This term in history Year 1 are learning about Neil Armstrong and the events leading up to the first moon landing. On Monday they had a fantastic external facilitator who spent the day in school running workshops and giving the children the opportunity to explore all of his amazing artefacts. It really got the children excited about their new topic.

The children have loved playing on the new FriendShip this week and have begun to think of some rules that we may need to stay safe. A huge thank you to the PTA for funding this project. We are delighted that it has been installed before the end of the year.

This week we also announced our new School Councillors. I am looking forward to our first meeting on Tuesday next week.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates Next Few Weeks

Monday 10 th	Year 2 Transition afternoon
Tuesday 11 th	PTA DUG craft activity for all children 7:30-9:00 PTA Meeting- all welcome
Wednesday 12 th	Year 2 Transition afternoon
Friday 14 th	Zoo lab visiting Reception Year 2 Transition afternoon

Thank you-Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion popped into school this week to thank parents, carers and staff of Oatlands School for raising an amazing **£271.32** for this years Poppy Appeal. Our contribution will make a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community and is especially valued this year as we commemorate 80 years since D Day.

Reception classes- Sharing Assembly

Please note the change in date from Friday 28th June to Friday 5th July, 9.15-9.45. We look forward to seeing you there.

Polling Day- Thursday 4th July 2024

With the announcement of the General Election this week, I am writing to inform you that Oatlands will be used as a Polling Station and will be closed to Reception and Year 1 children.

Year 2's visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum is booked for this day and we are pleased to let you know that this visit will go ahead as we will not need access to the main building. Further information about the visit will follow.

Safeguarding Notice

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing in the school or community, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL).
DSL- Tanya Mooney, Head Teacher. Deputy DSL- Phil Copsey, Deputy Head Teacher or DSL-Kelly Matthews, Oscar and Nurture Lead.