

# News from Oldfield

*It's fun to learn*

Friday 12th January 2024

## Message from the Headteacher

What a wonderful start to the Spring Term we have had since we returned to school last Wednesday. Despite the cold and wet weather, it was lovely that the children returned to school with lovely, big smiles and lots of enthusiasm. Learning has commenced on lots of new topics so please do take a look at the knowledge organisers sent home on 2/1/24 for a flavour of what your child is learning at school.



It has also been an exciting start to the term as we have already started our educational visits and visitors to enhance our curriculum. Y5 were delighted last Friday to receive a visit from Maidenhead Fire Service and Y4 visited the Verulamium in St Albans yesterday (and came back suitably enthused and shattered!). Y3 also started their swimming lessons at Braywick Leisure Centre last Friday. This is a key part of the National Curriculum for P.E. and we are lucky to have such a local facility to use. Thank you to everyone involved in facilitating these experiences for the children, including parent and carer volunteers. We appreciate a number of these activities come at a cost to both school and parents/carers. If you are ever concerned about costs, please do contact our School Business Manager, Rachel Naish, who may be able to support through setting up payment plans or helping with Pupil Premium applications (as this can entitle a child to support from both the school and the local authority).

I'd like to say a big thank you to Y6 and all the staff who put together a lovely assembly yesterday morning. The Y6 pupils spoke with confidence and shared the learning they experienced last term clearly and entertainingly. Thank you also to all the parents and carers who attended to support the children. Every class will share an assembly with parents and carers before Easter so please look at the key dates section for dates and times. Other teacher-led assemblies since we returned last week have focused on New Year celebrations around the world, Martin Luther King Jr and the celebration of Epiphany to name but a few. Through our assemblies, we focus on people, events and things which represent our three school values—Kindness, Respect and Resilience.

Later this term, we will be holding a parent and carer coffee morning focused on SEND. It is open to all our parent and carers. Both myself and our Chair of Governors, Viv Williams, will be in attendance along with our Inclusion Lead, Melanie Havelock. Mrs Havelock will share a short presentation around how we best support all of our children in the classroom (through Quality First Teaching which is a key priority on our School Development Plan) but also around the further support we can offer if children have additional needs and challenges. Please see the key dates section on the next page for details of when this is taking place.

*Mrs Page*

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## Key Dates

**Tuesday 16th January at 8 am**—OSA meeting

**Thursday 18th January at 9.15 am**—Year 5 assembly to Y5 parents and carers

**Friday 19th January at 9.10 am**—Celebration Assembly—all parents and carers welcome

**Tuesday 23rd January at 2.30 pm**—Safeguarding workshop for parents and carers with a focus on online safety—small hall

**Thursday 25th January at 9.15 am**—Year 4 assembly for Y4 parents and carers

**Friday 26th January at 9.10 am**—Celebration Assembly—all parents and carers welcome

**Thursday 1st February**—Year 2 assembly to parents and carers

**Friday 2nd February at 9.10 am**—Celebration Assembly—all parents and carers welcome

**Wednesday 7th February**—Y5 Giraffe performing at the Primary Dance Festival at Braywick

**Thursday 8th February**—Y5 Tiger performing at the Primary Dance Festival at Braywick

**Friday 9th February**—Final day of Spring Term 1

**Friday 9th February**—Mid-year reports cards issued to parents and carers

**Friday 9th February**—Eco-day (more information to follow)

**Monday 19th February**—First day of Spring Term 2

**Wednesday 21st February at 9 am**—Coffee morning focused on SEND with a short presentation from Mrs Havelock

## Unsafe Parking

Thank you to all the parents and carers who are supporting our relationships with our neighbours by parking considerately, safely and legally when driving to the school.

However, I have been made aware of some members of our school community parking dangerously on local roads. In the event you do have a concern about this, please do take a photo and submit it to the school office so we can forward it to our local PCSO and the council who we have been liaising with about this.

## Safeguarding

Keeping your children safe in school is our number one priority. If you have any concerns about any child, including your own, please do speak with a member of our pastoral team for help and support:

Mrs Catherine Page—Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Louise Greene—Deputy DSL and ELSA lead

Miss Claire Howard—Deputy DSL and Co-KS2 lead



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