

Welcome back!

Last week the children had an amazing start to the new academic year and have really made me proud. Uniform is looking good and all children are arriving on time and ready to learn. Well done everyone!

New faces:

You may notice new members of staff around school who are now part of our Senior Leadership Team.



Mr Bower

Our new Associate Vice Principal, who works twice a week (Thurs/Fri) alongside his is other school which is new to trust; Newstead Green.



Mrs Clayton

Our new Associate Executive Principal, who works alongside Lee Wilson, managing and supporting different academies across the trust.

Twitter:

If you haven't already done so, please follow your child's class twitter account and the school's main page. This is a great opportunity for you to keep up to date on what your child has been learning in school as well as enabling you to celebrate their success.

- School Account:** @OPA_Darfield
- Nursery:** @OPAD_NURSERY
- Reception:** @OPAD_Reception
- Year 1:** @OPAD_Y1
- Year 2:** @OPAD_Y2
- Year 3:** @opad_y3
- Year 4:** @OPAD_Y4
- Year 5:** @OPAD_Y5
- Year 6:** @OPAD_Y6



For help setting up a Twitter account, please see the 'Drop in Sessions' information below.

Celebrations:

Celebration assemblies will take place on Friday afternoons this year (2:30pm start). If your child is selected for an award, you will be invited by telephone call or text message the day before.

Reading Rewards:

This week your child will be given a reading reward grid which contains a number of reading challenges that can be completed both at school and at home.

These will be differentiated to suit the reading ability of your child and will be stuck in to their homework planners. When your child completes a task at home, please bring in evidence for the class teacher to sign off on the grid, or simply tweet a picture of the challenge being carried out to the class or school account, using the hashtag below.

Children will receive a book as a prize for completing a full line or the centre swirl and anyone completing the entire grid will be awarded a place on a mystery trip at the end of the school year!

Happy Reading!!



#OPADReading

Homework Planners:

Your child will be bringing home their planners this week (Y1 – Y6). In this there is a range of information to support your child's learning, as well as a weekly log of any homework set and a diary for you to log when they have read at home. Log in details for Mathletics and TTRockstars will also be included. Please read and sign pages 6, 10 and 11 as these contain some important information.

Drop in Sessions:

On Tuesday 18th September, staff will be available after school to help set up Twitter accounts or to show you how to use Mathletics etc at home with your children. Please enter the main entrance from 3:30 onwards if you wish to attend.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Please remember that our Academy target for attendance is 97%. We did not achieve this last year and this was largely due to the number of holidays taken during term time. Missed learning can have a detrimental impact on a child's attainment and progress - **Please avoid booking holidays in term time as this may lead to a fixed penalty fine.**

Dates for the diary:

- Thursday 13th** – Year 5 swimming starts.
- Tuesday 18th** - Parent drop in session.
- Friday 28th** – Macmillan coffee morning.

Flu immunisations will be given on Wednesday 10th October for children from Reception to Y5. Please complete and return your form prior to this date.

