



NEWSLETTER

DATE November 2018

UP COMING DATES

26th Nov: Chapel Visit (pupils only)
28th – 30th Nov: Book Fair in school.
28th-30th Nov: Robinwood Residential
11th Dec: KS1 Christmas Production (9:30 and 2:30 showings)
12th Dec: KS2 Christmas Production (9:30 and 1:45 showings)
13th Dec: Nursery and Reception Nativity (11:00 and 2:45 showings)
14th Dec: Pantomime in School (PM)
14th Dec: Nursery closed (new starters in)
17th Dec: Choir - Woodhall Flats
19th Dec: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
19th Dec: Christmas Fayre 3:30
20th Dec: Class Christmas Parties
21st Dec: INSET Day
7th Jan: INSET Day
8th Jan: BACK TO SCHOOL

OPAD Parent Partners

Following our last meeting, we would like to invite you for a follow up meeting on **Monday 26th November at 2pm.**

During this meeting we will look at the upcoming events and allocate responsibilities to relevant members of staff and volunteers.

Any help (no matter how small) with any of these events would be gratefully received.



Reading

One of our key areas of improvement in school is reading. As part of this we encourage our children to read widely and often, including reading for pleasure.

Every child from Year 1 upwards has a home-school diary that we expect to be in school EVERY day. Please fill in the reading section of this each time your child reads at home. This might be their school reading book or could be another text that they have chosen to read from home (even a magazine).

We have set children the challenge of reading at every day for ten minutes (or at least 3 times per week) and class based reward systems are in place for this.



As well as this, we also have our whole school reading reward incentive where children have a number of challenges relating to reading to complete. Book prizes are then awarded to children completing a row or the centre square of their grids. Please use Twitter to celebrate your children's achievement of these challenges, tagging the class or our school account @OPA_Darfield and using #OPADReading.

Many children are well on their way to ticking off a number of these challenges, but it would be great to see even greater participation!

Attendance

Attendance for this academic year so far is a disappointing 94.7%. This is significantly below our Academy target of 97%.

Whilst we appreciate the financial benefits of going on holiday in term time, we urge you to avoid taking your children out of school where avoidable. A one-week holiday equates to 1,500 minutes of missed learning time and can have a detrimental effect on your child's progress and attainment.

We will pass on information about holidays in term time to the local authority and fines may be processed as a result of this.

School Crossing Patrol

We apologise for the lack of school crossing patrol at the moment. As this is a service provided by the local authority, we are working closely with them to try and resolve the matter.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in the meantime.

OFSTED

As you are aware, we had our Ofsted inspection last week.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the online survey or to speak to the inspectors in person. Your comments were greatly valued.

The official report should be published within the next two weeks and we look forward to sharing this with you as soon as possible.