



NEWSLETTER

DATE December 2023

It has continued to be a busy term at OPA Darfield with many events taking place to support and engage children in learning but also with special events such as Remembrance, Anti Bullying Week and Children in Need. Children have been sharing what they have learnt in sharing assemblies in addition to the 'Watch me learn' sessions which took place earlier this term.

Over the year, we will continue to share and showcase learning with parents/carers so please keep an eye out for emails.

It has been a great pleasure watching the children make progress both personally and academically and I am looking forward to seeing this continue in the new year.

Have a wonderful Christmas from all the staff at OPA Darfield.

PE Days

Reception

Indoor - Wednesday

Year 1

Indoor - Tuesday

Outdoor - Monday

Year 2

Outdoor - Wednesday

Indoor - Thursday

Year 3

Indoor - Wednesday

Outdoor - Friday

Year 4

Outdoor - Monday

Indoor - Tuesday

Year 5

Indoor - Monday (last swimming 15th January)

Outdoor - Friday

Year 6

Outdoor - Wednesday

Indoor - Thursday

Reminders

School day

Just a reminder about the start and finish times.

Nursery am opens 8.30 and closes 11.30 pm opens 12.15 closes at 3.15.

For children in reception to Year 6, the bell will be rang at 8:44 for a prompt start to lessons.

Please can you make sure you arrive at school on time as late arrivals cause disruption to learning for the other pupils. Gates will be locked at 8:50am

School will finish at 3:15 and the gates will close again at 3:20.

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please can you ring or email the office and arrange an appointment.

We are happy to speak to parents on the phone or meet face to face but it's difficult to meet to discuss things at adhoc times when children are arriving at school or whilst dismissing children.

Please help us to keep children safe. Thank you for your support

PE

Please make sure you know what day. PE kits are needed for your child.

Please make sure the PE school uniform is followed and items are labelled (See below)

Indoor PE.

Outwood purple logo T-shirt or plain, white T-Shirt, Black Shorts and Trainers.

Outdoor PE.

Black/Dark Blue Joggers or Tracksuit, and Trainers.

Long hair should be tied back.

If the child is not in their correct PE kit, they will not be able to partake in the lesson for health and safety reasons.

Attendance Reward Evening

Our whole school attendance for the academic year is 94.5% which is slightly above the national figure and the best the school has seen over the last 3 years. However, this can still be improved. We will be continuing to communicate individual attendance concerns and encourage parents and carers to contact school sooner rather later, to help us work together to support you and your child.

We share the children's attendance with them every Friday and, every Monday, if a class has attendance above 97% for the week, they get to celebrate by playing our OPADOPOLY. Here the children can win board game time, Chromebook time or even an extra break.

Please don't forget all pupils who have 97% or more in the last week of the school year will be invited to our Party on the Playground.

Goodbyes

We wish Mrs Lee and Miss Royds every luck as they leave us to take on new roles in the new year. They are both valuable members of the team who will be greatly missed. Thank you for all you have done to support the pupils and families at OPA Darfield. You will be missed.

Attendance

Every School Day Counts



Mrs E Lee, Mrs G Barr

Safeguarding Lead: _____