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EASTER NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS, 31st MARCH 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of what has seemed like the shortest and busiest half term ever, I am sure that children (and staff) are more than ready for the Easter holidays!

Our annual egg decorating competition has brought a smile to our faces as usual with some extremely creative and innovative designs and themes. It gets more and more difficult each year to choose winners from each class as the standards are so high! Many thanks to parents/carers who support us with this annual event. Winners from each class were presented with a chocolate egg and a few examples of winners and runners up are displayed below.

You will also find below information about some of our other events and activities this half term plus further information and dates/reminders for next half term.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle



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Mothers/Special Ladies' Day Breakfast



We had a lovely breakfast on the 17th March for lots of special Ouston ladies! We had a fantastic turnout and it was lovely to see children enjoying breakfast with special people in their lives.

Many thanks to all of you that came to this event and to our amazing team of staff and volunteers who helped to plan for and set up the event, support during the breakfast and clear up afterwards. A special thank you to Mrs Pattinson for her daffodil jars!

In addition to having a lovely morning, we raised £85 towards purchasing more reading books in school.



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Easter Coffee Afternoon



This was a fantastic afternoon with Easter song performances by Nursery/Reception children plus the School Choir, an Easter Raffle, a Book Stall and a range of refreshments on offer. This event raised £162 for our School Funds which will be used to add to our Reading Libraries and buy more playground equipment. Two Year 6 pupils Max and Jake also held a Name the Teddy fundraiser at this event which raised £19.50 for Cancer Research – Well done to both of them for a very well organised fundraiser!

Friday Fundraisers



Naomi and Emmy in Year 5 organised a fabulous Friday Fundraiser this week, raising £65 for Bryson's Animal Shelter. Well done girls!

CLASS ATTENDANCE



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For March, the overall attendance figure for the school was 94.83%

Attendance in each class for March was as follows:

Reception: 93%

Miss Curles Class: 96%

Mrs Exley's Class: 98%

Mrs Baum's Class: 96%

Miss Stebbings Class: 96%

Mrs Dadswell's Class: 93%

Miss Allen's Class: 95%

Mr Storrar's Class: 94%

Mr Walsh's Class: 92%

Mrs Exley's class are the Ouston Attendance Bear Winners for March and were very excited to receive the Attendance Bear for their class!

Goodbye to Mrs Crawford and Ms Peake

We said goodbye to two of our lunchtime supervisory assistants today who are moving on to new roles. We wish them all the very best for the future and they received some nice gifts from staff and pupils.

World Book Day Sale

In addition to children wearing a fabulous range of outfits, we also had a very successful Second Hand Book Sale which raised £207. This will go towards new non-fiction books for our reading libraries. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Star Award Totals

Well done to both the Green and Yellow Teams who both had a total of 77 star awards this term!

A non-uniform day for Green and Yellow Teams will take place on Friday 21st April



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Show Racism the Red Card Competition



As part of our One Britain Week activities, children across school designed anti-racism posters or T-shirt designs and these will be displayed around school. We also entered the national Creative Writing competition organised by the Show Racism the Red Card charity and we are delighted to announce that one of Year 6 pupils Rosie has won the Year 5-6 category! Her piece was inspired by the Class Novel Year 6 read last half term - 'Windrush Child' by Benjamin Zephaniah. She will attend a prize giving event at Liverpool FC's Anfield stadium along with her family.

Well done Rosie, this is a fantastic achievement!

Red Nose Day

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Red Nose Day appeal. This raised an amazing £138 for this excellent charity.

Fake Tan

I have not had to mention this in a newsletter before but we have had a number of children recently attending school wearing fake tan. Can we ask that children refrain from this please, along with any other type of make-up for school.

After School Clubs

We have a wide range of After School Clubs planned for next term. We will send a separate letter out with details about these after the holidays.



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Dates for the Diary

17th April: Return to School

24th April: Robin Wood Parents/Carers Meeting at 5pm

1st May: School Closed for Bank Holiday

3rd to 5th May: Year 5 at Robin Wood residential

5th May: Coronation Celebration Day. More details to follow but children can dress up in red, white and blue or as kings, queens etc

8th May: School Closed for Bank Holiday

9th to 12th May: Year 6 SATs

26th May: Year 3 Class Assembly at 9.10am/Year 1 (Miss Curle's) Class Assembly at 2.30pm

26th May: End of half term



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