



Learning Together, Growing Stronger.

### **Welcome back**

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for a fun filled half term.

### **Cultural celebrations**

#### **OPAL**

OPAL is developing by the day and our play offer has come so far since we began on this journey a little over a year ago. Thank you to Jonathan Sykes and Agne Roke for giving their time to put up our reading tent. This is something the pupils had requested in class council meetings. Another thank you to Mint Residential who have bought us lots of den building and water play equipment – the children have loved getting creative with this. The generosity doesn't stop there – ME Rendering have kindly started giving their time to dig all of the holes to sink our tyre pathway – this is work in progress and we can't wait to see the finished thing. We are just so proud of the way our community comes together. In the same vein, although not quite OPAL related, thank you to Ioana Botez who came and assisted with a deep clean of the goats at the end of last term and the Emmott family who welcomed Shelly into their home for the Easter break. We really appreciate you all. Ana, our OPAL mentor has made some recommendations for useful additions to our playtimes. If you can donate any of the following, please drop off at the office:

- Wax Crayons
- Colouring books
- Jigsaws/board games (no missing parts)
- Toy cars
- Action figures

And as always, Miss Hill is grateful for long branches for our dens! If you ever have any ideas, questions or comments regarding OPAL, please feel free to approach Miss Hill, Mr German, Mr Arundale or Mr Ryder. If you would rather speak to a parent, we have two OPAL parents in Y4: Jaime Sawiuk and Emma Marshall.



### **Conversations with your child**

As parents, it can be tricky to get more than just "fine" or "good" when asking about your child's school day. Here are some thoughtful questions to encourage your child to share more details:

1. What was the best part of your day? Why?
2. Did you learn something new today? What was it?
3. Who did you play with today? What games did you play?
4. Was there anything that made you laugh today?
5. What did you do in your favourite subject today?
6. Was there something that was tricky or hard today? How did you handle it?
7. Did you make or see anything interesting today?

### **Diary Dates**

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – Malham Residential, Year 5.

12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs

15<sup>th</sup> May – Reception Class to Swithens Farm.

19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Walk to School Week

19<sup>th</sup> May – Dr Bike to visit the school to fix children's bikes.

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Last day in school before the half-term break.

### **Uniform**

Scan the QR code below to access the uniform exchange page on Facebook.



### **Fundraising**

Reminder - If you are shopping online, please scan the QR code below and go through easy fundraising. It costs you nothing and a small percentage goes to school – every little helps.



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### **Celebrating Diversity and Culture at Our School**

At our school, we strive to create an inclusive and respectful environment for all pupils, where every culture and tradition is celebrated. Alongside studying different religions in Religious Education (RE), we ensure that all children have the opportunity to take part in a variety of cultural traditions and events throughout the year. These include performances, concerts, parties, Christmas Jumper Day, and more.

At the end of last term, we were delighted to celebrate Eid with a special non-uniform day. It was wonderful to see families in their traditional clothes, and the positive feedback we received highlighted how much this event was appreciated by our community.

Our leaders remain committed to reflecting on and evolving our curriculum to ensure that all pupils feel represented and valued.

### **LS17 uniform exchange**

As well as our Facebook page where you exchange uniform, we are pleased to inform you that Lingfield Living Local Community Hub are setting up a uniform exchange in our area. They are looking for donations of unwanted uniform to get them started. Donations can be dropped off:

Monday 11:30-4:00

Tuesday 1:30-3:00

Wednesday 10:00-2:00

The address for drop off is: 83 Lingfield Drive, Alwoodley, LS17 7HF

### **Solar Panels**

We are thrilled to offer you some data about the energy our solar panels have created. In the past two years, the panels have generated 2.1GWH which is approximately 2,000,000,000 watts. To help understand this impact of that figure, it is enough to power approximately 100 million LED bulbs, or 4000 electric vehicle cars or one million homes.

### **Attendance**

Our school target is 97%. At present we are behind our school target, and it stands at 95.4%. **Please help by making attendance and punctuality a priority.**

To date the classes with the best attendance this year are:

Phase 1 - Willow 3 - 96.34%

Phase 2 - Rowan 4 - 97.08%

If your child is absent, please telephone the school attendance officer **as soon as possible - ideally before 9am** on the first day of absence (and each subsequent day of absence) on 0113 2686104

We will be celebrating the classes with the best attendance this half term as usual with a pizza party at the fire pit.

### **Stay and Play Sessions – Coming Soon!**

We're excited to launch Stay and Play sessions on Mondays after school, starting Monday 29th April. These sessions will run until 4:00pm and offer families the chance to enjoy some of our OPAL areas together.

Children must be supervised by an adult, and unfortunately, older siblings from Allerton High will not be permitted on site.

A full letter with more details will follow shortly – we hope to see you there!

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