

Ormesby Village Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term – busy and exciting as ever! The learning topic for Reception and for KS1 is 'Space' and you will receive further details from class teachers in due course! We shall look forward to seeing you in school for our Christmas events later in the term and thank you in anticipation of your support for these. As you know the children very much enjoyed the Halloween disco and the figure raised for School fund is £179.50. The PTA is in the process of organising the Christmas Fayre and children are designing their own Christmas cards for purchase again this year. Order forms will be with you very soon! Many many thanks to the PTA and staff for organising and supervising these events!

Parent's Evenings

A reminder that these take place on Thursday 9th and Tuesday 14th November from 3.30-6.30pm. It is very important that you take this opportunity to discuss your child's progress with class teachers and find out how you can support them in their learning at home and at school. Appointment lists will be available for signing in classrooms. If these dates are not suitable for you please contact the school to make another mutually convenient appointment.

School Forms

Children new to the school will have taken home an internet and image form. This form asks for your permission for your child's image to be used around school and on the website. You will always be informed if we wish to use your child's image for other purposes – e.g. local newspaper.

All children will have taken home two copies of the 'Home School Agreement'. We ask that you and your child read and sign both copies and return one to the class teachers.

If you have not returned any of these forms, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies and other related tokens in school in aid of the Royal British Legion appeal from Monday 6th until next Friday 10th November. Whilst there is no suggested donation for the actual poppies; the suggested donation for the other tokens such as wristbands, rulers etc is £1 or above. If you choose to send any money in with your child for this purpose please can you send it in a named envelope or purse clearly stating that the money is for the poppy appeal. Thank you.

Defibrillator

Many many thanks for helping us to raise money to buy a defibrillator for Ormesby Village! The Infant school raised £152.95 on Wear Red Day on 29.09.17 and this money along with money raised at the junior school and donations received from other local sources has enabled us to purchase this crucial piece of medical equipment for the village. We are waiting to hear from the parish council about where the defibrillator should be situated in the village and, as soon as we can, we plan to organise an assembly for an official 'handover' ceremony and to thank everyone who has contributed to this very special purchase. As soon as we know more we will, of course, let you know.



Children in Need

On Friday 17th November children may come to school dressed in clothes of their own choice or anything spotty and wear odd socks to link in with anti-bullying week, in support of the BBC Children in Need appeal. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 per child which we shall send to the appeal.

P.E

Please ensure your children have their P.E. Kit in school every day. We have sports coaches in school all week and very few spare P.E. clothes. Pupils need to be able to take part in these lessons wearing the correct clothes and footwear. Thank you for ensuring their kit is in school all week, every week.

Bikes and Scooters

We like to encourage children to keep fit and use their bikes and scooters to school but we would like to send a polite, but important, reminder to you all to ask that children should not ride their scooters or bikes in the school grounds at the beginning and end of the school day, particularly along paths and in the covered areas outside the classrooms. Obviously space is restricted and congested and accidents have happened and we want to prevent these. Please ask your children to wheel their bikes and scooters into/out of the grounds.

We are also aware that the bike/scooter shed is not in good condition at the moment and is currently in the process of being refurbished. In the meantime we would like to offer a temporary alternative to store your bike/scooter – the under cover outdoor area next to the playground.

Driving

We would like to bring to your attention a serious case of a very near miss accident involving one of our children. Can we please ask that you consider the route you take and keep speeds to the speed limit, if not less, bearing in mind lots of school children walk and scooter to and from school. It is imperative we look out for our children to keep them safe at all times. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

Bushcraft

Mr Jonathon Earle, manager of a company called Back to Basics Outdoor Education would like to set up his bushcraft clubs at Ormesby Village Junior School and our pupils will have first preference in taking up the places. The clubs will run on a Monday evening at the school – 16.45-17.45 for younger pupils and 18.00-19.00 for older pupils. He and his staff are DBS checked and hold relevant first aid qualifications. Pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of outdoor activities such as den building as well as learning about how to look after our outdoor environment. The cost of the session is £3 per child. If your child would like to attend one of these clubs please complete the interest slip and return it to the school as soon as possible. Places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Diary Dates

09.11.17 – Parents' Evening – 3.30-6.30pm
13.11.17 – National Anti-Bullying week
14.11.17 – Parents' Evening – 3.30-6.30pm
17.11.17 – Dress up for Children in Need
30.11.17 – Year R,1 & 2 nasal flu immunization
07.12.17 – Christmas Fayre – details to follow
12.12.17 – School Christmas Lunch – details to follow
13.12.17 – Christmas performance – 2.00pm – details to follow
14.12.17 – Christmas Performance – 2.00pm
15.12.17 – Christmas performance – 2.00pm
18.12.17 – Christmas Parties – details to follow
19.12.17 – School closes for Christmas
04.01.18 – School re-opens for Spring term 2018

Yours sincerely

Lucy Bates

Lucy Bates
Headteacher

My/Our child would like to attend the Bushcraft club.

Child's name and class: _____

Signed: _____