



6TH MARCH 2024



A Message from Mrs Moore

Spring is definitely on the way, with some signs of sunshine and flowers starting to bloom. This half of Spring Term is a very short one and will pass quickly. Just a reminder that the last day of Spring Term is close to Easter on Thursday 28th March and the children will return to school on Tuesday 16th April. We have lots of exciting outdoor visits this half term for many of the children to look forward to.

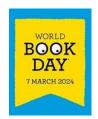
Celebrating our OAT Award Winners

Every year the Trust hold a national awards evening. Each school in the Trust has the opportunity to nominate children under specific categories. This year we have an amazing 3 winners! Congratulations to Pippa who has won the 'Creativity Prize' for her involvement in and out of school with theatre and dance. Congratulations to Cara who won the 'Sporting Champion' prize for her exceptional involvement in sport in and out of school and congratulations for Aoife who has won an award for 'Academic Achievement' for her fantastic dedication and attitude to learning. We are so proud of all of you and are looking forward to celebrating at the awards evening next week.



World Book Day

Tomorrow, Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. We also look forward to seeing parents at 2:45pm to share books with their children, parents that have more then one child will have the opportunity to see them all together. We also look forward to seeing children's 'wooden spoon characters'.



Mother's Day Lunch

We are looking forward to welcoming parents from EYFS and Year 6 for our annual 'Mother's Day Lunch' on **Wednesday 13th March**, this is available to one parent per child. Please see letter sent regarding booking on the iPay system. Parents should arrive at **11:30am**.



Attendance

Our current school attendance is 93.8 %. Well done to the children who currently have collected weekly raffle tickets this term. Our academy target this year is to be at least 95% attendance with only 15% of the school with under 90% attendance (over 20 days off for the school year). Please remember to always let the office know your child is too unwell for school. If you have any questions regarding attendance please don't hesitate in contacting myself or Mrs French.

Attendance: the top facts to know & share

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
- And **36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs,** also compared with 84% of regular attenders.¹
- And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:
- More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.²
- But attendance is important for more than just attainment:
- Regular school attendance can facilitate **positive peer relationships**, which is a **protective factor** for mental health and wellbeing.³



PE Days

Just a reminder about PE days for this half-term:

EYFS: Friday

- Year 1: Monday and Tuesday
- Year 2: Thursday and Friday
- Year 3: Monday and Tuesday
- Year 4: Monday and Wednesday
- Year 5: Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 6: Wednesday and Thursday

Give your views

Thank you to all the parents that have completed the parent view questionnaire so far, we have published all of your wonderful comments on a display. You are only able to give your views once, so if you haven't done so already we would welcome you to complete the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire.

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Ormiston Meadows PTA

As always, our PTA team have been busy planning events for the remainder of the year. They have an upcoming Bake Sale on **Friday 22nd March**, please see poster for further information.



The PTA will also be running an Easter Bonnet competition on Wednesday 27th March.



The PTA will be holding their next meeting on **Friday 19th April** at 6pm at The Windmill in Orton Waterville for any further parents that are interested in joining the team.

Thank you for your continued support!

Key Dates- Spring Term

- World Book Day Thursday 7th March
- Mother's Day Lunch Wednesday 13th March
- Year 3 Ferry Meadows Visit Thursday 14th March
- Year 4 Ferry Meadows Visit Tuesday 19th March
- Parents evening Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th March
- Year 5 Little Mermaid at Bushfield Wednesday 20th March
- Year 2 Sacrewell Farm Visit Thursday 21st March
- End of Term Thursday 28th March