

A Message from Mrs Moore

Welcome back to the new academic year, I hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer break. We are looking forward to welcoming back all the children on **Wednesday 4th September**. Children should make their way to their classroom door at **8:40am** when the bell goes. We have many exciting events planned for the academic year and look forward to working closely together as a school community.

Staffing Update

We would like to warmly welcome some new members of staff to the team.

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| Miss Imtiaz | Year 3 Teacher |
| Ms Slinn | Year 6 teacher (Thurs & Fri) |
| Miss Hennessy | Teaching Assistant |
| Mrs Paul | Teaching Assistant |
| Mrs Walthew | Teaching Assistant |
| Ms Watson | Teaching Assistant |
| Mr Clifton | Premises Officer |

Mrs Joyce and Miss Bishop are taking on the roles of Associate Assistant Principal this academic year and will be working as part of SLT alongside myself, Mrs Elger, Mrs Oates and Mrs Fry.

Teachers will be available on the classroom door at the beginning and end of each day for brief messages. If you would like to discuss anything with your child's class teacher please book an appointment to speak to them through the school office or use the class email accounts Yeargroup@ormistonmeadows.co.uk e.g Year1@ormistonmeadows.co.uk. The teaching staff will continue to send updates and badges through the Marvellous Me app, if you need a login code please see a member of the office staff.

Children in Reception and Year 1 will also have contact through Tapestry.

Behaviour Policy Update

We have updated the behaviour policy to ensure that all children are regularly praised for their positive behaviour. The classes will continue to use the class 'weather charts' however these will now have pegs on them, if the children are moved up the weather chart they move their peg up, when they reach the top of the chart and have 'reached for the stars' they will then wear their peg for the remainder of the day. If your child reaches for the stars you will be updated on Marvellous Me. The class teachers will keep a record of how many times each child has 'reached for the stars', after 25 times they will be awarded a bronze star badge, 50 times a silver star badge, 75 times a gold star badge and 100 times a platinum star badge.



Uniform expectations

We will be monitoring school uniform very closely. All children are expected to wear full school uniform unless it is their PE day when they should wear their PE kit. Children should have:

Reception – Year 4 – black or grey skirts/dress/trousers/shorts, a white polo shirt, royal blue school jumper (with or without a logo), black/grey/white socks or tights and black school shoes.

Year 5 & 6 – Black school logo blazer, blue school tie (with logo), white buttoned shirt, black or grey skirt/trousers/shorts, black/grey/white socks or tights and black school shoes.

Any hair accessories should be basic and school colours. The only jewellery permitted are stud earrings and watches. No makeup or nail varnish is permitted. Children should not wear trainers with their school uniform. Class teachers will be contacting parents if there are any discrepancies with school uniform. Please remember to name all items of school uniform.



PE

Children should come to school in their PE kit on the specified days below. Please be reminded that children should be in plain black/blue/grey kit. This can be shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms, with a white t-shirt, royal blue t-shirt or school PE t-shirt and preferably their school jumper. There should be no writing or logos on any PE clothing or any football kits. Reception will begin their PE later in the Autumn term.

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| Year 1 | Monday, Wednesday |
| Year 2 | Thursday, Friday |
| Year 3 | Tuesday, Thursday |
| Year 4 | Monday, Friday |
| Year 5 | Tuesday, Friday |
| Year 6 | Tuesday, Thursday |



Attendance

We have an academy target of 95% attendance. We will monitor pupils' attendance carefully. Policies regarding holidays in term time have been updated by the Department for Education. As a result no holidays will be authorised unless there is an exceptional circumstance, please ensure you are aware of the up-to-date information regarding fines.

- **1st offence** - £160 per parent, per child (paid within 28 days), reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days
 - **2nd offence** (within 3 years) - £160 per parent, per child (paid within 28 days)
- **3rd offence** (within 3 years) - The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'

Homework expectations

Reading – All children are expected to read at home **at least 3 times each week** and this reading should be logged on the Boom Reader app. This will be monitored carefully each week by the class teachers and leadership team in school, any children who have not read the required amount at home will be asked to read in their own time each Friday in school and parents will be contacted.

Homework – Along with their reading each child is expected to learn their spellings each week for a spelling test every Monday. They will also be expected to complete their set Maths homework on TT Rockstars and/or Sumdog. Teachers will also set a homework project each half term.

Key Dates- Autumn Term 2024

- **School Opens** - Wednesday 4th September
- **Reception 2025 Tour** – Thursday 26th September
- **Year 5 Space Centre visit** – Wednesday 9th October
- **Mental Health Day** – Thursday 10th October
- **Individual school photos** – Thursday 17th October
- **Parents Reading lesson viewing** –Tuesday 22nd October @9am
- **Half term** – 28th October – 1st November
- **School opens** – Monday 4th November
- **Parents Evening** – Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th November
- **Year 3 Ferry Meadows visit** – Wednesday 13th November
- **Parents Maths lesson viewing** – Monday 9th December @9am
- **Christmas dinner** – Wednesday 11th December
- **Christingle** – Monday 16th December
- **EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance** – Wednesday 18th December @ 9am
- **Last day of term** – Friday 20th December