

A Message from Mrs Moore

Welcome back to Autumn Term 2! We had a long and busy first half term of the school year, including our Ofsted inspection, of which the report should be released very soon. Thank you for all your support over the last few weeks, it has been lovely to catch up with parents and I look forward to further opportunities this half term. I would like to welcome two new members of staff to our team, Mrs Heaton who will be joining the Reception class as a Teaching assistant and Miss Adamson-Greener joining Year 5 as a teaching assistant. The children have enjoyed exciting learning opportunities over the last few weeks.



Staffing Update

I would like to update you on members of staff that will be leaving us at the end of Autumn Term. Mrs French, who has worked at the academy for over 20 years will be leaving us to spend more time with her family and Miss Bird will also be leaving us to work closer to her family and home. The recruitment process is in place for both roles but I'm sure you will agree that both will be truly missed. I will keep you updated with our new staff who will be taking on the roles from the Spring Term.

Reading

Thank you to all the parents who attended our open morning for reading lessons before half term, hopefully it gave you an insight into how we teach reading in school. The children reading in school only covers part of their reading development. It is vitally important that children are reading regularly at home to embed knowledge and improve fluency. It is a minimum expectation that children read 3 times a week at home, there is still a high proportion of children not managing this each week. It only needs to be 10 mins each time they read, please see your child's class teacher if you need support accessing Boom Reader. Further information can be found on the academy website

[Ormiston Meadows Academy - Reading Support](#)



Curriculum

As we move into a new half term, I would like to remind you of links to our curriculum maps. On this area of the website you can find all long term plans and information about each subject area taught in school, please take a moment to look through the areas of learning your child/ren will be covering next half term.

Curriculum page - [Ormiston Meadows Academy](#)

EYFS - [Ormiston Meadows Academy - Early Years Foundation Setting \(EYFS\)](#)

PE Days

An updated timetable of PE days is always updated on the class pages on the website.

Timetable for this half term is below.

	Session 1	Session 2
EYFS	Monday	
Year 1	Monday	Wednesday
Year 2	Thursday	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday	Friday
Year 4	Monday	Friday
Year 5	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday	Thursday

PTA

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fabulous PTA Team for all the events they have planned for the Autumn Term. Exciting events in place this half term include:-

Friday 15th November – Non-School uniform day in return for a contribution for the tombola for the upcoming Christmas fair. We realise this is also Children in Need, if you would also like to donate to this cause please follow the link:



[Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)



Friday 13th December – Christmas Fair after school until 5:30pm

Thursday 19th December – EYFS/KS1 disco – 3:15pm – 4:15pm

KS2 – 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Further information regarding events and upcoming meetings can be found on the PTA Facebook page.

Key Dates- Autumn Term 2024

- **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 & Christmas Jumper day** – Wednesday 11th December
- **Christmas Fair** – Friday 13th December 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- **Christingle** – Monday 16th December
- **EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance** – Wednesday 18th December @ 9am
- **PTA Disco** – Thursday 19th December
- **Last day of term** – Friday 20th December

Please note we had a provisional training day on November 22nd but this is not going ahead and will be a normal school day, thank you