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Weekly Newsletter: wb 21st April 2025

We'll done to all who entered our decorated egg competition – we received some wonderful creations and it was difficult to choose the winners (see over). We hope you enjoyed our traditional Egg Rolling if you came up for it...

I realise it may seem strange to have had 2 weeks off for 'Easter' only to be followed by another 2 days during the actual Easter weekend – but these dates are set by the local authority! Regardless of this, we hope you enjoyed the extended weekend.

Paying for dinners via 'Parent Pay' (through Reach More app)

We are pleased to report that the 'Single Sign On' facility is now working correctly; allowing you to access the Parent Pay part of Reach More. From here, you should be able to check your child's dinner balance* and make payments.

*If your child has been having dinners over the last 3 weeks, this should be showing as a negative balance. Please clear this and deposit funds for future lunches as soon as possible. If you think there has been an error, please get in touch with the school office and they will be happy to check this for you.

Meanwhile, we have been informed that school dinners are set to increase in price from next week. They will now be **£2.90 per day**; see letter from our suppliers, Taylor Shaw, for more information (sent out via Reach More).

Wizard of Oz

Reminder: the children will this week be treated to a special one-off performance of **'The Wizard of Oz'**; courtesy of M&M Theatrical Productions – we are sure they'll love it! In order to cover the cost of this, we would like to request a donation of **£5 per child**. This is now available through Parent Pay. Thank you in advance!

Holiday fines reminder

With nice weather on the horizon, people's thoughts often turn to holidays... We have been asked by the local authority to remind parents about fines for taking holidays in term-time. The current guidance (in effect since Autumn 2024) states that unauthorised term-time leave is on a 3-year rollover (i.e. the slate isn't wiped clean at the end of the academic year). This means that fines increase for 2nd and 3rd 'offences' – even if your child has moved school. See the attached leaflet for more information (originally sent out during Summer 2024).

Bank Holiday Fun Day at Oughtibridge War Memorial Sports Club

As May is nearly upon us, there is another bank holiday on the horizon. Oughtibridge Cricket Club will be hosting a 'Family Fun Day' on Monday 5th May (free entry, starting at 10am). There will be a women's cricket tournament, bouncy castle, bbq and more (see attached flyer!)

Mr Gaughan

Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.





Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children (and adults*):

- ★ Last week's **bronze**, **silver** and **gold** certificates will be given out during Tuesday's assembly...
- ★ Congratulations to the winners of our decorated egg competition: **Theo R** (Nursery), **Violet** (Reception), **Frankie-Lola** (Y1), **Fearne** (Y2), **Skyla-Grey & Oliver R** (Y3), **Willow H** (Y4), **Charlie M** (Y5) and **Franklin** (6).
- ★ Well done to the winners of our egg-rolling competition: **Nova & Oscar B** (Nursery), **Matilda** (Reception), **William R** (Y1), **Cooper & Tommy** (Y2), **Darcy** (Y3), **Poppy** (Y4), **Leela** (Y5), **Amelie** (Y6) and last but not least, **Donna Evans** (Parent / Carers)*.
- ★ Attendance winners: Attendance was **97.0%** overall last week. The winning classes were Willow (**96.6%**) and Oak (**100%**). Well done also to the **58** children who are due certificates for **98%+** attendance during the Spring term!
- ★ With all the Easter excitement, we didn't get round to counting house points last week - watch this space!



There aren't any birthdays this week!

This week's '**School Standard**' is:
Be inclusive

What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings are learning the story of Jack & the Beanstalk.

Ash are learning about the World's oceans in Geography.

Willow have started learning about fractions, halves and quarters this week.

Children in **The Learning Zone** are enjoying their PE sessions with SWFC - they have been playing a variety of team games such as dodgeball and fireball!

Rowan have started learning about biomes in Geography.

Sycamore have started their Space topic in Science and will be learning more about the solar system this week.

Children from **Oak** are going to a dodgeball competition on Tuesday!
(Reminder: please return school kit when finished with!)

