

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of the Year. As always we have had much to celebrate and our children continue to be a credit to themselves and to you.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs. Laher, Associate Executive Principal from Outwood Grange to our Summer Term Curriculum Talent Awards this week. Well done to all the nominees and to the winners.

Please see below for the term dates for next year

Term Dates 2017/2018

Term	School Opens	School Closes
Autumn 1	Tuesday 5 th September 2017	Friday 20 th October 2017
Autumn 2	Monday 30 th October 2017	Friday 22 nd December 2017
Spring 1	Tuesday 9 th January 2018	Friday 16 th February 2018
Spring 2	Monday 26 th February 2018	Thursday 29 th March 2018
Summer 1	Monday 16 th April 2018	Friday 25 th May 2018
Summer 2	Monday 4 th June 2018	Friday 20 th July 2018

Staffing Changes for 2017/18

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Marshall in the office, Miss Sowerby in year 2, Mrs. Sharpe in Reception and Mr. Smith who has been in Year 5 and Year 2 for us. We are also saying goodbye to Ms. Leonard in year 5 who is going to teach at OPA Ledger Lane.

We thank them all for all their hard work and dedication to the children of OPALHG and wish them all the best in their future roles.

We would also like to welcome Miss Mitton who currently works at Ledger Lane who will be teaching in Year 4, Miss Park who will be teaching in Year 2, Mr. Sagoo who is our new Learning Manager and Mrs. Bhaiyat who is a new Higher level Teaching Assistant. We also welcome back Mrs. Jagger who will be teaching in Year 5 alongside Mrs. Thompson.

Classes for 2017/18

Current Class	New Class
RS	1M – Mrs. Mahmood
RPW	1C – Miss Christiansen
1C	2C – Miss Cooper
1M	2P – Miss Park
2C	3DH – Mr. Hodson
2SR	3H – Mrs. Harlow
3H	4M – Miss Mitton
3DH	4T – Mrs. Thornton
4T	5M – Mrs. Marshall
4M	5TJ – Mrs. Thompson / Mrs. Jagger
5L	6C – Mr. Charlton
5TS	6D – Mr. Denning

Next Thursday is whole school transition morning so the children will be visiting their new classes. They can line up in their new lines in the playground that morning. Staff will be out to welcome you all so you can't get lost!

Congratulations! Congratulations! Congratulations!

A huge well done to all of our children and staff for another round of fantastic results across all the phases of the school. We continue to improve year on year and we also thank you for all your support with your child's learning.

EYFS – Good Level of Development 81% (69% national)

Phonics – 92% (81% national)

Year 2 – Expected Standard in Reading 92% (74% national) Greater Depth in Reading 43% (24% national)

Expected Standard in Writing 80% (65% national) Greater Depth in Writing 28% (13% national)

Expected Standard in Maths 92% (73% national) Greater Depth in Maths 43% (18% national)

Year 6 – Expected Standard in RWM combined 78% (53% national) High Score combined 25% (5% national)

Expected Standard in Reading 82% (national 66%) High Score in Reading 28% (19% national)

Expected Standard in Writing 95% (national 75%) High Score in Writing 65% (15% national)

Expected Standard in Maths 88% (national 70%) High Score in Maths 50% (17% national)

Uniform reminders – School uniform can be purchased at the Trutex shop in Wakefield or online at [Trutex Online](#) using the school code: **LEA00915CH**.

Please make sure that any 'ear-piercing' takes place at the start of the holidays as I need to give you a gentle reminder about our strict no jewellery policy!

'BOY' meetings in September

Next year we would like to invite you to a 'Beginning of Year' meeting where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and hear about the routines of the class and also some key updates about changes to policies and procedures in school. These are being held at the beginning or end of the school day. If you can't get to a meeting we will be sending home a new school planner for you to read which has lots of the school information in it. We hope as many of you can attend as possible.

Year 1 & 2 classes: Wed 13th Sept 9.10am -9.40am or 2.40pm – 3.10pm

Year 3 & 4 classes: Thurs 14th Sept. 9.10am -9.40am or 2.40pm – 3.10pm

Year 5 & 6 classes: Mon 18th Sept 9.10am -9.40am or 2.40pm – 3.10pm

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated governors and fantastic staff and parents for the continuous support they have given to the school over the past year and for helping to make OPA Lofthouse Gate such a very special place to be!

Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer break of fun and sun and we look forward to seeing you back in one piece in September 2017.

All the best to all our year 6 pupils and other pupils who are leaving

**GOODBYE, GOODLUCK AND WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST AT YOUR
RESPECTIVE NEW SCHOOLS**

With very best wishes,
J D Savage and the staff team of OPALHG