

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 are delighted to welcome Mr. Foster as our new Vice-Principal. I know a lot of you have already met him on the gate and you'll join with the staff in welcoming him to the family of OPALHG!

Please see below for the term dates for next year

Term Dates 2016/2017

Term	School Opens	School Closes
Autumn 1	4 th September 2018	26 th October 2018
Autumn 2	5 th November 2018	21 st December 2018
Spring 1	7 th January 2019	15 th February 2019
Spring 2	25 th February 2019	5 th April 2019
Summer 1	23 rd April 2019	1 st May – (Potential Nursery only closure for polling)
	2 nd May 2019	3 rd May 2019
	7 th May 2019	24 th May 2019
Summer 2	3 rd June 2019	18 th July 2019

Staffing Changes for 2018/19

We will be saying goodbye as you already know to Miss McMahon, Mr Charlton, Miss Mitton, Miss Bennet and Mrs Pashley. 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 Mrs Tse and Miss Bedford to the team for September.

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 80% (70% national)

Phonics – 93% (81% national)

Year 2 – Expected Standard in Reading 87% (74%national) Greater Depth in Reading 47% (24% national)
Expected Standard in Writing 80% (65% national) Greater Depth in Writing 32% (13% national)
Expected Standard in Maths 88% (73% national) Greater Depth in Maths 45% (18% national)

Year 6 – Expected Standard in RWM combined 90% (64% national) High Score combined 15% (9% national)

Expected Standard in Reading 93% (national 66%) High Score in Reading 35% (19% national)
Expected Standard in Writing 92% (national 75%) High Score in Writing 40% (15% national)
Expected Standard in Maths 92% (national 70%) High Score in Maths 33% (17% national)

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Uniform reminders – School uniform can be purchased at the Trutex shop in Wakefield. 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. 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 school planner for you to read which also has lots of the school information in it. We hope as many of you can attend as possible.

Year 1 & 2 classes: Wed 12th Sept 9.10am -9.40am or 2.40pm – 3.10pm

Year 3 & 4 classes: Thurs 13th Sept. 9.10am -9.40am or 2.40pm – 3.10pm

Year 5 & 6 classes: Mon 17th 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 2018.

All the best to all our year 6 pupils and other pupils and staff 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