



Ocean wave

November 2019

Message from the Principal – Mrs Quarrie

Dear Parents / Carers

We have been concentrating on our Learning Skill of **RESPECT** this half term and most children at Ocean have been really thinking about what it means to respect each other, even when it can seem quite hard to do. Many of our children have earned a **RESPECT** sticker and I really enjoyed hearing all about why they received their sticker.

Next half term we will be focusing on **INDEPENDENCE**.

We should be encouraging our children to be independent at home and school – it really is a life skill and they love the feeling of achievement when they complete a task independently, with resilience and a Growth Mindset.

Follow the three R's: – Respect for self. – Respect for others. – Responsibility for all your actions.

The number of children regularly completing homework is on the rise and we would like to thank you for your support with this. Regular re-capping of knowledge and new learning helps children to commit information to their long term memory, which allows the working memory to function without being overloaded. We have adapted our teaching and learning philosophy to encourage the development of working and long term memory to aid the ability to recall and use knowledge and skills more effectively now and in the future.

Some of you may have noticed a blue and white cabin that arrived on school grounds recently. This will house our 'Creator Space'. This is a really exciting initiative that Aspirations has funded across the Trust. Our children will be able to access an enhanced STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) curriculum where they will be able to create using 3D virtual reality goggles, 3D printers, lego, ipads, soldering irons, craft supplies, K'NEX, coding systems, air rocket launchers and so on! STEM skills are vital for supporting learning at Ocean Academy and this can then be utilised and built upon at secondary school and into employment. This is such a valuable resource and we hope to start using it in the spring term 2020.

Please support the CPTA and their festive fund raisers – your support makes all the difference and raises important funds for our children. If you can help in anyway, please let the CPTA know via the interest form found on the school website.

Please can I remind you that if you are dropping off your child before 8.30am in the morning that they should wait sensibly. There have been a number of incidences reported of silly behaviour outside school and if this continues, parents will not be allowed to leave their children unsupervised. Staff are not responsible for your children before 8.30am unless they are part of a club. Thank you for your on-going support.

Best wishes
Mrs J Quarrie – Principal

School Office reminders

Reminder!

Do you want to order your child a Christmas Lunch for 18 December 2019? The cost is £2.50 and will consist of roast chicken, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding and seasonal vegetables. There is also a vegetarian option. The dessert is chocolate brownies. Orders need to be in by Monday 9 December – please pay via School Money.

Thank you for all your efforts with communicating absence, change of details and medication – if anything changes, please advise the School Office!

Marvellous Me

MarvellousMe has upgraded their Parent app this week. This new version delivers a 30-day News Centre (the number one feature parents have been asking for!), fixes notification bugs and includes other improvements.

You may have already seen an email from MarvellousMe however, if you haven't already done so, it is **essential** that you follow the below:

1. Check your device is running the latest operating software.
2. Update the MarvellousMe app via the App Store or Google Play.
 - To do this, type 'MarvellousMe' into the search bar, click on the 'MarvellousMe for Parents' icon and select 'update'.
 - Your phone may have already updated MarvellousMe automatically in which case it will just have an 'open' button.
3. Open the MarvellousMe Parent app then
 - Tap 'Settings'
 - Toggle the 'Get device notifications' switch off and back on again. Even if it shows as 'On', **you must switch it 'Off' and 'On' once. This step is particularly important** to ensure you receive MarvellousMe notifications going forward and benefit from the upgrade.



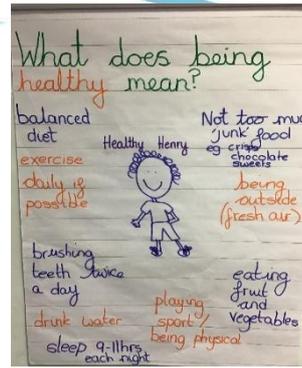
Thank you for using MarvellousMe.

Year 3 Updates

What a fantastic start to the term we have had. The children have enjoyed reading our English text of The Twits and in English we have been using the story to support our learning. We kicked off our science this term with a visit from AFC BOURNEMOUTH who talked to the children about nutrition and a healthy lifestyle.

A massive thank you to everyone who has sent in Stone Age research posters. The children have been sharing their learning with their peers and the posters are now being put up in the corridor and classrooms for everyone to see. The children have really been inspired in art and have been busy making their own cave art drawings.

In year 3 we have now started the rehearsals for our Christmas show 'Away in a Spaceship'. We are well under way with the learning of the songs and the children have auditioned for the parts. Look out for song lyrics and lines coming home soon. Please can you help and support your children with learning the words at home especially with saying them loudly and clearly.



The Year 3 Team

Year 4 Updates

We have kicked off our 'Time Cop' topic in style this half term, welcoming a Roman centurion in to our school to teach us how to be Roman legionaries - some of us were better at marching and following directions than others! We also learned all about soldier's weapons and armour protection and even got to try on some armour and a helmet! Thanks to the support of the CPTA, we have a subscription to Poole Museum for the whole school so we have lots of artefacts and exciting objects from Roman times that we can explore over the coming weeks. In English we are use 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them' to inspire our own 'to inform' writing. We have been developing our knowledge of sentence structure by learning about coordinating and subordinating conjunctions - there has been a lot of vocabulary to get our heads around, but we are all doing so well! In maths, we are finishing off our work on place value, ready to focus on our addition and subtraction skills.

Year 4 Team



Year 5 Updates

We cannot believe it is almost the end of the Autumn term. It has been a busy one for Year 5. In English, we have been reading Skellig. From here, we have created our own information texts on Tawny Owls, using features including relative clauses, subordinate clauses and colons for lists. In maths, we have focused on statistics, reading and understanding bar charts, line graphs and timetables. We have also been practising how to multiply and divide whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. We have been solving problems relating to squared and cubed numbers. In topic, we have thrown ourselves in to learning about the Maya civilisation. We have been learning and creating models of the Chichen Itsa, understanding the number and calendar system, as well as creating Maya food. We are looking forward to getting into the festive spirit, learning about Christmas around the world. Thank you all for your continued support.

Year 5 Team

Year 6 Updates

Our World War 2 topic has begun and the children are thoroughly enjoying learning about it. So far, we have learned: how and why the war began and the leaders of the Allied and Axis powers. Over the next few weeks, the children will learn about evacuation, rationing, the Blitz and the Battle of Britain. Thanks to those of you who have sent your child to school with war-related items. We have had medals and letters to show and discuss which helps to make the learning much more relatable. Having said this, please do not send any items that are of high sentimental value! Photos, scans or even just stories will often suffice.

In maths, we have been revising and deepening our understanding of decimals, negative numbers, factors and multiples. Within these areas, children have been applying their problem solving and reasoning skills and practising arithmetic questions. Please keep up the times table practise at home too. Children who are fluent in their understanding of times tables reduce their cognitive load when applying their understanding.

In English, we have been focusing on descriptive writing. We have been reading Michael Morpurgo's 'Friend or Foe', a brilliant tale about evacuee children during WWII. It is a great book that has inspired our descriptive writing whilst helping us to understand children's plight during wartime. Recently, we wrote about David's journey from London to the Devon countryside whilst polishing our dialogue writing skills. See if your child can explain how and why speech is punctuated in their reading book. We have also completed a cycle of mock exam papers. The children are progressing well and are building their resilience when faced with an exam paper. To support at home, keep guiding your child with their homework so we can discuss the answers in school. Other than this, regular reading and times table practise will always do wonders to boost your child's confidence across the curriculum.

Year 6 Team

Brigade Uniform – Black Friday Offer

We have been notified by Brigade our uniform suppliers that from 29 November to 2 December as part of Black Friday they are offering 20% off all uniform. To take advantage of this offer use code **BC Black 19** at the checkout. If you are looking to stock up or replace items this is a good time to do it!



Children, Parent, Teacher Association (CPTA)



The Christmas Fair is on Friday 6 December from 4pm – it is fast approaching and we are looking for volunteers for the event.

Christmas Jumper day is on 4 December 2019 and we would appreciate donations as follows:

- Years 3 and 4 Chocolate selection boxes
- Year 5 Cakes ((if homemade please bring on the day of the fair)
- Year 6 Bottles for the tombola stall



These will be gratefully received and used to sell or prizes for the raffle.

The much loved 'Elfridges' will be back again this year for seven days only. It is an opportunity for your children to purchase gifts for all the family. These will be wrapped for them and all gifts £3.00.

Thank you to everyone who ordered personalised gifts that your child drew – we raised £96.00 – thank you for all your support!

Internet Safety

Our children's safety is incredibly important to us as we endeavour to make all aspects of our curriculum include teaching and learning regarding the many ways we need to keep safe. There have been a number of concerns raised recently whereby our pupils are using social media in inappropriate ways **at home**. We cannot control what happens at home and so we urge parents to check that safety filters are set on your child's device and that they are only using age appropriate platforms. Thank you for your on-going support with this.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What are the minimum ages for **account holders** on these social media sites and apps?

Age Group	Platforms
Under 13 (with Parental Consent)	Path, Roblox, Fortnite (Age 12+), Minecraft (Age 7+)
13 +	Facebook, My Space, Dubsplash, Twitter, Skype, Facetime, Instagram, iTunes, Steam, Pinterest, ooVoo, Google Hangouts, Google+, Skout, Twitch, Tumblr, Meet Me, Discord, Reddit, Periscope, Habbo Hotel, Snapchat, Ask.FM, OSK.fm, LinkedIn, BBM, Sarahah, Yubo
16 +	WhatsApp, Line, Kik, Keek, FourSquare, Flickr, Tik Tok, Previously Musical.ly, Live.ly, Omigle
17 +	Vine, Whisper, Telegram, Yik Yak
18 + (13 with parental permission)	You Tube, Play Store, We Chat, Spotify (12 with parental permission), Kik, Keek, FourSquare, Flickr, Tik Tok, Previously Musical.ly, Live.ly, Omigle

The above image shows age restrictions for all social media platforms!



There is no app to replace your lap

READ TO YOUR CHILDREN

We value reading at Ocean Academy and we are working hard to not only teach children the skills of reading, but also the enjoyment that can be gained from reading their own literature or from sharing texts with others. Please support us with this by continuing to regularly read with your child at home.

Attendance

Well done Year 3 once again – Year 5 close second – keep it up!

Roll Call Summary by Year Group

Year	No.	Present	PA	PA %
Yr3	88	98.6%	3	3.4%
Yr4	89	95.8%	9	10.1%
Yr5	90	96.9%	9	10.0%
Yr6	89	96.5%	8	9.0%
Total	356	96.9%	29	8.1%



Children in Need – Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated for children in need – we raised £328.53 which we have sent to the bank and will have a certificate sent in the post. The children and staff loved spending the day in their pyjamas – thank you for your support!



Diary Dates

29 November	Swimming session 3 – Year 4 Block 1
4 December	Christmas Jumper Day for a donation for the Christmas Fair – Years 3 and 4 Selection Boxes, Year 5 Cakes and Year 6 tombola items
6 December	Swimming session 4 – Year 4 Block 1 Christmas Fair 4pm-6pm
9 December	Elfridges – secret shop – please send your child into school with some money to spend at the shop
9 December	Year 3 show – PM 4pm start
11 December	Year 3 show – AM 9.15am start
13 December	Swimming session 5 – Year 4 Block 1 (Last session)
18 December	Christmas Party
18 December	Christmas Lunch – please order
19 December	Christmas Party
20 December	Term ends for Christmas 1pm finish
6 January	Inset Day – School closed for children
7 January	Spring Term 2020 starts – welcome back!