



# Headteacher's Blog

FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

A very warm welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for the academic year ahead. It has been lovely to have the children return this week – we do miss them over the holidays, and can't believe how much they've grown!

This year we will celebrate the school's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, so it's sure to be a good year!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

This week we are delighted to welcome Miss Lauren Waller (Moles' class teacher), Miss Charlotte Gregory (Wrens' class teacher) and Mrs Kelly Page (Nursery Nurse in Foundation). We also welcome back Mr Chris Pink, who has returned after taking a year out to travel around the world. They have all really enjoyed their first few days at school and we are delighted to have them as part of Team Oxley.

## WEDDING BELLS...



During the summer, both Miss Hewson and Miss Scripps got married.

Miss Scripps is now Mrs Malcom. Here is a beautiful photograph of the bride and groom on their special day...



Miss Hewson also got married, but will be keeping her own name. She cycled 240 miles to her wedding in Wales – here she is at 160 miles into the journey...



...and here are the stunning bride and her handsome groom on their wedding day.



Many congratulations to both Charlotte and Hayley – we are all delighted for them!

## MATERNITY LEAVE

We also sent Mrs Wood off today with our very best wishes as she starts her maternity leave. Leanne is expecting her first baby very soon and we will let you know as soon as we hear any news!

## UNIFORM REMINDER

Please remember that children must wear **school PE kit** to school on PE days and on Wednesdays for curriculum enrichment if they undertake a sporting activity. On all other days, children need to wear their usual school uniform and get changed for any after school clubs.

Please also remember that children should wear no jewellery at all on PE days – if they have recently had their ears pierced then studs must be covered with micropore tape. At all other times, children may only wear one pair of stud earrings to school – no hooped earrings, and no other jewellery.

## SPARE PE UNIFORM

If you have any spare, used, PE uniform at home that your child no longer needs, we would be really grateful if you could donate it to school to be used for spares.

## INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September we will be celebrating the enjoyment and the importance of reading and writing as it is International Literacy Day. Children will discuss the importance of being able to read, whilst raising an awareness for those around the globe who cannot read or write.

## HOW MUCH SLEEP DOES YOUR CHILD NEED?

I came across these over the summer holidays and thought they might be useful...

| Age     | Nighttime sleep (hrs) | Daytime sleep (hrs) | Total sleep (hrs) |
|---------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 mth   | 8.5 (many naps)       | 7.5 (many naps)     | 16                |
| 3 mths  | 6-10                  | 5-9                 | 15                |
| 6 mths  | 10-12                 | 3-4½                | 14½               |
| 9 mths  | 11                    | 3 (2 naps)          | 14                |
| 12 mths | 11                    | 2½ (2 naps)         | 13½               |
| 18 mths | 11                    | 2½ (1-2 naps)       | 13½               |
| 2 yrs   | 11                    | 2 (1 nap)           | 13                |
| 3 yrs   | 10½                   | 1.5 (1 nap)         | 12                |
| 4 yrs   | 11½                   | 0                   | 11½               |

## AT WHAT TIME SHOULD YOUR CHILD GO TO BED?

| AGE | Wake-up time  |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |
|-----|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|
|     | 6:00AM        | 6:15AM | 6:30AM | 6:45AM | 7:00AM | 7:15AM | 7:30AM |  |
|     | Sleeping time |        |        |        |        |        |        |  |
| 5   | 6:45PM        | 7:00PM | 7:15PM | 7:30PM | 7:30PM | 8:00PM | 8:15PM |  |
| 6   | 7:00PM        | 7:15PM | 7:30PM | 7:30PM | 8:00PM | 8:15PM | 8:30PM |  |
| 7   | 7:15PM        | 7:15PM | 7:30PM | 8:00PM | 8:15PM | 8:30PM | 8:45PM |  |
| 8   | 7:30PM        | 7:30PM | 8:00PM | 8:15PM | 8:30PM | 8:45PM | 9:00PM |  |
| 9   | 7:30PM        | 8:00PM | 8:15PM | 8:30PM | 8:45PM | 9:00PM | 9:15PM |  |
| 10  | 8:00PM        | 8:15PM | 8:30PM | 8:45PM | 9:00PM | 9:15PM | 9:30PM |  |
| 11  | 8:15PM        | 8:30PM | 8:45PM | 9:00PM | 9:15PM | 9:30PM | 9:45PM |  |

## CHARITY DAYS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR AHEAD

We have now agreed our charity days for this academic year, and I thought you might appreciate a 'heads up' of the dates. More details will follow in due course.

| Date                       | Theme   | Charity Supported                       |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | Jeans for Genes – wear jeans                        | National fundraiser                     |
| Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct | 'Big Pink Day' – dress in pink                      | Breast Cancer Care                      |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | Children in Need – wear spots or dress as your hero | National fundraiser                     |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Christmas Jumper Day                                | Save The Children                       |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar   | Sport Relief – details to follow                    | National fundraiser                     |
| Weds 25 <sup>th</sup> May  | 'Wig Wednesday' – wear a wig to school              | CLIC Sargeant, for children with cancer |

## CELEBRATION

- ★ Liam in Year 2 has completed his 50m swimming badge and came to show me his badge and special certificate today. Well done, Liam, good boy!



## COMING UP...

We are currently collating a list of dates for the entire academic year, which will be published as soon as it has been finalised. Next week's activities are:

| Date                            |   |                   |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | International Literacy Day                                  |                   |
| <b>Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | Curriculum Enrichment commences for the autumn term         |                   |
| <b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | Celebration Assemblies:<br>Years 1, 2 & 3<br>Years 4, 5 & 6 | 9:00am<br>10:00am |

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. We're looking forward to our first full week back at school next week, and to welcoming our new children in to Foundation.

**Cathy**