

# Principal's post

KEEPING YOU INFORMED FROM MR SPRINGETT-MCHUGH

An amazing week, thank you Team Oxley, 'Meet the new Principal' and Back to Basics.

## An amazing week!

Wow, what an amazing first week for me at Oxley Park. I have to say, I am seriously impressed in how, as a school community, we have stepped up to the new standards being set. We are truly FAB!

Sincere thank you to you all for ensuring your children are ready to learn with all the correct uniform. Your children are stars and have made me so welcome! I've had lots of little visitors to my offices and they are all keen to show me their shirts are tucked in and they are ready to learn. I particularly love how they are all (especially our youngest) walking that little bit faster and saying "Mr Springett -McHugh - look, we are urgent to learn!" We have a new language developing at OPA and we are all talking the same talk and it's clearly having an impact in such a short space of time. Well done to all!

I particularly want to highlight our staff team. There is no doubt my new vision for OPA taking off so positively is down to the hard work and dedication of our staff team. They are working at a real pace and making sure we do this properly and embed the changes we are making. I must say we are extremely lucky. They are the most positive and proactive team we could ever wish for. Thank you Team Oxley; you are doing

yourselves and most importantly our little Oxley Parker's proud!!

Many of you have caught me and shared your views. I need to hear these and I am so pleased the clear messages coming from you as parents is very much in line with my plans for the academy. With this in mind I would like to share my overarching vision for OPA with you. I am running two 'meet the new Principal' sessions on Thursday 1st February and will be sending out letters in the coming week or so for you to sign up.

These sessions will be an opportunity to meet me in person, if you have not already done so, but also hear and see some of my new strategies and the longer term vision I have for the Academy.

As this session will be me sharing with you, a parent survey is being created behind the scenes and this will be coming out to you shortly. Please take the time and use it to have your say and make a difference to OPA!

So, this week we have seen the OP reception revamped and we hope the main library will reopen next Friday in its new home! Will post some photos on our Facebook page!



In our Training afternoon on Wednesday we focussed on progress in children's books and Back to Basics. From next week a range of extra lessons for all children will start taking place. These will include grammar lessons, calculation lessons, reading comprehension lessons and times table lessons. Also, next week your child from Year One to Year Six will be bringing home Maths home learning directly linked to their back to basics calculations lesson. Get your maths heads on—you will be adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing next week with your little ones!

We are working rapidly on our reading provision so watch out for improvements there very soon!

Kind regards

**N Springett-McHugh**  
Mr N Springett-McHugh  
Academy Principal

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## News...

### Busy being FAB!

The children are busy being FAB and there is some great work going up around school. Look out for FAB work posted on our Facebook page very soon!

### Parking at the Shenley Wood Campus

Due to the current muddy condition of the car park at Shenley Wood, we are working with The Parks Trust to try and get this resolved. In the meantime, please feel free to use the spare spaces in the staff car park at Shenley Wood, which is tarmac.

### Disabled Parking Bays

On the subject of parking, a polite reminder, please, that several members of our school community require access to the designated disabled parking bays at both campuses. Please always park respectfully and leave these spaces available for those who need them.

### Starting school for the first time

Parents and carers with children who are due to start school for the first time in September 2018 have **until midnight on Monday 15th January 2018** to apply for a place.

The easiest way to make an application is online via the Council's website. Please visit <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions>.

### Census Day—Thurs 18th Jan

As mentioned last week, it's our Census Day next Thursday, 18th January.

We have having a special Chinese New Year themed lunch menu on Thursday day, which will be:

#### Main

*Sweet & Sour Chicken  
Sweet & Sour Vegetables*

#### Side

*Rice or Noodles*

#### Pudding

*Mandarin Jelly & ice cream  
with biscuits*

It sounds delicious— we hope the children enjoy their special lunch!

### Teachers2Parents Email system

Unfortunately, we had a few teething issues last week whereby emails failed to deliver via the new Teachers2Parents email system. Following investigation, we were advised that several email providers had blocked our email service provider as 'Junk', however we understand that Teachers2Parents have now resolved these issues.

There are still a small number of parent email addresses which we need to double-check, and the office staff will be following these up.

### Good luck to the football team!

This afternoon, our Year 5/6 boys' football team are taking part in the EFL Kids football tournament at the MK Dons dome at Woughton on the Green. Good luck boys!!



Have a great weekend and look forward to a FAB week ahead at Oxley Park Academy.

**Team Oxley**

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## Academy Dates coming up...

| Date:          | Oxley Park Campus           | Shenley Wood Campus         | Further details                                       |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Thurs 18th Jan | Census Day                  |                             | Details of special lunch menu will be announced soon! |
| Fri 19th Jan   |                             | 2:45pm Celebration Assembly |   |
| Fri 26th Jan   | 2:45pm Celebration Assembly |                             |   |
| Fri 2nd Feb    |                             | 2:45pm Celebration Assembly |   |
| Fri 9th Feb    | 2:45pm Celebration Assembly |                             |   |
| Fri 9th Feb    | BREAK FOR HALF TERM         |                             |   |
| Mon 19th Feb   | SCHOOL RE-OPENS             |                             |   |

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