



## Osborne School

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great pleasure that I write to you this term as there is so much to celebrate. The Christmas performance this year has brought a real tear to my eye through sheer pride. I am very aware that I say it every year, but this year it seems extra special to see so many children, who find managing each and every day a struggle, taking to the stage. It makes me believe that we make a real difference and the pupils are so very happy to be here. This is down to the staff and the team spirit within Osborne that make it such a wonderful place; I am sure you will join me in wishing them all a very Happy Christmas and prosperous new year.

Of course it isn't just the Christmas performance that has made the term so special. We have taken part in lots of initiatives and activities and they have all been very successful. Early in the term we performed Othello at the Shakespeare Schools Festival and, as always, got amazing remarks and in my opinion the loudest applause. Rubik's Cube performed at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the Music for Youth Proms; they were fantastic and again got the loudest applause! There have been a number of curriculum days, including Red, White and Blue day, Children in Need and Army Day, all thoroughly enjoyed by the whole school community.

We also saw 32 young people participate in a residential trip to the Hampshire Mountain Centre in Wales, braving the cold and wet weather to take part in lots of adventurous activities, which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Well done to all those who went.

This term has seen us open our new provision at Kings' School, known as OsKings. The progress pupils have already made in both their academic skills and social skills has been fantastic. Kings' School have been so welcoming and the pupils thoroughly enjoy being there. They do, however, also enjoy coming back to Osborne to take part in the various whole school events such as the school performance and Christmas dinner. You will be pleased to hear that the new build for OsKings is on track and should be up and running for the start of the new academic year. I continue to work alongside Mr Matthew Leeming, Headteacher at Kings', and the local authority to ensure that it is exactly how we want it to be.

I am pleased to enclose with this letter the review of your child's Autumn Value Target along with their new target for the Spring Term. Diary dates are also enclosed for your information.

It has certainly been a busy term and, having been a particularly long one, I am sure you and your young people are looking forward to a well-deserved rest. I can't thank you enough for all the support you give to the school on a daily basis and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Yours sincerely

Sonia White  
Headteacher



## DIARY DATES SPRING TERM 2020

### JANUARY

Monday 6	First day of Spring Term
Tuesday 21	Prospective Parent Open Morning
Monday 27-7 February	Mock Exams*

### FEBRUARY

Monday 10	Whole School Parents Evening*
Tuesday 11	ICT Curriculum Day – Safer Internet
Friday 14	Celebration Assemblies/Last day of Spring Half Term 1
Monday 17-Friday 21	Half Term
Monday 24	First day of Spring Half Term 2

### MARCH

Monday 2 –Friday 13	GCSE Art Practical Exam
Thursday 5	World Book Day
Wednesday 18	Prospective Parent Open Morning

### APRIL

Friday 3	Celebration Assemblies/Last day of Spring Term
Monday 6-Friday 17	Easter Holidays
Monday 20	First Day of Summer Term

**\*More information will be sent nearer the time**

### **Summer Term – Save the Date**

Friday 26 June	Leavers Assembly & Leavers Ball – Please note that if your son/daughter are leaving Osborne School/College, this will be their last day
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