



Osborne School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, a very warm welcome back to the second half of the Spring term and I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term.

We have been back at school a week now and pupils returned from their break excited to be back and there was no hesitation in them getting straight back into their work and learning.

Last week we took part in World Book Day, learnt about racism and made some entries for the competition 'Show Racism the Red Card'. In addition, some of the pupils were very excited to be able to see Prince Charles when he visited Winchester. So, you could say it was a busy week! The rest of this half term looks to be just as busy with 'The Shakespeare Schools' Festival', visitors working with us about the environment, and particularly, looking at how our 'forest school' is shaping up for the future.

Oskings have a very busy couple of weeks ahead with the move into our new permanent building on the Kings School site. It really is looking very nice and we are beginning to move in and take ownership of it and are hoping, all being well, that we will move into the building permanently on the weekend of the 26th and 27th March ready for the pupils on the 28th March. We will ensure that we settle into the building over the following two weeks and then have a grand opening, inviting parents and carers of the current cohort of pupils to view the building after the Easter holidays. After this we will be able to offer open mornings for other parents to visit as well.

This half term staff and the Senior Leadership Team are working hard to ensure that we have transition plans in place for the Summer term, for all pupils, whether they are starting, leaving, moving to our OsKings provision, Osborne college or a different college or into their next year group. We are hoping that we are now able to return to our normal transition programme to ensure all pupils are fully prepared for the next stage of their education. All these plans will be shared with you in due course.

If you require this information in an alternative format please contact us

www.osborneschoolwinchester.com



As you are aware Covid restrictions have been lifted in almost all areas including those for schools, however, guidance recommends that special schools continue with twice weekly testing due to the vulnerabilities of a number of our pupils and staff. They are also recommending that if a child or member of staff does test positive they self-isolate for a minimum of 5 days. If I could ask that you follow this guidance it will enable the school to run smoothly and mean that we will be able to keep outbreaks to a minimum. I am sure you will want to avoid the need for any kind of closure as much as we do.

The Governing body are very short of Parent Governors and other Governors at the moment. If you feel that this is something you may be interested in and would like to get involved with, please contact the school or Chris Gayler, the Chair of Governors on c.gayler@osborne.hants.sch.uk so that we can discuss this with you further.

Finally, please find below some key dates of events you may like to get involved with over the next few weeks:

- **28 March 2022: Parent Workshop**
- **6 April 2022: Shakespeare Schools' Festival**
- **20 May 2022: Quiz Night**
- **2 July 2022: Summer Fayre**
- **13 & 14 July 2022: School Summer Production**

More information about these events will be sent to you over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and all that you do for your young people and the school.

With best wishes



Sonia White