



Newsletter – Friday 29th March 2019

Aim Aspire Achieve

Theme of the Week – Positivity



Dear Parents and Carers

Child Report Comment Sheets

Thank you for returning the Parent/Carer and Child Comment Sheets. A total of 46 responses were received and I was extremely pleased to read the children's comments. Thank you – we will act upon your comments as appropriate. I am also glad that you have had an opportunity to speak to the class teachers and to see the work on a regular basis. We still have one more term to meet our goals and the children are doing a splendid job. They are focused on achieving the targets, and I am very proud to report that they are upholding the school's motto – AIM ASPIRE ACHIEVE.

Ethos Committee

This committee met for the first time this year. I was very pleased and grateful to those who attended and contributed. I would like to repeat this meeting on **THURSDAY 4th April at 3:30 in the hall**. This is an opportunity for all parents/carers to attend and to offer their thoughts on what they want from the school and for their children. Following on from the last meeting, we will be focussing on

- Community Involvement/Curriculum Development
- Grounds and usage
- Publicity

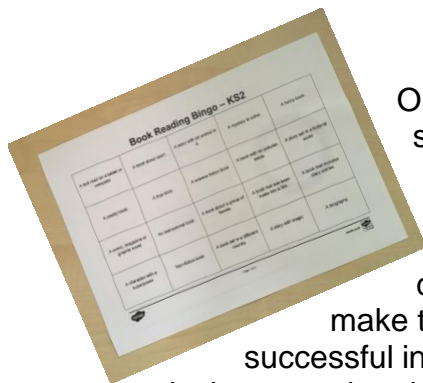
Please feel free to turn up and discuss freely your wishes and ideas. All are welcome and little ones can come too.

Visitors on Thursday

Mr Bradford, National Lead in Education and Mrs Fox welcomed the newly appointed Executive Headteacher Mrs Underwood, who joined us on Thursday. This session was the first of three planned visits to monitor and track the raising of standards in writing. The morning was spent observing lessons. In the afternoon we looked closely at the writing standards in the books. The pupils' behaviour was impeccable and commented upon several times. The pupils were polite and courteous, but were keen to ignore the four additional adults so they could continue with their work! They were happy to talk about their targets and knew how they were improving! Well done everyone and thank you.

Dinner Money

We are moving over to a new system after Easter. Mrs Grainge will be keeping us informed about the progress of the new system. Meanwhile, please do not buy large quantities of tickets. Thank you.



Avid April Readers

Our next reading challenge starts on MONDAY 1st April. We were so impressed and enthused by the response to the Read in February challenge, that we hope to make this month even more successful in raising the children's desire to read and escape in a book. Are you up for the challenge?



Uniform

Okehampton College is introducing a new uniform. This is a timely point to remind you all about our uniform regulations again. Our pupils look so smart when dressed in the correct uniform. This gives everyone a sense of identity and pride in our school community.

Please do follow policy guidelines as stated in the school prospectus.

- Green sweatshirt/cardigan
- Grey/black skirts/trousers (no jeans)
- Grey/white socks
- White/green polo shirt
- Grey or black shorts
- Summer gingham green and white dress
- Suitable safe low-heeled black shoes (no trainers)
- Stud ear-rings only

Please also remember that the school keeps a stock of items for sale. See Mrs Grainge or Mrs Ford for details. Thank you.

Finally...

We wish Mrs Pridham all the very best, as after Easter she is starting a new position in a new setting. She has contributed greatly during her time with us and has been a valued member of staff in her various roles. Thank you so much Mrs Pridham – we are all going to miss you!

We also would like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to Mrs Way. She has worked for the school for more than 24 years! We wish her all the very best in her new role.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY –
we even lose an hour to celebrate! 🌸**

FRIDAY 24th May
OPEN MORNING 8:45–9:15am
OPEN CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 2:45pm

Monday 1 st April	
Tuesday 2 nd April	
Wednesday 3 rd April	
Thursday 4 th April	Easter Assembly Reverend Weldon to hold school assembly for the pupils 9:15 Achievement Assembly 10:45 (a day early so please return trophies)
Friday 5 th April	Little Seedlings 9–11am in school hall
	Music Concert 1:45pm