



NEWSLETTER

DATE December 2019

UP COMING DATES

December

Wed 18th- Christmas Dinner day

Wed 18th- Christmas Jumper

Day

Fri 20th- Break up for Christmas holidays

January

Mon 6th- Back to school

Mrs Denison

As most of you will be aware, Mrs Denison will be teaching her last day on Friday 20th December. After 10 years of teaching at Kirkhamgate, Mrs Denison is retiring.

Miss Parr, who has been teaching at OPA Darfield will be taking over the class in January. Miss Parr has already spent some time with the class over the last few weeks.

We wish Mrs Denison all the best.

Punctuality

Please ensure your child is at school on time every day. Teachers meet the children in the playground and bring them into school ready for an 8:50am start. Children begin their learning from 8:50am in the classrooms.

If children arrive after this time, they will have missed lining up with their class and may have to enter through an alternative entrance.

If your child arrives after 9am, they will need to come to the main entrance to ensure they have been signed in and marked down on the register.

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help in school and listen to children read. If you are able to do this, or you know someone who can spare their time, please speak to the school office.

Parking

When you are parking near school at the start or the end of the school day, please think really carefully about where you do this. There have been numerous complaints about dangerous and disrespectful parking over the last few weeks. Ask yourself:

- Have I left my car in a safe place?
- Can pedestrians still access the footpath?
- Am I blocking someone's drive?

We want to ensure the safety of our children and families as well as respecting local residents.

Uniform

A reminder that the school uniform policy is black shoes, **not** boots or trainers. Please ensure children have the correct footwear.

Curriculum Talent Awards

Last week, we celebrated all subjects in the curriculum by hosting our Autumn Curriculum Talent Awards. During this, we recognised the children who had been nominated for the award as well as the winners. Thank you to Mr Harden, Vice Chair of the OGAT Board of Directors for presenting the trophies.

Attendance

So far this year, our whole school attendance is **96.70%**, which is just below our target of 97%

There have been **66** instances of lateness since the beginning of this term.

Lateness = Lost learning
10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost

Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Get To School On Time



Please Park Safely!



Curriculum Talent Awards
Autumn Winners