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Olney Middle School

A note from Mr Young,

Happy new year! I hope you have had a good break, and a lovely time. It's been a good start to the term, with all pupils looking fit and healthy! This week we welcome our new members of staff to school, Mrs Sudds and Miss Eyre, teaching in Years 5 and 4 respectively. Both teachers have settled in fantastically, and have had a great start to the term.

As ever in January (despite it currently being useasonly mild), in the event that weather turns colder, with wintry showers etc, it is worth serving the reminders that can we make sure that all pupils have the appropriate clothing (all named!). If you have changed your contact details, please update with the school office. In the event that the school is closed we will communicate through the website and social media- all decisions will be made in consultation with local schools, and we will make any decisions as soon as we can. When the school opens and it has snowed, the paths will be cleared -please keep to the cleared areas for safety- lets hope these reminders are not needed!

Currently we have had our Year 5 pupils take part in Bikeability training. Over the one and half day course, the children have learned the ABCD check, how to perform a U-turn, the primary and secondary positions in the road and how to safely turn left and right at different junctions. Some groups also learned how to cycle safely round a roundabout. Each child is awarded with a certificate and a badge to show their confidence level, but most importantly the knowledge of how to be safe on the road. Thanks must go to Mr Morrow (our very own Geraint Thomas) who has escorted every group!

I hope you have a nice weekend, best wishes,

Glenn Young

Friday 10th January 2020

Make 2020 the year of reading! All children in the school have been set the challenge of reading 20 books by the end of December 2020. To encourage a wide range of reading, each child has been given a grid with types of books to read BUT not titles. The challenge is to find (and read/ share at home) different books for each suggestion made. Jot down the title of the book read and when you have completed your final book bring the completed sheet to Mrs Allan. Certificates and house points will be awarded for completing the challenge, although all teachers hope the taking part brings the most joy. If you as a parent would like to take part as well, please do! You can download your own form from the school website.

If you would like any suggestions of books that could be read for each category, your child's class teacher will be happy to help - as will Mrs. Allan. All reads will of course work towards your child's reading belt progress. We look forward to hearing about all the different books you have read.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main				
Sausage Roll, Saute Potatoes & Carrots	Chicken Fajita, Mexican Rice & Sweetcorn	Bacon Mac n Cheese With Green Beans	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Cabbage & Gravy	Fish Fingers, Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
Cheese & Onion Pasty, Saute Potatoes & Carrots	Quorn Fajita, Mexican Rice & Sweetcorn	Cheese & Tomato Tortelloni With Green Beans	Stuffed Mushrooms, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Cabbage & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket Potato With Chilli Con Carne	Jacket Potato With Spaghetti Hoops	Jacket Potato With Tuna Mayo	Jacket Potato With Cheese & Coleslaw	Jacket Potato With Baked Beans
Dessert				
Plum Crumble With Cream	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Fresh Fruit Salad	Vanilla Ice Cream

As we now use a variety of online programs with sound in school, all children are allowed to bring in their own headphones. They can bring in-ear or over-ear ones, whichever they prefer but they must be kept in their school bag (if ear buds, please put them in a small pouch to prevent tangled wires).

Maths challenge update

Hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and I'm sure there were some maths challenges in the crackers.

New maths challenges over the weekend.

Use the QR code to access the website or the web address <https://bit.ly/2Cs4OZO>

Send your answers to

mathschallenge@olneym.co.uk Good luck!



Best class attendance this week:

Yr 3/4 **3LG & 4RH**

Yr 5/6 **5CB & 6KT**

**House cup winners
Newton**

Classroom tidy Challenge Winners:

Year 3/4 **3LG & 4ES**

Year 5/6 **5PD & 6KT**



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20 books to read in 2020!

Can you read or share one of each type of book this year?
In the box, write the title of the book you read!

A book which has been made into a film!

A book with magic.

An evil character.

The first book you loved.

A fantasy book.

A picture book.

A book you would recommend to your teacher.

A book from another country.

A character uses a school value.

A graphic novel.

A book written before you were born!

A poetry book.

A book with an animal character.

A book AND its sequel.

A funny book.

A 'classic'.

A non-fiction book.

A historical fiction.

A book which makes you think.

A spooky book.