

# Weekly Newsletter

## OPAL BINGO - WE NEED YOUR STUFF!

Monday 23rd March will mark the start of our first collection week for the bits and bobs we need to transform your child's playtimes as part of our new OPAL play initiative.

The programme was launched by Mrs Illidge in assembly last Friday and was received with a huge amount of excitement from the children!

To make this work we need a large number of items which will form the basis for all the amazing play opportunities the children will have open to them once we're underway. We are therefore asking you to join us for a game of OPAL Bingo over the next couple of weeks which will help immensely with the launch of the programme, and may also have the fortunate side effect of allowing you all a little early Spring clear out!

You can access a full size copy of the bingo card by clicking here and see how many items you and your child can tick off - Class Teachers will be giving out plenty of House Points for your child's efforts!

A very visible collection point will be set up at the entrance to the site and will remain for the final week of term - thank you in advance for contributing to this!

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO!				
 Laundry basket	 Ball	 Wooden spoons	 Action figures	 Plastic spoons
 Cable stool	 Cars	 Dinosaurs	 Strainer	 Corrugated pipe
 Pool noodle	 Small balls	 Rope	 Plastic tubes	 Tarpaulin
 Reach spades	 Buckets	 Trowels	 Watering cans	 Cardboard tubes
 Guttering	 Cake moulds	 Wellies	 Wheelbarrows	 Chalk

## EMPATHY WEEK

This week we celebrated Empathy Week alongside schools across the country. The children had a number of special sessions based on the experiences of people around the world and were encouraged to complete acts of kindness which displayed empathy for others.

We rounded the week off yesterday with a visit from Hannah from the Children's Adventure Farm Trust who spoke to the children about the needs and backgrounds of the children who the charity supports and the reasons why they might struggle to access the facilities that most children take for granted such as playgrounds and other recreational activities.



## PTA 2026 CHALLENGE

The children will be tackling their 2026 Challenges in school over the next two weeks so all they need to do at home is get stuck in to getting sponsorship!

There is absolutely no expectation of how much they raise, all contributions are very much appreciated and will go to support the implementation of OPAL.

[The link to submit your sponsorship money is here](#)

## CHETHAM'S TRIP

Earlier this week we took a group of pupils to Chetham's School of Music to experience a live performance from some of their talented students.

The performance was open to the public, a number of whom commented at the end of the performance how impressed they were with the conduct of our pupils. Thank you to Mr Talbot for organising and leading this amazing visit.



## ODD SOCKS DAY!

On Friday 20th March we will be marking World Down Syndrome Day and as part of this we would like to invite the children to come to school wearing odd socks. This is a national event and is a symbol of our celebration of the diversity of the school community.



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

## FOOTBALLING SUCCESS!

A fantastic performance from our boys football team earlier this week as they were victorious in an 8BY8 tournament against local schools thanks to a thrilling victory on penalties in the final!

The team demonstrated incredible team spirit, wonderful ability and true grit and determination - we're very proud of them!!



Big thanks to Mr Ross and Miss Dawson for organising and supporting both the event and the team!

## CELEBRATING NEURODIVERSITY BOOKSHELF

For this weeks inclusive bookshelf we're sharing a selection of books which celebrate neurodiversity...



## STAFF CAR PARK

Please note that the car park on the LCH side of the site is only for staff only - please do not attempt to access this at any time via either entrance on foot or in a car.



## KIDS CLUB PAYMENTS

Please ensure all payments for Kids Club and Pre School are up to date and cleared well by Friday 20th March. Thank you.



**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL - UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD NUTS, OR ANY PRODUCT CONTAINING NUTS, BE BROUGHT ON TO SCHOOL PREMISES.**

## BOOK FAIR THANKS!

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us over the three days of the Book Fair recently - we hope your children have enjoyed diving in to their purchases since!

We are delighted to share that thanks to your support for this event, the school has a whopping £800 to spend on lovely new books!

A big thank you as well from me to all the members of the team who gave up their time to support the event.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 16th Mar - Ash Bond author visit
- 19th Mar - Uniform pop-up shop (3.15pm)
- 20th Mar - Odd Socks Day
- 26th Mar - DT Exhibition (3.20pm)
- 26th Mar - Parent Council (5-6pm)
- 27th Mar - Last day of term
- 24th April - Year 3 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 1st May - Reception Assembly (2.30pm)
- 20th June - Summer Fair