



Weekly Newsletter 10th January, 2020



Happy New Year



Hello, and Happy New Year to all parents, family and carers.

I feel very privileged to be given the opportunity to lead this wonderful school for the next two terms as Acting Head Teacher. Any change can be both exciting and daunting but, with our amazing staff and children, my intention is that we will continue the outstanding work that Mr Redman led so brilliantly for the past eleven years. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Mrs Heather Muttock



Omega Multi Academy Trust 2 Years On



Time flies - it has already been 2 years since we joined together with Great Sankey High School, Park Road Primary, Chapelford Village Primary and Westbrook Old Hall Primary to create Omega MAT! Our aim was for the MAT to be a protective 'umbrella' with an overall vision for the best possible school experience from 4 to 19 for every child, supporting each school but allowing us to keep our own unique ethos and identity. So, how have we done so far?

We have improved transition between primary and secondary phases, with extra transition days, and collaboration between colleagues so that there is better continuity for children and they are given the right level of challenge. Teachers have taken part in high quality training. There are MAT sport, athletics and dance opportunities. We have taken part in an extended MAT writing project to improve teaching and learning, and we have a children's author, Curtis Jobling, as our patron to promote reading. We have an executive MAT school council with children representing every school meeting each half term.

From a financial viewpoint, at a time when many schools nationally are struggling financially, the MAT has a healthy budget and is able to tap into additional funding opportunities, such as the grant which enabled us to replace our windows and doors.

What a great start to our Omega journey!

Accessibility Plan

Please take a moment to look at our new draft Accessibility Plan on the school website. This is currently up for consultation and we would very much welcome parents' and carers' views on it before it is taken to Governors for approval. It is important to us that our school is fully inclusive and takes account of everybody's needs.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please let us know by letter, Class Dojo or school email.

PTFA donations

We also need to celebrate our fantastic PTFA, who, in the past year, have raised £1000 for English resources, £400 for the school minibus, £240 for books for Christmas presents, £500 towards a theatre trip, £500 for our orienteering course, £138 for waterproofs for Year 1, and provided the BBQ food and trophies for Year 6 leavers.

They appreciate all the donations received and help from volunteers. If you would like to join them in fundraising fun, please contact Jodie.

Extended Services

The following after school clubs will be running this term:

- Archery - Tuesday 3:15-4:30pm
- KS2 Gymnastics - Weds 3:15-4:30pm
- KS1 Gymnastics - Thurs 3:15-4:30pm
- Art - Friday 3.15-4:15pm

Unwanted Christmas gifts or jumpers?



The PTFA would be delighted to take them for future fundraising projects and recycling! Please send them into school next week.

Mad Science!



On Wednesday, the whole school enjoyed a Mad Science assembly with an Olympic Games theme. We learned about reaction time, wind resistance, balance, and even had an Olympic cauldron!

If you would like your child to take part in the Mad Science after school club on Tuesdays, look out for the letter they have been given by their teacher. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

ParentPay

If you would like your child to have toast, milk and/or a school dinner, we would like to remind you that sufficient funds must be on your ParentPay account **before 8:45am** on the day required. If funds are not on by this time, snack will not be provided and parents will be contacted to bring in a packed lunch.

Winter Warmer Lunch

Enjoy a special lunch on Friday, 24th January!



Pork sausage with potato waffle, and baked beans or peas

Cook's speciality curry with 50/50 rice

Jacket potato with choice of fillings and salad

Apple pie and custard or fresh fruit

Please pay £2.40 via ParentPay, if you normally pay for your child's lunch.

Dates for Your Diary

January

- 15th Fun4Kids workshops - all years
- 16th Y4 swimming starts
- 22nd Animal Magic sessions Y3/4
- 23rd Animal Magic sessions Y1/2
- 29th Young Voices concert (choir)

February

- 4th Y4 Robinwood parents meeting
Glaramara parents meeting
- 7th Times Tables Rock Star Day
- 10th Valentine Disco
- 28th Y2 to Moore Nature Reserve

March

- 3rd-4th Parents Evenings (YR, 1, 3, 5, 6)
- 11th-13th Y3 to Glaramara
- 24th West Warrington Band concert
- 25th-27th Y4 to Robinwood

P.E. KITS

P.E. days are subject to change, depending on events in school impacting on the hall timetable. Therefore, we ask that all P.E. kits are brought into school on Monday and taken home on Friday for washing, if necessary. P.E. kit is white T-shirt, black shorts and black pumps or trainers. Outdoor kit (joggers & sweatshirts) will be requested when needed. All items should have names in to help us return lost items to the correct child.

Fun4Kids workshops

On Wednesday 15th January, Years 1-6 will be taking part in sessions to build confidence, enthusiasm and knowledge about physical fitness, balanced diet and good sleep habits. The aim is to inspire children into adopting a healthy lifestyle.

Please ensure that they have a PE kit in school on the day so that they can join in all the fun!