**Osmotherley School**

This is the last article before the summer holidays. We have three children moving on into secondary education. They are all going to the Alkemarshire. We have a Year 6 trip planned along with Great Smeaton School to go to the Tees Barrage for a canoeing day. Quite a send off!

Please come along and support our leavers at St Peter’s Church on 2pm on Thursday 16th July. The children have produced a play plus there will be singing and lots of other things to entertain you. We also present our end of year prizes, so please do come along.

This month we have had Young Enterprise in school working with the children to give them an awareness of the world of commerce. The KS2 children have also been to Harrogate to the Countryside Day where we took part in lots of activities including milling flour, we saw different farm animals at close quarters and even saw some dancing sheep. A good time was had by all and we didn’t get wet.

The Acorns class had a ‘Water Day’ where they joined the little ones from Swainby and Porto for lots of different practical activities on a water theme. If you get chance, have a look at the book and the photos of the day. They had a great time and they learned a lot.

Please don’t forget that school is open on Saturday 4th July and everyone is welcome to have a look round. Also hanging in the hall you can view our fantastic mosaic created by the children with the help of Jane Thorniley-Walker.

I look forward to seeing everyone there and don’t forget to buy a school newspaper (produced by the children), they will be on sale at the Games and will contain all the latest school news.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you on behalf of myself and the staff to everyone who has supported the school this year. It is great to be part of such a fabulous community.

Penny Vernon, Headteacher

**Dates for your Diary**

**July**
- Wed 1st 7.30pm. RBL Monthly Meeting followed by a raffle and bingo, Queen Catherine 4th 9am. Phoenix run leaves from Village Hall
- Sat 4th. Osmotherley Games, Village Centre
- Sun 5th 6.30pm. Methodist Church evening service. Rev. Andy Beyrer
- Sun 12th 12pm. Pilgrimage at Mount Grace Priory, no evening service at Osmotherley.
- Thur 16th 2pm. Osmotherley School Leavers, St. Peters Church.
- Sun 19th 6.30pm. Methodist Church evening service. Mr Brian Oliver.
- Sat 25th 2 - 4.30pm. Pirates’ Treasure Hunt from Village Hall.
- Sun 26th service at Northallerton Chapel, no service at Osmotherley.

**August**
- Sat 1st 9am. Osmotherley Show, Thimbleby Showground.
- Wed 5th 7.30pm. RBL Monthly Meeting followed by a raffle and bingo, Queen Catherine
- Sun 2nd 6.30pm. Methodist Church evening service. Rev. Andy Beyrer
- Sun 9th 6.30pm. Methodist Church Holy Communion. Rev Robert Gee
- Sun 16th 6.30pm. Methodist Church evening service. Mr Norman Clark
- Sun 23rd 6.30pm. Methodist Church evening service. Mrs Margaret Stevenson
- Sun 30th 6.30pm. Methodist Church evening service. Mrs Doris Bottoms

**James Hill Memorial Trust**

**Football and Cricket Ground**

The grounds and pavilion are available for use by the community for the modest sum of £2.00 per hour. This can be arranged by ringing the booking secretary on 01609 883064. The facilities are there to be used and we would encourage any use compatible with the principal activities of cricket and football.

The grounds are maintained by the trust and we would ask that people respect the facilities and, in particular, do not use the grounds as a dog walking area as this obviously creates health and safety issues for the teams and children using the site.

We hope we can encourage you, your families or your organisation to consider using the facilities in the future and our booking secretary will be happy to help with any queries on availability of the grounds for community events, sporting fixtures, etc.

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Although the website is designed predominantly as a community website a section has been reserved to showcase the businesses in the villages and local surrounding area. It is anticipated that this will be a small amount of content per business, but could include links to existing sites. There will also be an opportunity to advertise on the site for a small fee.

There is an opportunity to feedback suggestions, comments, offers of help or requests for adverts, by using the ‘Contact’ page on the website, or by filling in a card by the display board in the Village Hall on Games Day.

**Osmotherley Show**

Osmotherley Show will take place on Saturday 1st August at the Showfield, Home Farm, Thimbleby. There will be activities and exhibits to interest the whole family from showjumping, sheep dog trials, flower arrangements, children’s art and craftwork and much more.

**Lands End to John O’Groats**

The Coffee Morning held on Saturday 20th June 2009 in the Village Hall raised £125 in sponsorship and £374.50 for teas and cakes which is fantastic. All the proceeds will go to the Alzheimer’s Society. I would like to thank everyone who supported us and in particular Liz Comer, Judith Hallett, Veda Thompson, Angie Thomsett and Pat Elson for helping out on the day. Also thanks to Jill Quinn from the Alzheimer’s Society.
**News from the Village Hall**

**Post Office**

The Post Office tell us that they have identified a new Sub Postmistress to take over the Village Hall Post Office and that they hope to have it operational again in early July. Please do support it when it reopens - if we don't use it we'll lose it altogether.

**Village Hall Booking**

In the last Messenger, we said that the new Booking Secretary has been provided with a mobile 07887 808312 which will be passed to a deputy when she is away (so you should always be able to get a response).

Unfortunately we got the wrong number in the last Messenger. The correct number is as above. And apologies to the extraordinarily polite and long-suffering gentleman in East Sussex who actually does possess the number we gave! Sorry. Please use Angela’s home number 01690 883262 as the normal contact and only use the mobile when there is no reply after a couple of tries.

**RBL Putting Fun into Fundraising**

Once again Osmotherley villagers enjoyed a social gathering in June and cheerfully donated money to their British Legion branch in support of serving and former service personnel.

Osmotherley residents, Maureen and James Downey and Barbara and Dudley Nimmo have been friends for 30 years, and since Barbara and Dudley moved into the village three years ago, all have worked tirelessly to raise funds for the village branch of the Royal British Legion. But, they don’t just shake a collecting tin. Their aim is to provide value and great enjoyment for everyone. In June, for the second year, the foursome staged a summer social event in the village hall. As well as providing a well stocked cake and produce stall, there were drinks with light refreshments. The added attraction was the Osmotherley Jubilee Silver Band, who entertained with an impressive selection of music, greatly added to the good cheer and enjoyment for everyone.

Residents of Osmotherley, turned out in force to support this latest effort staged by the Downey/Nimmo foursome and other enthusiastic helpers. It was obvious that the eighty people who attended enjoyed themselves and £650 was raised for Legion charities.

Branch Chairman, David Black, commented; “We get enormous support and encouragement from local people, not only from villagers, but surrounding areas. This year we hope to once again donate in the order of £3,000 to the RBL, home, Lister House, situated in Ripon.”

**Osmotherley Pre-School**

**Pirates’ Treasure Hunt**

Ahoy there mateys! Put on your pirate outfits and join in the fun on Saturday 25th July – 1.30pm from the Village Hall. Follow the skull and cross bone clues around the village to find the hidden treasure but be careful as Long John Silver or Black Beard could be just around the corner, ready to steal your loot!

Entry is £1 per child and includes a special pirate skull map and bag of golden coins for each child who successfully completes the trail. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon too so make it a date in your diary. All proceeds go to Osmotherley Pre-school.

**Coming Soon – Scarecrow Fete**

Sunday 26th September 12pm – 4pm around the village. Make and exhibit your own individual scarecrow then enjoy the walk around the village to view other entries and judge the best. Entry £3 per scarecrow – entrance forms available from the shop or pre-school with further details. The winners will receive a cash prize and the coveted title of Osmotherley Scarecrow Champion 2009!

For those without garden or exhibit space an area outside the hall will be available on the day to show off your hard work so put on your thinking caps and lets make Worzel Gummidge proud!

**Call for Recipes**

Do you have a recipe or a twist on an old family favorite that others may enjoy? If so, the pre-school need you! We are looking to compile a Village Recipe Book in time for Christmas and would love your contributions. Please submit any recipes together with your name and address directly to the pre-school or alternatively do it on-line to the email address above.

**SUMMER GAMES, PLANT & PRODUCE STALL**

As in previous years, Osmotherley & District Garden Club will be organising this stall. Donations of surplus plants such as perennials, house plants, vegetables & herbs would be very welcome. Early produce such as rhubarb, gooseberries, artichokes & lettuce always sell well whilst home baking & preserves are particularly popular.

Please bring contributions to the stall from 12 noon or leave them in Roger & Freda’s garden of surplus plants such as perennials, house plants, vegetables & herbs would be very welcome. Early produce such as rhubarb, gooseberries, artichokes & lettuce always sell well whilst home baking & preserves are particularly popular.

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It’s the first of November, a good time to get organised for the festive season ahead. You can place your order for our truly free range, organic turkeys from our farm from today (Wednesday 1st November) for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The last order date for guaranteed Christmas delivery is 12pm on Thursday 21st December. Stir Up Sunday. We begin preparations for our award-winning organic Christmas puddings months ago, but the traditional date to stir up your mixture is the Sunday before advent (Sunday 26th November this year).