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Osmotherley Pre School

Happy New from everyone at Pre-school and we are pleased to announce that we started 2014 with sixteen children on the books! This is fantastic but we still have room for more, so we are embarking upon a publicity drive to try and attract families from further afield. Opening all day on Wednesdays, throughout the year, has proved so popular that we have made the decision to do the same on Tuesdays we are therefore open from 8.00am until 5.30pm on both days .. even in the holidays!! This really enhances our partnership with school as pupils are also able to attend both our after school and holiday provision.

We are very fortunate to have a proactive parent committee and several fundraising events are in the pipeline so watch out for further details. At present, a

fundraising calendar is hoping to raise £1725 by selling days at £5 each. Some fantastic prizes have been donated, including Sunday Lunch for 4 (with wine) at The Three Tons: A one night stay (with breakfast) at one of the top Old English Inns in the UK, courtesy of Greene King: Hair and Make-up for 'that Special Occasion' courtesy of Becca Hunton: A tooth whitening kit: A Barker and Stonehouse photograph frame.

There are still days available so please see Gill Hunton if you wish to support us – it won't be drawn until all 365 days have gone. Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!

The ReMida Room is being well used and 'stuff' is continuing to come in but I would like to make a request for old bicycle wheels .. these can be used for a variety of purposes, one of which is

weaving ribbons, string etc in, around, through the spokes. We still need corks and cotton reels, raffia and ribbons (from flower bouquets) as well as the empty wooden ribbon/string/wire reels that florists use. I have put together a catalogue of 'stuff' including



photographs of what children create and construct with it ... call in to have a look! The children have been having a very busy time creating the collages for the Church coffee mornings and we all look forward to popping over for a slice of delicious cake!

Ossy free-cycle

Just a reminder. As you enter the Top Shop, immediately on your left is a clipboard with two sheets of paper. On one you write anything you have to get rid of that you think someone might want, and that you're prepared to donate free. On the other, anything you are

looking for. Add your telephone number and wait for the phone to ring. That's it!

This is not related to any other freecycle organisation, though it works the same sort of way. It's nothing to do with the Top Shop, other than that they kindly host it

(and if you are successful in getting something, a contribution in one of their charity boxes would be appreciated). Thanks guys. Some really good things have gone via Ossy Freecycle, so keep an eye on it. The deals are entirely between the giver and receiver.

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Parish Council

PC Hall attended the January meeting of the Osmotherley Area Parish Council and was able to report that there had not been any instances of criminal activity within the area over the last month. He also answered members' questions including the effectiveness of the new Traffic Warden arrangements and reiterated the need to ring 101 should anyone see any activity which caused them concern.

Highways came in for a lot of criticism, particularly for the rapidly deteriorating condition of the road through Thimbleby and the lane down into Foxton as well as the prolonged water leaks and overflowing gulleys across the area. These comments will again be forwarded to Highways for robust action and repair.

The hand washing facilities in the public toilets are not functioning as would be expected and a contractor is to be called in to effect repairs.

Members were concerned that the HDC refuse team do not pick up loose litter when emptying the bins, often this loose litter is caused when bins are emptied and the department will be asked to ensure this does not occur again. The passageway adjacent to the Fish Shop is obstructed by several bins and a means of easy access to the Churchyard is needed: this is particularly required once grass cutting starts again because the main access is not ideal for mechanical equipment to use.

Members also heard that the newly reformed Village Hall Committee is working well under new management and credit was given to those whose efforts have brought about this reinvigoration.

Update from the police

Op Bright This operation has now concluded which has resulted in the local safer neighbourhoods team delivering 284 burglary prevention packs to houses who didn't have a light on in the hours of darkness making the premises attractive to burglars.

Alcohol Free Between Christmas and New Year the local safer neighbourhood team worked with Tesco to promote safety over the festive period. Whilst one of the team offered safety advice to customers, one of the stores staff gave free tasters of alcohol free beer, lager and wine. It was well received with customers being impressed with the taste of the drinks and having tried them would now consider purchasing them as an alternative to the alcoholic version. Customers were given leaflets on Christmas home security and also how to stay safe when out

and about shopping or when attending parties and licensed premises.

Op Attention Over 100 people were arrested on suspicion of drink and drug driving during North Yorkshire Police's Christmas Safety Campaign. Despite police warnings to the public to stay safe over the Christmas period, officers arrested 118 people as they patrolled the county looking out for motorists who had decided to take the risk and drive while impaired by drink or drugs. Of those people arrested, 60 have been charged and have either already lost or face losing their licences for a minimum of 12 months. Officers conducted 2026 breath tests in their bid to keep the county's roads safe over Christmas and have vowed that although the Christmas campaign, which ran throughout Dec, is over the fight against drink and drug driving will continue.

Countrywatch On 14th Jan 2014, Northallerton Safer Neighbourhood Team completed patrols with the Borderwatch/Countrywatch volunteers as part of the force initiative, Operation Checkpoint, which took place throughout the county but also involved Durham, Northumbria, Lancashire, Cumbria and the southern Scottish forces. Throughout the force we had 50 officers involved with patrols taking place between 8am and 11pm. A stolen car and JCB Digger were recovered, numerous vehicles were seized for no insurance and numerous persons of interest from out of the area were stopped, checked, and sent on their way.

Pcso 3671 Iain Mcneill , Safer Neighbourhood Team Northallerton Rural
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iain.mcneill@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk.

The Defibrillator

At long last the Defibrillator is now in the cabinet adjacent to the phone box on the wall corner between the Golden Lion and The Coffee & Boot Shop. Although there is a live phone connection it was not clipped into the control box itself, instead it has a port of its own, I will obtain the required length of cable but in the meantime the equipment is LIVE and is there for use as and when needed. Len Cragg

Osmotherley School

We have lots of very exciting opportunities for our children this term. In fact the children have already been involved in some fantastic activities. Our Y5s have just returned from a residential trip based in a centre called Robin Wood, where the children had the chance to canoe, climb, go caving, take part in quests and challenges. As always, I was very proud of our pupils' behaviour and attitude. I was even more impressed by the team work shown between Osmotherley pupils and pupils from Swainby & Potto. This, yet again shows how the

collaboration between the two schools continues to grow stronger.

During this coming term, our children will be studying the theme of 'Exploration'. We will be looking at exploration in the physical sense; expeditions, explorers and people who have overcome great difficulties to get where they wanted to be. Exploration of the mind will also play a big part of what we do; inventors, great thinkers, problem solvers and innovators. We are starting our project with a themed week, with all of our children from both schools

coming together to solve problems and design their own expeditions. By the end of this term our Y5 and Y6 children will have planned their own micro adventure and will be ready to carry it out during the Summer term. At the moment it looks like it will include sleeping under the stars. We believe in making the curriculum come alive and fully intend to work with the children and support them in their plans. It does mean, however, that I may well be sleeping in a forest somewhere, praying it doesn't rain.

David Sims, Headteacher

Community Monthly Coffee Morning

Tues Feb 4th - 9 am - 11 30am (or any time in between!)

We are pleased to report that our Community Coffee Mornings will continue in 2014. If you haven't been able to join us previously, for Coffee and Cake, why not join us on Tues Feb 4th? Since we began our Community Coffee Mornings in October last year, we have welcomed many residents from our local community along with

visitors to our village. Held in St Peter's Church, the coffee mornings provide opportunities for people of all ages to meet together and the children from our local school and pre school enjoy coming to share aspects of their learning. We begin at 9am so that parents can join us after taking their children to school and as the morning progresses; we welcome parents and carers (and sometimes grandparents) with babies and very young children.

Mid morning usually sees the arrival of some of our older residents along with walkers starting or finishing their hike and occasionally those taking a break from work! There is no charge for the Coffee and Cake but your generous voluntary contributions have already enabled us to support the British Legion, Crisis at Christmas and Jennyruth Workshops. In 2014 we aim to support some of our local community groups and organisations. We look forward to welcoming you

For full details, previews and trailers, see our website: www.osmotherleyfilm.co.uk



Fri 21st Feb
Argo

Starring: Ben Affleck, Bryan Cranston, John Goodman
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thriller based on the extraordinary true story behind the 1979 Iran hostage crisis. Maverick CIA agent Tony Mendez (Ben Affleck) poses as a Hollywood film-maker

in an elaborate and highly dangerous undercover operation to extricate six US embassy staff from Tehran. "A wonderfully lively and engrossing movie." – Observer

Osmotherley Village Theatre Following the tremendous success of our last production "And a Nightingale Sang" with standing room only on the Friday night, you might want to make a note in your diaries about our next offering which will be a play by Noel Coward (no, not the more famous one here in Osmotherley) called "Waiting in the Wings". The performance dates will be Wed 2nd, Thurs 3rd and Fri 4th April. Further information in the March Messenger, you can reserve tickets in advance (tel. 224). Meanwhile, if you want to know more - or if you think you would love to get involved - please get in touch with Fiona at the Boot and Coffee Shop, Barrie on 814 or Angela on 224.



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Dates for your Diary

Feb

Tues 4th 9-11.30am St Peter's Church coffee and cake

Wed 5th 7:30pm Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and bingo

Sun 15th 10.45am St Peter's Church, Education Sunday

Fri 21st 8pm Village Hall Osmotherley film - 'Argo'

March

Tues 4th 9-11.30am St Peter's Church coffee and cake

Fri 7th - Auction of Promises in aid of St Peter's Church

Wed 12th 10.30am-12 noon - Church House, Lent Meeting

Wed 19th 10.30am-12 noon - Church House, Lent Meeting

Fri 21st 8pm Village hall Osmotherley Film 'Jane Eyre'

Wed 26th 10.30am-12 noon - Church House, Lent Meeting

Sun 30th 10.45am St Peter's Church, Mothering Sunday

Dot Melville and The Village Theatre

Dot Melville, who died last month, was a familiar figure to many of us in the village. Even at the age of 96 or 97, she would regularly help with the washing up for Church Teas or on Summer Games day and she could nip up the stairs like a Spring lamb. Her twinkly eyes hinted at her wicked sense of humour and a refreshingly direct way of talking to people.

Dot was, from the very beginning of the Osmotherley Village Theatre, our prompt. She took her job very seriously and was utterly reliable (essential, as she was often needed). She would frequently tell people off for not knowing their lines and we all felt more confident knowing that she was standing (not sitting - she said she could concentrate better) in the wings, meticulously following every word of the play. Dot only gave up prompting in her eighties, feeling that she might let us down although I suspect she would have been more than capable of continuing.

Dot will be much missed by all who knew her and appreciated her directness and sense of fun and the OVT was very fortunate to have had her as part of the group for so long.

Wassailing—A happy bunch of 16 villagers met on Fri 20th Dec to go carol singing around the local hostelrys, led on the clarinet by Pete Edmonds. Starting in the Queen Catherine the first song was ... Happy Birthday To You! This was followed by a couple of more traditional Christmas tunes and then it was off in the Community Trust minibus to the Haynes Arms and the Tontine before returning to the Three Tuns and the Golden Lion. The carols were much enjoyed by all, the ad hoc 'choir' sounded like they'd been singing together for ages and a splendid total of £360 was raised for MacMillan Cancer Care.

Thank you, Fiona

Church News

There will be a series of Lent meetings which will be held in Church House on Wed mornings from 10.30-12 noon. They will be based on reflections on the Gospel reading set for the Sundays in Lent and will be led by representatives of the different denominations in Osmotherley. These meetings will be open to everyone who would like to come and spend some quiet time and discussion in a friendly atmosphere. They

will be followed by a soup lunch. The first meeting will be Wed 12th March led by a representative of St Peter's, then on the 19th March led by the Church of Our Lady of Mount Grace, 26th March by the Methodist Church, and 24th April by the Quakers. Flyers will be available around the village nearer the time giving further details.

St Peter's

There will be an Education Sunday marked on 15th Feb at 10.45am. St Peter's will

host an ecumenical Mothering Sunday Service on Sun 30th March at 10.45am.

Breaking news:

There will be an Auction of Promises in aid of St Peter's on Fri 7th March. Any contributions welcome!

Quaker Meeting for Learning and Worship now every Tues from 6.30-7.30pm as well as the third Sunday each month 3-4pm. All welcome.