Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to a new year full of fresh beginnings and opportunities.

From this term onwards, we will be sending the Newsletter out on a weekly basis to improve communications between the school and parents. The Newsletter can now also be viewed in the email and there is no longer a need to open it as an attachment.

Mrs S Leyshon

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **14 January** | School Clubs start
- **24 January** | Cookery Club starts
- **18 - 22 February** | Half Term Week
- **26 March** | Form I Trip to the Natural History Museum
- **28 March** | Swimming gala
- **5 April** | Term ends at noon
- **5 May** | Summer Production

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**After School Clubs**

After school clubs start next week, with the exception of Cookery Club which starts on 24th January. If you have not already done so, please complete the application form sent out earlier this week by School Comms and return to Mrs Stokes.

**Cookery Club**

Thank you to all who have applied to Cookery Club. Priority will be given to those children who haven’t attended Cookery Club before. There are still some places available.
Stay and Play Sessions
We would like to invite all parents of NI, NII & Reception pupils to a Stay and Play session on the last week of each half term. Please feel free to visit between 8.30- 8.50 on any morning to look through your children’s work and spend time with them in class.
Our first Stay and Play session will be held the week beginning the 11th-15th of February and our second invitation will be in the next half of the Spring term from the 1st-5th of April. We hope you will be able to join us and we only expect you to be able to visit once or twice during each stay and play week.

School Production

Due to the renovation work that will be carried out this Summer to the Mercury Theatre, this year we will be holding our Annual Production at the earlier time of Sunday 5th May. Please make a note of this date, as we expect all children from Reception age up to take part in the school production. If a holiday has already been booked for that Bank Holiday weekend, please notify us at your earliest convenience.

Road Safety Workshop
Form V are completing a road safety awareness programme as part of their curriculum. This is a continuation of ‘keeping safe’ and supports work completed in Bikeability.

New Term Menus
The new term lunch menus are attached to this email and can also be found on our school website.

Drop off and Pick Up
A gentle reminder that children need to be dropped off and picked up via the side gate, and not via the main entrance door.

Happy New Year from all the staff at Oxford House School