



# OPAL PLAY Newsletter 23.2.24



Welcome to our the first OPAL newsletter for Spring Term 2. Unfortunately , the wet weather has returned so we would like to take this opportunity to remind you to send your child in suitable waterproof clothes and remind them to wrap up. We try hard to discourage the children from going near the puddles but some children are like magnets and are drawn to them! If this sounds like your child please pop a spare pair of socks in their bag.

**BENEFITS OF OPAL PLAY:** In our recent OFSTED report, they acknowledged “*The school provides a wealth of opportunities for pupils to build their character*”. During OPAL play our children certainly have lots of opportunities to develop character building skills such as co-operation, collaboration, problem-solving while using their imagination, being active and having fun! And we all know that having fun is good for our health and well-being.

## WHAT WE HAVE INTRODUCED:

Skipping ropes  
Tarpaulin and clips  
Large pieces of fabric and pegs  
A music area with pots and pans!

## NEW THIS WEEK

★ Badminton racquets and shuttlecocks ★  
Tyres on the bottom playground  
Huge construction kit

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

We now have lots of dolls, cuddly toys, small world toys (animals and people), so for the time being we will say no thank you.

**However we would still love any of the following:**

- Toy cars
- Role play toys such as play kitchen equipment, play mechanic/ builder/ doctor/ nurse, etc
- Scooters (we have had to throw some away due to lots of use!!)
- Other wheeled items (prams, trolleys, etc)
- Musical instruments.
- Ladles and spoons (for our musical pots and pans!)
- Outgrown wellies

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE FOR REGULAR UPDATES INCLUDING GOLDEN WELLY AND BROOM AWARD WINNERS, A COPY OF OUR WEEKLY ASSEMBLY AND OUR RISK BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS.

<https://www.oldbasfordschool.co.uk/opal-play/>

