



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2017

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable summer break. The children have all settled in really well and have spent time this week thinking about themselves and being part of a school and wider community.

We are now part of HfL Multi Academy Trust; the website for the MAT is www.hflmat.co.uk

Communication and working together

We want to work in partnership with all parents and have an open door policy. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please leave a message at the office, speak to them before or after school or email them. At the teacher information session you will be given your child's teachers email address; these will also be available on our website. If you email in the evening teachers will respond to you during the next school day. We hope that this will mean all parents are able to speak to a teacher as needed.

If your child is in Years 1-6 there will be information sessions next week. (dates at the end of the newsletter). Later on this term there will be an information session in the evening for parents who are unable to make the meetings. This year after October half term we will be introducing 'stay and learn' sessions in Years 1 and 6 where you can come in and spend an hour in class with your child; dates to follow next week.

School Meal Payments

We now have a new system in the office and payments for school meals can no longer be taken on the SchoolComms portal. For now we can only accept cash or cheque payments.

Safeguarding

If you need to come in to school for any reason please come to the school office first so that you can sign in. Some children in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to walk home on their own; please could you send a short letter/ email in giving permission or let the office or class teacher know so that they are aware of this. If someone else is collecting your child from school please could you let the office or teacher know as we are unable to hand children over to adults we have not had permission for.

Punctuality

Please try and make sure your child arrives on time every day. They are often upset if they are late and have to walk into the classroom when everyone else is settled. Thank you for your support.

School Lunches

Next week is week 3. If your child brings in a packed lunch please make sure they do not bring in peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella as we have children with severe allergies. Children in Years Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals and can have a free school lunch every day.

Attendance

It is really important that all children attend school every day. If you need any support in improving your child's attendance please come in and speak to Jules or a member of the senior leadership team.

Please do not book a holiday in term time.

Every half term children with 95% and above and 100% attendance will receive certificates.

Term dates September 2017- July 2018

I have set all term dates for this year including INSET days so that if you need to book a holiday you can make sure you do not book them during school time:

Half term Monday 23rd-27th October 2017

Term ends Tuesday 19th December 2017 at 2pm

Children return Thursday 4th January 2018

Half term Monday 12-Friday 16th February 2018

Term ends Thursday 29th March 2018 at 2pm

Term starts Monday 16th April 2018

Bank Holiday Monday 7th May 2018

Half term Monday 28th May –Friday 1st June 2018

Term ends for children Friday 20th July 2018 at 2pm

Dates for your diary for next term

Meet the teacher Years 1 and 2 Monday 11th September 9am

Meet the teacher Years 5 and 6 Tuesday 12th September 9am

Meet the teacher Years 3 and 4 Thursday 14th September

Harvest Celebration Thursday 19th October 9.15am

Parents Evening 17th and 18th October

Half-Term

W.b. Monday 23rd Oct

Christmas Fair for children Friday 8th December

KS1/2 Christmas concert Thursday 14th December 9.15am

FS Christmas concert Wednesday 13th December 11am

KS1/ 2 Christmas concert Friday 15th December 2pm

Christmas party day Monday 18th December

Term ends Tuesday 19th December 2pm