



# Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### **Fundraising this term**

Non-school uniform day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November-bring in sweets or chocolates for the Christmas Fair

School Christmas Fair-Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

### **This week**

It was great to see parents join in with Year 3 stay and learn this week Next week parents of children in Year 1 are welcome to join in with their child's learning on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2.10-3.10pm.

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a reading breakfast with parents. Thank you for your feedback, when looking at other events we will try and choose different days across the school year so that if you work part time or shift work you can come to some if not all events.

It has been anti bullying week in school and all classes have thought carefully about what anti bullying is and what it isn't.

### **Assembly Theme**

This week in assembly we have talked about anti-bullying week and how important it is to respect that we are all different.

There is a workshop for parents next week: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9am.

### **Punctuality**

It is really important that children arrive on time as the start of the day is when the learning is introduced. We do not want any child to miss out on learning that might affect their progress in school so to support them with this staff will catch up on the missed learning at break with them so they have the same opportunities as the rest of the class.

### **GP In formation sessions**

Our local GP's have agreed to come and talk to parents about minor ailments and when to treat at home and when to seek medical advice.

Dates are 28<sup>th</sup> November 9am at Warren Dell School

5<sup>th</sup> December 9am Oxhey Wood School

You are welcome to go to either

### **Rights Respecting School**

We will be working with the children, staff and parents to achieve the Rights Respecting School Award. This will help us embed the expected learning behaviours and positive ethos consistently across school.

### **Open Door Policy**

Please remember we have an open door policy in school; if you would like to ask a question or share a concern please make an appointment with your child's class teacher or speak to Mrs Stray, Mrs Caplan or myself.

If your child comes home and shares an incident from school with you please come and ask their class teacher about it as they will be able to talk this through with you; sometimes children have a different perception to what has actually happened in school.

As school will be aware of any incidents or will look into them for you please do not approach other parents or name children on Face book as this can cause additional difficulties and upset.

Thank you for your support with this.

### **School Uniform**

It is great to see most children are remembering to make sure their hair is tied back but please could you make sure that any hair bows are either blue or black in line with our school uniform. Thank you for your support.

### **School Uniform Ordering**

We will soon be moving to online purchasing for our school uniform, this means that you will not be able to purchase from the school office (more details will follow). We do have some stock left for you to buy from us now at reduced prices but once it's sold we will not have any more stock brought in.

### **Nut Allergy**

We have children in the school with serious nut allergies; we ask that you do not send your child into school with any kind of nuts in their packed lunch boxes.

### **Safeguarding**

To ensure the safety of the children, we ask that parents do not attempt to access the school office through any entrances near the classrooms. Should you need to visit the school office you need to use the main entrance.

### **School Lunches**

Next week is week 1. 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.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Letters will be sent out next week for you to book your child's Christmas meal, please look out for it.

### **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.

This week's classes with attendance over 95% are:

2LA – 99.3%

5BL – 96%

6MJ – 97.9%

4KK – 95.7%

5JB – 97.4%

1MH – 95%

3PD – 96.7%

4LS – 96.3%

## **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:

Term ends Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 2pm

Children return Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Half term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> -Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Term ends Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 2pm

Term starts Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Bank Holiday Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Half term Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May –Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

Term ends for children Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 2pm

## **Dates for your diary for this term**

Year 1 Stay and Learn Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2.10-3.10pm

Year 5 stay and learn Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 9-10am

Year 2 Stay and Learn Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9-10am

Christmas Fair for children Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

KS1/2 Christmas concert Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

FS Christmas concert Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 11am

KS1/ 2 Christmas concert Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

Christmas party day Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

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