



# Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 23rd November 2018



### **Fundraising this term:**

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Fair Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December- children can bring in up to £4 to spend when their class visit the fair during the school day. Open to parents after school.



### **This week**

This week year 5 enjoyed a mobile planetarium visit which supported their learning. Our Young Carers group enjoyed a visit to Farmyard Funworld in Bushey. Year 1 enjoyed a trip to the local woods.

This week some of the Trustees of our Multi Academy Trust visited school and were really impressed with the learning taking place, the displays and how well the children were engaged with their learning.

In assembly this week we continued to think about how our actions can help others but how sometimes our actions can lead to some children being sad.

The children came up with lots of ideas to help themselves and each other feel happy and safe in school.

### **Nursery Applications**

We have now released our dates for Nursery applications for September 2019. To apply and view these dates please visit our admissions page on the school website.

### **Head lice & Worms**

We have a few children in KS1 with worms, please make sure your children are aware of the importance of personal hygiene and hand washing. Please check your child's hair for Head lice and treat accordingly.

### **Football Match**

Well done to the years 5&6 football team, they won their match against St Meryl yesterday with the fantastic score 4-2, their hard work and Saturday training sessions are clearly paying off. Thank you to Miss Hall, Mick and Barry!



### **Tesco Grant**

I applied for some funding from Tesco to further develop the outdoor environment. From 1<sup>st</sup> November in our local Tesco, the main Tesco in Watford and other local Tesco branches you will be able to vote for school by putting a blue token in our school slot. Please support us with this as the project with the most coins will receive a £4000 grant.

## **Stay and Learn and Reading Breakfasts**

Year 3 /4 JB will be holding their reading breakfast on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November when you drop your child to school.

Over the school year classes in Years 1-6 will be holding stay and learn and reading breakfasts where you are invited to join in practical activities for stay and learn and for reading breakfasts to enjoy a book with your child over a light breakfast.

## **Safeguarding and health and safety including online safety**

We have some children in school with severe allergies. Please do not bring dogs onto school grounds. If your child has a home packed lunch please do not make them peanut butter sandwiches as we have children with nut allergies which could be life threatening.

We take safeguarding very seriously in school as we want every child to feel safe in school. If you need to come into school for any reason please come in via the school office so that you have signed in. We have updated our child protection policy and new safeguarding guidelines expect schools to have at least 2 contact numbers for every child in school. Please can you make sure you have given 2 phone numbers to the school and update these if you change your number.

If you are concerned about the safety of any children we have 4 designated safeguarding leads in school: Jules Riding, Mrs Morley, Mrs Caplan and Miss Douglas-Law-please share any concerns with them or please ring 0300 1234043

## **Parking**

Please remember not to drive your car into the school car park in case children have forgotten to use the path.



## **Smoking**

Can parents please refrain from smoking around the school gates and be mindful where they dispose their cigarettes.



## **Punctuality**

Please could you support your child by making sure they arrive on time. It is unsettling for them if they arrive after the lesson has started. This will also be monitored by the Local Authority attendance officer



## Attendance

The attendance of some children continues to be extremely concerning. This is reviewed regularly with the local authority attendance officer. If, despite informing you of low attendance and offering support your child's attendance continues to be of concern you will receive a letter to each parent stating that you are at risk of a penalty notice being applied. This half term it has been great to see some fantastic improvements in some children's attendance. Thank you for your support with this.

Please support your child by ensuring your child comes to school every day not just for their learning but also for their social development. If there is any support you need or would like to discuss how to improve your child's attendance please don't hesitate to contact me.

The following classes have achieved 95% and above attendance this week;

1MH – 98.7%	6LH – 98.6%
3/4KK – 97.4%	6MJ – 97.1%
2CB – 96.7%	3/4JB – 96.6%
1PD – 95.5%	3/4AM – 96.2%
RDL – 95.4%	

## Open Door Policy

Please remember we have an open door policy; teachers are happy to meet with parents before and after school, please email the teacher or ask them at the end of the day. I am always happy to meet with parents or talk on the phone as it is important that you feel listened to and sometimes events shared are slightly different to what has happened in school. We do have some parents that work in school but please avoid putting them in a difficult position by asking them about information within school. It is important that staff and parents trust each other and I take confidentiality very seriously. If you have a concern please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of leadership team; Mrs Caplan, Miss Jennings, Mrs Kent, Miss Douglas-Law or myself.

## After School and Breakfast Club

To ensure our financial system aligns with all other MAT schools all sessions for breakfast and after school club must be made in advance before a child can attend. Please ask at the school office for information.



## **School Uniform and Ordering**

We are now set up online for school uniform ordering. There is a link on the school uniform page on the school website that takes you to the site, we also sent instructions out to you on an email. If you would like a hard copy please contact the school office. We do still have some stock in school but have limited sizes.

Please make sure your child wears the correct school uniform to school including black shoes not trainers and school blue or plain black hair bows. This helps children have a sense of belonging in school.

School uniform is trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores, please do not send your child to school wearing leggings.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Break time Snacks**

We endeavour to promote healthy eating at break times, we have noticed that some children are bringing in packets of crisps and chocolate bars. We ask that you do not send your child into school with unhealthy snacks and swap them for fruit, raisins, rice cakes, fruit bars.

## **Dates for this term**

Christmas Fair	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
KS2 Dress Rehearsal	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
KS1 Dress Rehearsal	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am
FS Dress Rehearsal	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 11am
KS1 Christmas performance	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
FS Christmas performance	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 11am
KS2 Christmas performance	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 1.45pm
End of term	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2pm
Children return on	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019

## **Term dates for 2018-19**

**Below are the term dates for this school year. They have been set early so that you have no need to book holidays in term time. Thank you for your support.**

Half term Monday 29<sup>th</sup>-Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018  
School term ends Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 2pm  
Children return Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Half term Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019  
Term ends Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
Children return Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019  
Half term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019  
Term ends Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## **I have also set the term dates for 2019-20**

**If you are looking at holidays for next summer please ensure your holiday ends before the start of the new school year.**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 INSET  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 INSET  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September-children return to school  
Half term 28<sup>th</sup> October-1<sup>st</sup> November 2019  
End of term Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 INSET day  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 children return to school  
Half term 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February  
End of term 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020  
Children return Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Half term 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020  
Inset day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Break up Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July