



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2017

Fundraising this term

School Christmas Fete-Friday 8th December-children can bring in up to £4 to spend during the school day. Parents are invited to join us after school where the Fete will continue until 4.30pm and the Raffle will be drawn.

From Monday 4th December we will be selling Christmas Plush Toys in the office to raise money for the Michael Sobell Hospice for £1.50 each.

This week

It was great to see parents join in with Year 5 stay and learn this week. Next week Year 2 parents are welcome to join their child on Thursday 9-10am. Years 1- 6 enjoyed an anti-bullying theatre show this week. Some classes have enjoyed taster sessions in Archery and Fencing.

MAT Admissions Consultation

The MAT has amended the admission policy so that they are now including children of staff in our list of criteria as a direct result of requests by schools to help recruit the best teachers for our schools. We are not changing the admissions arrangements just because we have joined the MAT, but that one of the benefits of joining the MAT was to achieve some flexibility to the benefit of our schools. All documents are on our school website:

www.oxheywood.co.uk. Please share any views directly with the MAT, contact details are on the MAT letter sent home today.

Parental support

There may be occasions where your child will share something that has happened in school with you. There are often 2 sides to a story so please come and ask in school. It is really important that you do not approach other children or parents. Thank you for your support.

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.

Unfortunately the GP is unable to run the session at Oxhey Wood School on the 5th December but we will hopefully rebook for January.

Christmas Cards

Our school post box will be outside the dining room from Monday-please put the child's class as well as name on the envelope.

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 are in the process of 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 at a discounted price now 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 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.

Breaktime Snacks

We endeavour to promote healthy eating at breaktimes, 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 or send them in with 50p to purchase from our Tuck Shop.

Nursery Applications

If you have a child that will have their 3rd birthday before the end of August 2018 they are eligible to attend Nursery from September 2018. All of the local schools are now dealing with Nursery Admissions themselves and you can no longer apply via the Local Education Authority. Please apply directly with your chosen school.

Applications open now 2017

Applications close on 16th March 2018

Offers made to parents on 24 April 2018

Deadline to accept places 2nd May 2018

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:

6MJ – 99.2%

4KK – 96.7%

2BO – 96.5%

4LS – 95.8%

RKDL – 95.4%

2LA – 95%

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 19th December 2017 at 2pm

Children return Thursday 4th January 2018

Half term Monday 12th -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 this term

Year 2 Stay and Learn Thursday 7th December 9-10am

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

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