



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2017

This week

It was great to see the year 5 children enjoy their time travel day-they looked amazing! Year 2 had a great stay and learn this week.

Christmas Fair. The Christmas Fair was a huge success we hope you enjoyed it. Thank you to Clare and Sue in the office for organising it and their team of volunteers, Pat, Devon, Sarah, Amber and Vaselina who helped get everything ready, we raised £1,650.

Christmas Performances

I hope you are able to attend your child's Christmas performance next week. (dates have been in the newsletter since September)

If you have a younger child please could you bring them to the dress rehearsal rather than the main performance as they often get bored and this can prevent children performing being heard.

FS Dress Rehearsal Tuesday 12th December 11am

KS1/2 Dress Rehearsal Wednesday 13th December 2pm

KS1/2 Christmas concert Thursday 14th December 9.15am

FS Christmas concert Wednesday 13th December 11am

KS1/ 2 Christmas concert Friday 15th December 2pm

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. Teachers will always try and resolve any issues in school with children, please support them with this. Thank you for your support.

Jules will be in school on the following dates over the Christmas break; 9-4pm on 27th and 28th and half day 9-12pm on 29th if anyone needs a foodbank voucher or family support, the contact number is 07554513543.

Christmas Party Day

The children will have a Christmas Party on Monday 18th December. They are able to wear their own clothes. Please could you send in a snack for this e.g. packet of biscuits, crisps etc

Guided Reading

I thought it might be useful to explain our system for guided reading. Children read with an adult in school twice a week and read books that are normally a band higher than the books they bring home. This is to help them learn strategies to work out words they don't know and to support progress. Teachers keep assessment notes for all of these sessions. We then send home different reading books and ask you to sign the reading record to let us know your child has read at home. Children that read at least 5 times a week are given a raffle ticket that is drawn in assembly on a Friday and they have a chance to win a book of their choice.

Attendance

Our LA attendance officer has visited school this week and has asked me to remind you that any child with attendance below 90% is classed as a persistent absentee. In line with government and school policy we will look to issue penalty notices for children who have had 15 unauthorised sessions; a school day is 2 sessions, morning and afternoon. When children miss school they miss part of a sequence of learning that impacts on their future learning and confidence. 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.

Christmas Cards

Our school post box is outside the dining room-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 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 dinner is next Wednesday, no packed lunch, or Jacket Potato option on this 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 from 27th November 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:

2LA – 99.3%

6MJ – 98.3%

4KK – 97.5%

5JB – 97.4%

2BO – 95.8%

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

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

Children return to school on Thursday 4th January

Term dates for 2018-19

Below are the term dates from next September onwards. They have been set early so that you have no need to book holidays in term time. Thank you for your support.

Start of new school year: Wednesday 5th September 2018 for children

Half term Monday 29th-Friday 2nd November 2018

School term ends Friday 21st December 2018 2pm

Children return Tuesday 8th January 2019

Half term Monday 18th February-Friday 22nd February 2019

Term ends Friday 5th April 2019

Children return Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Half term Monday 27th May-Friday 31st May 2019

Term ends Friday 19th July 2019