



# Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### **This week**

It is great to see nearly every child in school wearing our school uniform including hair bows; thank you for your support with this.

I have looked at all of the children's views linked to their learning and feeling safe in school that they completed last week. The children have some great ideas and it is clear they are developing really good learning behaviours. It is great to see the vast majority of children feel safe in school and we talked about their ideas on how we could improve this further in school. Although we can't have electric fences as some suggested we are looking at prices for automatic gates and this will be something we consider when we set our next school budget. It was very clear how much they appreciate all staff in school and the support they give them as well as the support they get from their family.

### **YouTube**

We continue to remind children about how to stay safe on line. I am aware that sometimes when children search for a song or subject something that is not appropriate can find its way into their search. We will remind children about telling an adult if this happens. Please could you continue to support your child by checking what they have been watching. If you need help putting an adult only filter on your technology please let us know and we will be able to help you with this.

### **School Uniform 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.

### **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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Applications close on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

Offers made to parents on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Deadline to accept places 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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:

4KK – 98.8%

5JB – 97.9%

2LA – 97.1%

2BO – 96.9%

3EN – 96.8%

5BL – 96.7%

4LS – 95.6%

## **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.

## **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 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**

6B class assembly	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 9.15am
Year 4 Books for breakfast	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 8.50-9.30am
Year 3 Books for breakfast	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 8.50-9.30am
6J class assembly	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 9.15am
5B class assembly	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 9.15am
Year 4 Stay and Learn (maths focus)	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 8.50-10am
5L class assembly	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 9.15am
Parents evening	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> and Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Plus a session am/pm	

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

Film Club	Thursday 1st February 2018
Valentine's Day Non-Uniform	Friday 9th February 2018
Easter Bonnet and Non-Uniform Day	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
4K class assembly	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 9.15am
World Book Day	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
4S class assembly	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am
3D class assembly	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am
3N class assembly	Wednesday 21st March 9.15am
Easter Egg Hunt	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for children

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