



## **Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

### **Communication and working together**

I hope you found the information sessions useful if you were able to come this week. Email addresses for your child's class teacher are also available on our school website if you need to contact them and haven't been able to see them at the beginning or end of the school day.

At Oxhey Wood there are now 2 Deputy Head teachers: Mrs Caplan and Mrs Stray. Mrs Caplan is overseeing KS2-Years 3-6 and Mrs Stray Early Years and KS1-Nursery-Year 2. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact them if you have been unable to speak to your child's class teacher.

We are going to be introducing 'stay and share' sessions for children in Years 1-6 this term where you can join your child in class to help them with an activity, this will often be a practical activity where they will be making something.

Year 1: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2.10-3.10pm

Year 2: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9-10am

Year 3: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9-10am

Year 4: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 9-10am

Year 5: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 9-10am

Year 6: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 9-10am

## **Fundraising this term**

McMillan Coffee morning- this term we will be supporting this charity by holding a coffee morning for parents on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Children will also hold their own 'coffee' morning in class and will be asked to bring in a donation of up to £1

Non-school uniform day 20<sup>th</sup> October- bring in a gift or bottle for the Christmas Fair

Party Games for Reception-Year 2 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 3.10-4.30pm £2

Halloween Disco for Years 3-6 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 3.10-4.45pm £2

Non-school uniform day 21<sup>st</sup> November-bring in sweets or chocolates for the Christmas Fair

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

## **Year 6 Secondary Applications**

You will receive a letter this week to inform you of secondary school open evenings. Mrs Caplan will be holding a short meeting in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 9am to explain the process of applying for your child's place.

## **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 trips**

We try and plan trips for all classes to support their learning. We sometimes need parent helpers. If you would like to help on any school trips please could you let your child's class teacher know. It maybe that we don't need all parents that offer for every trip and would ideally take parents who have a DBS check. If you would like to help on trips or in school please speak to the office about completing a DBS form.

## **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 come along to the school office you need to use the main entrance.

Some children in Years 5 and 6 are allowed to walk home on their own; please could you send a short letter/ email in giving permission or let the office or class teacher know so that they are aware of this. If someone else is collecting your child from school please could you let the office or teacher know as we are unable to hand children over to adults we have not had permission for.

## **Punctuality**

Please try and make sure your child arrives on time every day. They are often upset if they are late and have to walk into the classroom when everyone else is settled. Thank you for your support.

## **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.

## **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:

2BO – 95%

6SB – 96.4%

2LA – 96.6%

4LS – 96.8%

5BL – 97.6%

1MH – 97.7%

6MJ – 97.7%

1TH – 97.7%

4KK – 98.5%

3EN – 100%

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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

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

Half term Monday 12-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 6 Secondary application meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 9am

Harvest Celebration Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am

Parents Evening 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October

### **Half-Term**

**W.b. Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

Year 4 Stay and Learn Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 9-10am

Year 3 Stay and Learn Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9-10am

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

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

### **Term ends**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**

