



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2018

This week

Well done to 6MJ for a fantastic class assembly! It was lovely to see so many parents enjoying the Years 3 and 4 reading breakfasts this week.

This week in assembly we have been talking about helping each other to feel safe and what makes us feel safe at home and at school. Our e-safety cadets met with Miss Jennings to discuss how we can support and develop our understanding of staying safe online.

Teachers have reminded children that if they walk to and from school on their own to keep mobile phones out of sight.

In assembly we talked about ROBLOX an online game that many of the children play. If your child does play this game please monitor this as they can chat to strangers who may make inappropriate comments or use bad language when talking to the children.

Parents Evening

I hope you are able to come and meet your child's teacher next week (this week for some day time appointments). On Wednesday there will be samples of food the children eat at lunchtime for you to taste.

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.

If you are not able to collect your child and you have arranged for another adult to collect them please either let the class teacher or the office know. Even if it is another parent we must have your permission for them to collect your child.

Car seats

I have been asked to remind you about the new law on car seats. Children should be using a booster seat or car seat until they are 12 years old or 135cm tall whichever comes first.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons it is important that children do not wear jewellery to school except stud earrings. Some children have been wearing choker necklaces to school. Thank you for your support.

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.

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 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 23rd February 2018

Offers made to parents on 5th March 2018

Deadline to accept places 23rd March 2018

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.

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:

4LS – 99.1%

2BO – 98.5%

5BL – 95.8%

2LA – 95.7%

5JB – 95.7%

RKDL – 95.4%

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 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

5B class assembly

Wednesday 7th February 9.15am

Year 4 Stay and Learn (maths focus)

Friday 9th February 8.50-10am

5L class assembly

Wednesday 21st February 9.15am

Parents evening

Tues 6th and Weds 7th February

Plus a session am/pm

Half term Monday 12th-Friday 16th February

Valentine's Day Non-Uniform	Friday 9th February 2018
Easter Bonnet and Non-Uniform Day	Friday 16 th March 2018
4K class assembly	Wednesday 28 th February 9.15am
World Book Day	Thursday 2 nd March
4S class assembly	Wednesday 7 th March 9.15am
3D class assembly	Wednesday 14 th March 9.15am
3N class assembly	Wednesday 21st March 9.15am
Easter Egg Hunt	Thursday 29 th 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 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