



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2018

This week

We have celebrated mental health week and the children have thought about their uniqueness and have celebrated this.

Well done to 5JB for their class assembly this week.

Keelie and Tyler in year 6 led a whole school assembly on e-safety. They prepared the assembly themselves and did a fantastic job. This was followed by children in all classes thinking about staying safe on line.

We have been made aware that some children are using WhatsApp and not always using it appropriately. Although this is supposed to be used by children of 13 years old and over, please monitor your child's use of this if they have it on their phone.

We had an external consultant come into school this week to review how safe the children feel and the systems we have in place to safeguard children. She spoke to children and staff, with the children explaining how safe they feel in school, and staff explaining the systems we have in place to support them. The children have worked really hard this half term and to reward them for this they enjoyed a theatre visit in school yesterday.

Half term

Next week is half term, if your child is bored Junior Playmakers is running at Warren Dell Monday-Friday. They will be running a club here in the Easter holidays.

Parents Evening

I hope you found parents evening useful. Thank you if you completed a questionnaire. Below are the findings from this and actions we will take from the comments you made. Your views are really important to us.

Thank you for answering the following questions: we had 74 completed questionnaires

	Strongly agree	agree	Total agree	Don't know	disagree	Strongly disagree
My child is happy at this school	55%	40.5%	95.5%	3%	1.5%	

My child feels safe at this school	61%	37.5%	98.5%		1.5%	
My child makes good progress at this school	46%	51%	97%	1.5%	1.5%	
My child is well looked after at this school	57%	43%	100%			
My child is taught well at this school	54%	43%	97%	1.5%	1.5%	
My child receives appropriate homework for their age (71 responses)	39%	53.5%	92.5%	1.5%	6%	
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	53%	38%	91%	4%	5%	
The school deals effectively with bullying	36%	46%	82%	14%	4%	
This school is well led and managed	49%	44%	93%	4%	1.5%	1.5%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise	50%	39%	89%	3%	5%	3%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	41%	55%	96%		4%	
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	Yes	95%		No	5%	

Appropriate homework: this is always a difficult area as some parents want more and some want less homework. The feedback from parents and children is that our new style homework is more interesting for them. We have links to learning websites on our school website if you would like your children to do more learning at home by playing games, visiting a museum, reading are all fantastic ways to support learning at home.

The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved: we have a consistent policy and all staff have received training which has had a significant impact on behaviour in school. Children will fall out or forget the rules sometimes but it is dealt with in school and if needed, we support children to develop social skills or to manage their emotions in a better way.

The school deals effectively with bullying: we take any incident of bullying very seriously and this is reported to governors. Sometimes children do fall out or are unkind to each other; this is dealt with but it is not bullying. 14% of parents said they don't know; Mrs Caplan ran an information session for parents on what bullying is and what it isn't and how we support all children in school to understand this. Please ask us if you would like more information about this.

The school responds well to any concerns I raise: we have an open door policy and both Mrs Caplan and myself are always happy to meet with parents and would rather you came and shared a concern than worry about it. Teachers are also happy to meet with you or if you can't come into school please email them. We also have Jules Riding our Senior family support worker who would be happy to meet you.

Any other comments to support further improvements in school:

<p>More frequent feedback from teachers Parents don't get enough information More information on school work</p>	<p>This is something that I am already looking into. While we look at how we can do this please remember we have an open door policy and if you would like to discuss your child's progress please ask to meet them or email them. (email addresses for class teachers are on our website) Teachers send an overview home of what the children will be learning every term so that if your child would like to find out more at home you can help them.</p>
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<p>Improve communication with parents</p>	<p>Please come and share any ideas you have. We have termly parent council meetings, weekly newsletters, stay and learn in classes, text messages, our notice board, letters home but if you can think of others ways that would be great.</p>
<p>Introduce Spanish and other languages</p>	<p>We will look into this, possibly an after school club.</p>
<p>If processes are in place apply them consistently</p>	<p>We have introduced many systems in school and all members of staff are aware of them and work extremely hard to follow them. Very occasionally a message might get missed but if this happens we review a system and improve it.</p>
<p>The behaviour of some children and parents needs improvement and representatives of the school on occasions.</p>	<p>There is now a consistent behaviour policy in place across school and all staff have been trained in Herts Steps which supports de-escalation strategies when a child is finding it difficult to follow the rules. Any unkind behaviour is noted down and I monitor behaviour across school through this and through my daily walk around school. Behaviour is improving and most children understand and follow our school rules. Some children sometimes need extra help with learning and others to follow school rules. It is important that we support any child with any aspect of school they find difficult. Parents have raised concerns about other parents swearing in the playground or talking in a very unkind way about staff in school. Please support your child and all of our children by not doing this. Children often repeat the swear word</p>

	<p>or the comments about staff which is unfair on the children and the staff member.</p> <p>All staff work really hard and when we have new staff it is important that they feel welcomed not only by the staff but parents too.</p> <p>A parent also mentioned children using scooters on school grounds linked to this question. It is great to see children using their scooter to come to school but please remind them to walk it in once they come into the school grounds.</p>
To join in with arts and crafts	We will try and include this in some of our stay and learn mornings or afternoons
Sports with children (netball)	We will look into this.
Learn sign language	I will ask the Children's Centre if this is training they could arrange for us in school for parents. Children in Year 4 will be learning some sign language next term linked to their topic.
Not enough praise for children with 100% attendance	<p>We celebrate attendance every half term. Children with 95% attendance receive a certificate and those with 100% a certificate and a small reward. In the summer term children with 100% attendance for the whole year attend a special afternoon tea and receive a medal.</p> <p>We also celebrate this in our newsletter</p>
Access to the library	Classes access the library each week.
Some parents work alongside their children in school	<p>As with most schools we have staff who have children at Oxhey Wood.</p> <p>We have a staff code of conduct that staff follow and all understand how important it is to be professional and the importance of confidentiality.</p>

<p>Injuries not reported well enough</p>	<p>We have first aid trained staff across school and any injury where a child needs a plaster/ice pack is recorded in a first aid log. If your child has a bumped head the office will either ring you or you will get a bumped head letter.</p> <p>Please do speak to me if you are concerned about an injury not being reported to you.</p>
<p>Unqualified TA and 1;1</p>	<p>Many of our TA's have university degrees or are currently studying for further TA qualifications. We also support with training within school to support consistency.</p>
<p>World Book Day should be a choice of book</p>	<p>During World Book Week we try and develop all aspects of learning through one book however children are encouraged to also read books of their choice during this week and throughout the year.</p>
<p>Free before and after school clubs</p>	<p>Teachers run some after school clubs that are free and TA's read with some children before and after school.</p> <p>If your child is entitled to pupil premium grant the school will subsidise the cost of clubs; please ask at the office.</p>
<p>Every last day of half term should be non-school uniform</p>	<p>We do have non-school uniform days but we try and plan them for a specific purpose rather than the same time each term</p>
<p>Bring back the school dinner payment app</p>	<p>In September when we joined HfL MAT we moved to a new data management system. Unfortunately this didn't link to the app you used. We are in the process of setting up a new payment system for you.</p>

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.

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 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.

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- closing date is soon

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 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. This will also be monitored by the Local Authority attendance officer

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 – 98.3%

5JB – 98.3%

2LA – 97.1%

3PD – 97.1%

1MH – 96%

2BO – 95.8%

6MJ – 95.2%

6SB – 95%

95% and above attendance this half term

Nursery - Henry, Marley, Gracee-Lea, Christian, Alexis, Danny, Joshua, Jack.

REN - Ananya, Laiven-Luke, Alfie, Arya, Eva.

RKDL - Maya, Georgia, Karolyna, Emma, Abderrahmane, Hongtian.

1TH - Mia-Rose, Caeden, Jacob, Mia, Rhianna, William.

1MH - Amelia, Casey, Jake, Shanel, Emilia, Nirdosh, Noorzai.

2BO - Zac, Bella, Deby, Shayla, Frankie, Kayla, Chloe.

2LA - Chad, Julia, Charlie, Ana Sofia, Alan, Chloe, Ayub, Shaista.

3PD - Summer, Dexter, Arnas.

3EN - Mia, Victor, Lewis, Melissa, Franklin, Lanie, Liam, Beatriz, Adam.

4LS - Chay, Amber, Tatiana.

4KK - Denni, Alex, Zainab, Eliza, Ryan, Cezar, Lily-Grace,

5LB - Hollie, Freddie, Alfie, Jack, Aiden.

5BL - Dylan, Zuzanna, Shukria.

6MJ - Ben, Ria, Maria, Suruth.

6SB – Kimberley, Nathanael, Divya, Shaylar, Anirudh, Maddi, Finley, George, Kacey, Louis.

100% attendance this half term

Nursery - Grace, Victor, Jasmine, Layla, Lily, Duarte, Preston

REN - Maggie, Eleniyah, Lucy, Alicja, Logan, George, Aarav

RKD - Chase, Rory, Luke, Riley, Amelia, Siana, Rebecca, Alfie, Joey-Lee, Lainey, Evan, Maci, Logan.

1TH - Harley, Samuel, Hrydry, Nathan, Kaitlyn, Ellie-Mai, Jessica.

1MH - Olivia, Filip, Serena, Claudia, Jheel, Billie-Ivory, Tevonray, Dylan

2BO - Molly-Rose, Flavia, Savanna, Chay, Fionlay, Lily, Albie, Oliver-James, Mitchell, Katie, Raisa, India, Cosmin, Hayden,

2LA - Blue, Anushkaa, Jacob, Gina, Manav, Alexandra, Adriana, Titi, Yazmin, Shanti, Tayon, Summer-Rose, Hayden, Amelia

3EN - Lucas, Alexey, Grace, Max, Claudia, Vinuka, Rithwick, Simeon, Amy.

3PD - Ragavi, Harrin, Jack, Idris, Mariana, Milosz, Wania, Maja, Freddie, Yousuf,

4SS - Daniel, Abbyrose, Kayden, Iulia, Chad, Kavin, Armaan, Shivenkumar, Emily, Ryan, Alesia, Julija, Alfie.

4KK - Julia, Shyaane, Jiya, Antor, Scarlett, George, Thomas, Zack, Sultan, John, Zuhail.

5JL - Jesse, Amar, Ayaan, Alfred, Joshua, Myleen, Darius, Jake, Mateusz, Franchesca, Emma-Lou, William, Kunj.

5JB - Rebeca, Archie, Christina, Mya, Joshua, Selma, Kyle, Olivia, Maria, Keira, Alex, John-Alec. Blake.

6SB - Elisei, Damaris, Chanel, Kyle, Riannon, Nicoleta, Yigit, Brennan.

6MJ - Costantino, Aliyah, Levi, Sara, Luke, Leonor, Josh, Alessia, Tyler, Allen.

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

5L class assembly Wednesday 21st February 9.15am

Half term Monday 12th-Friday 16th February

Easter Bonnet and Non-Uniform Day Friday 16th March 2018
4K class assembly Wednesday 28th February 9.15am
World Book Day Thursday 2nd March
4S class assembly Wednesday 7th March 9.15am
Year 1 stay and learn Monday 12th March 2-3pm
3D class assembly Wednesday 14th March 9.15am
3N class assembly Wednesday 21st March 9.15am
Easter Egg Hunt Thursday 29th 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

