



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2018

This week

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

It was great to see so many parents/relatives join the children from our Let's Get Cooking club run by Miss Burn, Mrs Bullivant and Miss Orbell in school making scones and enjoying an afternoon cream tea.

In assembly this week we talked about our new outdoor gym equipment in the KS2 playground. Once the flooring is complete teachers will show the children how to use it safely. I also explained to the children that they would only be able to use it if they have remembered their PE kit and have taken part in PE during the week. A number of children forget their PE kit regularly and PE is an important part of learning and to support children's physical wellbeing. Rather than waste learning time by watching from next week we will arrange for children to complete work so that they do not get bored.

We also reminded ourselves what bullying is and what it isn't as sometimes children use the word bullying when a child has perhaps forgotten our rules and has been unkind. I assured the children that we will always listen to any concerns and help support them.

Maths Challenge

Well done to Amar, Blake, Joshua and Dylan for representing Oxhey Wood School in the Maths Challenge yesterday.

Health and Safety before school

There are a number of children coming onto the school grounds unsupervised and accessing the school in the mornings well before 8.30am. From Monday next week we will not be opening any playground gates until 8.30am so please do not send your child before that time as the school is not responsible for them until 8.45am.

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 2. 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- closed

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.

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 – 97.8%

2BO – 97.3%

5JB – 96.5%

3PD – 96.2%

RGN – 95.8%

1MH – 95.6%

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 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

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