



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd March 2018

School finishes at 2pm next Thursday 29th March

This week

Well done to 3N for their class assembly this week.

We have enjoyed science week, there have been some amazing workshops; thank you if you were able to come in and join your child at our science fair.

Next week is our last week of this term and the children will enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt during the school day next Thursday-please send in £1.

Last week we had a Joint Annual Review Visit which is part of our termly monitoring visits by Herts for Learning. We have received the report which notes the good progress school has made since last year's visit in all aspects of school. I would like to thank the staff for their continued hard work which has supported the continued improvements in school. One aspect we need to work together to improve is children's attendance, unfortunately this is still below national expectations.

Open Door Policy

Please remember we have an open door policy; teachers are happy to meet with parents before and after school, please email the teacher or ask them at the end of the day. I am always happy to meet with parents or talk on the phone as it is important that you feel listened to and sometimes events shared are slightly different to what has happened in school. We do have some parents that work in school but please avoid putting them in a difficult position by asking them about information within school. It is important that staff and parents trust each other and I take confidentiality very seriously. If you have a concern please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of leadership team; Mrs Caplan, Miss Bland, Miss Jennings, Mrs Kent, Miss Aitbenmoussa, Miss Douglas-Law or myself.

Good Luck to Mr Armstrong

Mr Armstrong is leaving Oxhey Wood to take up a position nearer to home. I'm sure you will join me in thanking him for his commitment to Oxhey Wood during his time here and to wish him the very best of luck for the future.

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.

After School and Breakfast Club

To ensure our financial system aligns with all other MAT schools from June 4th 2018 all sessions for breakfast and after school club must be made in advance before a child can attend. Thank you for your understanding with this.

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.

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%

2LA – 96.3%

RGN – 96.3%

2BO – 95.8%

6SB – 95.7%

3PD – 95.2%

3EN – 95.2%

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 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