



# **Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter**

## **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

### **I hope you had a great break.**

#### **This week**

It has been great to see how quickly the children have settled into school. Please continue to support your child's learning and social development by ensuring that they are in school every day.

In assembly this week we talked about why it is important to learn to read and the different opportunities there are to read at home. Please encourage your child to read every night; this can include their school book, a comic, a recipe, instructions on how to play a game.

#### **Attendance**

The attendance of some children continues to be extremely concerning. This is reviewed regularly with the local authority attendance officer. If, despite informing you of low attendance and offering support your child's attendance continues to be of concern you may be at risk of a letter being sent to you stating that you are at risk of a penalty notice being applied. Due to these ongoing concerns I have now been left with no alternative but to issue a penalty notice to some parents; this is something I have never had to do before.

#### **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.

## **Thrive**

We are introducing Thrive into school to support all children to feel happy and safe and as needed feel supported in developing social skills and resilience. You will receive a letter shortly asking for your permission to assess your child; we aim to complete this at some point for all children as sometimes quiet children may need support too.

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Grandparent's Drop-in**

Grandparents Drop-in group will be on Tuesday 24th April 9.00 to 10.30am. We have Denise Marshall attending to answer any questions on Special Guardianship Orders. Please pop in, Light refreshments provided.

## **School Uniform and 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.

Please make sure your child wears the correct school uniform to school including black shoes not trainers and school blue or plain black hair bows. This helps children have a sense of belonging in school.

### **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.

### **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:

1MH – 100%

5JB – 97.4%

4LS – 97.2%

3EN – 95.2%

RGN – 95%

2BO – 95%

## **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:

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 next term**

2A Class assembly	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9.15am
2O Class assembly	May 9 <sup>th</sup> 9.15am
SATs week Year 6	w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Enterprise Day	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May
1MH Class assembly	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 9.15am
<b>Half term</b>	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup>-Friday 2nd June</b>
Year 6 residential	w/c 4 <sup>th</sup> June
New Reception parents meetings	9am Tuesday 5th June
1A class assembly	8 <sup>th</sup> June 9.15am
Summer Fair	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 11-2pm
New nursery parents meeting	Tuesday 26th June 9.30am
<b>Sports Day FS 10.30am and BBQ</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Sports Day KS1 AM KS2 pm and BBQ</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Careers Day</b>	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>
Secondary transfer day	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
KS2 performance and BBQ	Wednesday 18th July 6pm
<b>End of term</b>	<b>Friday 20th July 2pm</b>

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 for children

Half term Monday 29<sup>th</sup>-Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

School term ends Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 2pm

Children return Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Half term Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

Term ends Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Children return Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Half term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Term ends Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019