



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th May 2018

Enjoy Bank Holiday Monday-children are in school from Tuesday next week

This week

It is great to see the progress children in year 6 are making with Skill Force and the mental health project they are involved in with Watford FC; both will help them prepare for Secondary School.

This week in assembly the children have thought about behaviour during break and lunch and how they can take responsibility for their behaviour and what they can do if another child is making the wrong choices.

It was lovely to see so many parents coming in for the phonics information session for Year 1 and the writing session for Reception, this will really support your child's learning.

Last week it was great to see parents joining in with a cook and share session with their children; thank you to Mrs Bullivant, Miss Burn and Mrs Orbell for organising this.

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 will have received a letter this week 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.

Please support your child by ensuring your child comes to school every day not just for their learning but also for their social development. If there is any support you need or would like to discuss how to improve your child's attendance please don't hesitate to contact me.

School Photographer

The school photographer is due to come into school to take class photos on Wednesday 23rd May.

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.

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.

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. You will receive a letter explaining the new system shortly and how to book and pay in advance Thank you for your understanding with this.

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 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.

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:

5JB – 99.1%

4LS – 98.4%

3PD – 98.2%

1MH – 97.6%

3EN – 96.4%

2LA – 96.3%

5BL – 96.1%

6MJ – 96%

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 7th May 2018

Half term Monday 28th May –Friday 1st June 2018

Term ends for children Friday 20th July 2018 at 2pm

Dates for next term

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

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