



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th July 2019

Children return on Wednesday 4th September



Congratulations

Well done to Frankie in 3 / 4 JB who competed in the GB trampoline finals in Coventry at the weekend. Frankie won the competition and is now number 1 for 9-10years (even though he is 8). This is a brilliant achievement and we are all very proud of him.

This week, this year-Thank you!

The end of the school year seems to have come round so quickly! We have had a great final week in school celebrating every child, with every child receiving an achievement; thank you if you were able to come and join in the assemblies. Year 6 gave an amazing end of year performance; we wish them lots of luck in their new schools.

I would like to thank all parents and carers for your support. As a school we continue to develop and improve. Attendance is improving and over 200 children attended a tea party to celebrate attendance of 95% and above this school year. Today a number of children received a trophy for having 100% for the whole year which is a fantastic achievement!

The staff have once again been brilliant; looking for ways to plan experiences that the children enjoy but that also supports their learning. The teachers, teaching assistants, office team, pastoral team, midday supervisors and site team all do a great job to ensure the children learn, are safe and are in a learning environment that supports them.

The children are great and they have worked so hard this year, they have made excellent progress. Behaviour continues to improve and we will continue to reinforce our three rules of Ready, Respect, Safe next school year. Children have enjoyed being rewarded for being good role models to others through for example, Hot Chocolate Friday, trips to the park, extra play.

Data:

School's attainment continues to improve.

64% of Reception children reached a Good level of development which sustained the achievement in 2018.

84% of children in Year 1 met the expected standard of the phonics test compared to 81% in 2018.

In year 2 standards were maintained with 77% reaching the expected standard for reading, 72% for writing and 75% for maths. Initial figures from the department for education show that this is above the national figure of 70% for reading and 71% for maths. (Writing has not been published yet).

In Year 6 the children achieving the expected standard in reading writing and maths has increased to 62% compared to 55% in 2018. Our percentage may increase further depending on the outcome of some test reviews. This means we are now broadly in line with national figures.

We will continue to build on these achievements next year.

Please make sure children return on Wednesday 4th September as the first three days back will introduce the routines for the year and children will build relationships with their new teacher and teaching assistant.

Finally, I would just like to say thank you and to wish our teachers that are leaving for new adventures the best of luck for the future; Mrs Laouar, Miss Loftus, Miss Ward, Mrs Boydon and Miss Burke. Miss Dunn, one of our SEN teaching assistants is also leaving to work in a specialist environment; she has had a significant impact on the learning of children she has supported in school and we wish her luck in her new setting.

I hope you all have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Children's views

Children's views Oxhey Wood July 2019. During an assembly, all children in Years 1-6 wrote down their views both for what they like about Oxhey Wood and for what would make Oxhey Wood even better. We will look to include some of the views in our school development plan for next year, others we will discuss with staff.

What is good about Oxhey Wood:

general		Lesson time		Outside of lesson time	
Good teachers/ great staff friendly/helpful/caring, Kind staff	84	Learning/ learn something everyday /gain knowledge	27	playground	16
Biggest school	4	Everyone works hard/ tries their best	2	Outdoor gym	3
Everything	1	art	2	Fruit at breaks	1
MSA's	3	Lots of equipment to use	10	Good clubs	2
Gates are locked	3	Maths is challenging	1	Being a play leader	1
All staff / staff help us/keep us safe/ I feel protected	23	PE/ different sports	15	The field for football	17
CCTV	1	maths	4	Lunch break	13
Fire drills / lockdown	4	computing	4	School meals	7
Amazing friends/ easy to make friends/lots of friends	42	Golden time	6	Gardening club	2
We support each other	2	Topic learning/ new topics	9	Year 6 sit on chairs for assembly	2
Team work	1	science	1	Girls and boys football team	1
Staff help us solve problems	1	Fun/great lessons/ challenging lessons	10	Breakfast and after school club	1
Rewards for being good	3	TT rockstars	1		
Good behaviour	3	English	5		
Children are respectful	3	School gives you inspiration	1		
The new school rules Ready, respect, safe	3	Trips	16		
Less arguments	3	Whole school trip	7		
No bullying	1				
Wearing your own clothes on your birthday	1				

Even Better if....

Playground/ out of lessons		
More play equipment e.g Zipline, swing, slide, more monkey bars, climbing wall, swings, trampoline, quiet area, building area, astro turf, more football pitches, stage on the field, adventure trail, tree house, play house, change the tyre park, have a different surface by the equipment so that it doesn't get muddy, to have books outside, train, swimming pool	107	<p>We will look into more equipment but it needs to be safe to use and walk past I am looking into grants for an astro pitch We can ask Junior leadership team to organise a quiet area with books and colouring</p> <p>This is obviously an area that the majority of children want us to develop- we will listen to their ideas during the first week we are back in September to prioritise what to do first.</p>
Longer playtime/afternoon break	2	We will look into an afternoon break for some year groups
Computer club	3	We will look into this
Vending machine/snack bar/ Sweets and fruit on Friday	2	We have fruit available every day
Nicer lunch/ more lunch options	3	We will arrange for school council to meet with Chartwells to look at options
Football every day/no rota, use a hard ball, more football goals	5	<p>Football can cause a lot of friendship issues in school so a no football day is a day to reflect on previous days while having a break.</p> <p>We have to make sure all children are safe and at lunchtime with lots of children on the playground a hard ball may hurt someone.</p> <p>We will look into more goals</p>
Have a chocolate fountain	2	This would not be hygienic
Class pets	6	Some classes have a fish tank, I will talk to staff
Maths club	2	We will look into this
Garden to plant food	3	We have started work on our school garden, this will further develop next year
Music in the lunch hall, packed lunch eat in their own hall, better hall	5	Over the summer our halls are being decorated and we will be introducing new expectations for the dining hall- we hope this will improve lunchtime for everyone
Robot to make my breakfast	1	
Expand school	2	We are lucky to have lots of space in school and outside areas.
Doors in the assembly hall	1	We took the doors off as they were heavy and we didn't want anyone to trap their fingers. We are looking into new doors
Better walls some paint is chipped	1	Mick and Dawn are working their way around school to renew paint.
More bins in the playground to help keep it tidy	1	We will order some new bins next term
More benches to sit on	1	We could fundraise to buy some new benches
X box	1	This is something to use at home
A nap room	3	WE have a medical room with a bed if children feel unwell.
Better windows	1	The windows are only a few years old however they could be improved.

Behaviour		
Everyone to follow the school rules	3	The new 3 rules seem to help all children remember them. Children do forget sometimes and staff spend time with some children helping them to understand and follow them
Children aren't mean to each other	1	Children do fall out sometimes and staff are always available to help sort any problems out
No bullying	1	We do very occasionally have an incident which we believe to be bullying. This is dealt with and logged as a bullying incident and is shared with Governors.
Children to have mobile phones in the classroom	1	No mobile phones are allowed in classrooms, this is to keep everyone safe
More rewards and consequences	3	We have introduced more rewards this year, but rewards and consequences will be discussed with all children during the first week back in September.
To have a calm box	1	This is a good idea, teachers will talk to you about this in September
Learning		
More opportunities to use the computers, improve computers in IT suite	1	We will discuss this with our IT technicians
Reading dog	3	We are on a waiting list for a reading dog to visit school each week
Different teachers for some lessons	1	We sometimes do this in KS2 but we will look into this
Everyone has their own classroom	1	We don't have the space but some children have work stations within a classroom to support them
More crafts	1	I will share this with teachers
More outdoor learning	4	I will share this with teachers
To have a class for children that need a bit more support	1	WE have lots of smaller areas and classrooms across school that support children with different subjects such as maths, reading, writing and some areas to help children manage how they are feeling
Change displays weekly	1	Teachers use the displays in class as working walls so your current learning should be on the displays.
More trips	7	Staff have already booked trips for next term, we will try and make sure all children in Years 1-6 have 1 trip or theme day each term.
More staff	5	It would be great to have more staff but every school has a budget that we have to keep to. We are lucky in that we have been able to keep all of our teachers and teaching assistants this year.
Write on a computer not paper	1	I will share this with teachers-it would be good if everyone could use the computer sometimes but we do not have enough computers to do this for all writing activities.
More art	2	Art week was great this year, we have planned another art week for next year.

School Uniform and Ordering

Please remember to buy black shoes for September.

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.

School uniform is trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores, please do not send your child to school wearing leggings.

From September children will be able to wear navy or white polo shirts. The navy polo shirts are now available from our uniform suppliers as are navy fleeces.

Parking Update

Please remember to park safely and drive slowly on both Oxhey Drive and Northwick Road. Unfortunately, a few cars are still parking on the pavements making it dangerous for parents and children on their way to and from school. There will be an increase in police and traffic wardens on both roads so please park carefully for the safety of our children and to avoid a parking ticket.

Please do not block residents drives when your drop or pick up your children.

Please do not park opposite the school gates as our Lollipop Lady cannot see all oncoming traffic, which puts our children's safety at risk. The local police have said they will try as often as possible to spend time outside school to encourage parents to park safely. If you park too near the junction with Gosforth Lane this could lead to a parking ticket.

Communication

Please remember if you have a question or concern please come in and ask your child's teacher or one of the leadership team. I would much rather you ask a small question or concern so that it can be answered or dealt with sooner rather than you worrying about something. If you can't come into school, please telephone or email the school office or your child's teacher. A member of Senior Leadership Team will be outside in the morning if you need to speak to someone. If your email is for me I respond normally the same day that it has been passed to me. If ever you email in, get no response please come and ask as it maybe your email has gone into our junk mail.

We have had some concerns raised by parents where another parent has told them something has happened. Please do come in and ask as we can then investigate this for you. Please do not approach other parents as this can cause upset and distress to parents and children.

Safeguarding and health and safety including online safety

We have some children in school with severe allergies. Please do not bring dogs onto school grounds.

We take safeguarding very seriously in school as we want every child to feel safe in school. If you need to come into school for any reason please come in via the school office so that you have signed in. We have updated our child protection policy and new safeguarding guidelines expect schools to have at least 2 contact numbers for every child in school. Please can you make sure you have given 2 phone numbers to the school and update these if you change your number.

If you are concerned about the safety of any children we have 4 designated safeguarding leads in school: Jules Riding, Mrs Morley, Mrs Caplan and Miss Douglas-Law-please share any concerns with them or please ring 0300 1234043

After School and Breakfast Club

To ensure our financial system aligns with all other MAT schools all sessions for breakfast and after school club must be made in advance before a child can attend. Please ask at the school office for information. We currently use parent mail for payments as this offered best value for money. Please so let me know if you have any problems with using this and I will look into it.



Attendance

Thank you to the majority of parents who have supported their children in coming to school regularly. Attendance letters have been sent out this week to let you know your child's attendance if it is 93% and below so that if needed we can meet to see how we can work together to improve your child's attendance.

If, despite informing you of low attendance and offering support your child's attendance continues to be of concern you will receive a letter to each parent stating that you are at risk of a penalty notice being applied. Unfortunately for some children attendance is still causing concern and is impacting on their learning which has led to more penalty notices being issued by County. One parent has also been taken to court by Hertfordshire County Council for continued low attendance.

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.

Children that have achieved 100% attendance for the whole year;

Nursery – Grace, Poppy, Aanja, Lyra.

RDL – Danny, Avery, Abigail.

REN – Joshua, Tommy-Jay, Richard, Layla, Denisha, Victor.

1MH – Maggie, George, Aarav, Eleniyah, Alfie, Alicja, Paige, Arya, Eva.

1PD – Hongtian, Riley, Chase.

2CB – Cody, Rebeka, Jessica, Ella, Shanel, Jheel, Claudia, Summer, Nirdosh, Filip.

3/4AM – Pranjal, Ana Sofia, , Simeon, Idris, Jack, Savanna, Oliver-James, Isla.

3/4JB – India, Deby, Rhys, Mariana, Alexandra, Summer, Gina, Max, Dexter, Flavia.

3/4KK – Hayden, Lewis, Chloe, Claudia, Jacob, Zhiling, Anushkaa, Harrin, Alexey.

5AL – Lucy, Brooklyn, Alexandra, Bobby, Shivenkumar, Julija, Iulia, Kayden.

5JL – Eliza, Zahra, Thomas, George, Antor, Jiya.

6LH – Joshua, Myleen, Dylan.

6MJ – Blake, Hollie, Rebeca, Mya, Freddie, Kyle, Olivia, Nakeesha, Joshua, Keira, Alex.

Whole School Year 2018-19 100% attendance

Abigale (Rec), Jessica (2HW), Pranjal (3/4AM), Oliver James (3/4AM), Isla (3/4AM), Chloe (3/4KK), Jacob (3/4KK), Harrin (3/4KK), Lucy (5AL), Shivenkumar (5AL), Iulia (5AL), Kyle (6MJ) & Alex (6MJ)

Whole School Year 2018 – 19 95% and above attendance

Nursery – Grace, Aanja, Hawa, Poppy, Halle & Lyra
Reception Klee – Jack, Danny, Avery, Loui, Lily, Bonnie-Lou, Robert & Aaliyan
Reception Mondrian – Victor, Layla, Joshua, Preston & Denisha
1MH – Aarav, Arya, Eva, Eleniyah, Alfie, Maggie, Myah, Laiven-Luke, Skylar, Kelly, Tyler, Musa & Paige
1PD – Hongtian, Alfie, Georgia, Amelia, Luke, Chase, Abderrahmane, Riley & Prerana
2CB – Jacob, Abdallah, Brooklyn, Harley, Rebeka, Cody, Hryday, Ellie-Mai, Samuel, Maria, Nathan, Rhianna & Evana
2HW – Filip, Amelia, Claudia, Summer, Dylan, Shanel, Dylan, Jheel, Kimberley, Serena, Jake, Ella, Lisa & Archie
3/4M – Jack, Savanna, Tayon, Melike, Shanti, Summer, Grace, Cosmin, Manav, Vinuka, Summer-Rose, Ana Sofi, Melissa, Lewis, Lily, Lacey-May, Bailey, Simeon, Raisa, Lewis, Idris, Amy & Arnas
3/4JB – Rhys, Rithwick, Flavia, India, Summer, Yousuf, Summer-Rose, Mariana, Dexter, Deby, Katie, Alexandra, Chay, Max, Ashwin, Gina, Neve & Frankie
3/4KK – Zhiling, Yasmin, Claudia, Alexandru, Lucas, Lanie, Freddie, Aliyah, Lewis, Anushkaa, Wania, Mia, Lewis, Emily, Brodie, Michael, Adriana & Molly-Rose
5AL – Kavin, Ishan, Julija, Bobby, Samuel, Alexandra, Alden, Saikou, Husnia, Jack, Kayden, Emily, Daniel, Ryan, Armaan & AbbyRose
5JL – George, Jiya, Thomas, Zuhail, Zahra, Zack, Antor, Eliza, Scarlett, Ryan, John, Daniel, Shyanne, Chinnaire, Tyler & Sultan
6LH – Ayaan, Dylan, Darius, Myleen, William, Kunj, Aishani, Jake, Krisha, Gabby, Amar & Bethany
6MJ – Blake, Mya, Freddie, Keira, Selma, Olivia, Aiden, Nakeesha, Joshua S, Joshua H, Rebeca, Jack, Alfie & Hollie

Summer Term 2 – 100% attendance

Nursery – Grace, Poppy, Aanja, & Lyra
Reception Klee – Danny, Avery, Mira, Abigail, Gracee-Lea & Bonnie-Lou
Reception Mondrian – Joshua, Tommy-Jay, Richard, Layla, Denisha & Victor
1MH – Maggie, George, Aarav, Eleniyah, Alfie, Laiven-Luke, Alicja, Paige, Arya, Eva & Skylar
1PD – Alfie, Luke, Hongtian, Riley & Chase
2CB – Cody, Rebeka, Maria, Nathan & Hryday
2HW – Jessica, Ella, Amelia, Shanel, Jheel, Claudia, Summer, Nirdosh & Filip
3/4AM – Amy, Tayon, Pranjal, Raisa, Ana Sofia, Simeon, Idris, Vinuka, Jack, Grace, Savanna, Oliver-James & Isla.
3/4JB – India, Neve, Katie, Rhys, Mariana, Alexandra, Summer, Gina, Max, Chay, Dexter & Flavia
3/4KK – Alexandru, Hayden, Lewis, Chloe, Claudia, Jacob, Zhiling, Anushkaa, Harrin, Lanie & Molly-Rose
5AL – Ali, Lucy, Brooklyn, Alexandra, Jack, Bobby, Ishan, Shivankumar, Julija & Iulia
5JL – Eliza, Zack, Zahra, Alex, Thomas, George, Tyler, Antor & Jiya.
6LH – Alfred, Joshua, Myleen, Darius & Dylan
6MJ – Blake, Hollie, Mya, Rebecca, Mya, Joshua, Freddie, Kyle, Olivia, Aiden, Nakeesha, Joshua, Keira, Alex & Harni

Summer Term 2 95% and above attendance

Nursery – Halle, Hawa & Amber
Reception Klee – Pragati, Jakub, Loui, Amber, Jack & Lily
Reception Mondrian – Isabelle, Duarte, Reva, Tanuj, Urmi, Cristian & Raphaela
1MH – Tyler, Myah, Prudence & Musa
1PD – Georgia, Karolyna, Amelia, Logan, Preana, Anthony & Abderrahmane
2CB – Emily, Abdallah, Taylor, Rebeca & Samuel
2HW – Dylan, Vinnie, Billie-Ivory, Kimberley & Lisa
3/4AM – Bailey, Cosmin, Melissa, Summer-Rose, Lily, Lacey-May, Amy, Alan, Manav & Rachel
3/4JB – Yousuf, Ashwin, evie-Mae, Mitchell, Frankie, Milosz, Deby & Rithwick
3/4KK – Julia, Freddie, Adriana, Lucas, Bella, Alexey, Aliyah & Victor
5AL – Alden, Alesia, Emily & Saikou
5JL – Zuhail, Lily-Grace, John & Zainab
6LH – Ayaan, Jake & Jesse

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 Jennings, Mrs Kent, Miss Douglas-Law or myself.

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.

School Lunches- school meals are £2.40

First week back 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.

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.



Dates for next term:

Meet the teacher Years 1 and 2
Meet the teacher Years 3 and 4
Meet the teacher Years 5 and 6
Harvest Celebration

Parents Evening

Diwali

Half-Term

Friendship week/anti bullying
Christmas Fair for children
KS2 Dress Rehearsal
KS1 Dress rehearsal
FS dress rehearsal
KS2 Christmas concert(crèche available)
FS Christmas concert (crèche available)
KS1 Christmas concert (crèche available)
Christmas Lunch day
Christmas party day
Term ends

Monday 9th September 9am
Tuesday 11th September 9am
Thursday 13th September
Thursday 24th October 9.15am
w/c 21st October (Tues and Wed after school)
27th October
W.b. Monday 29th Oct
w/c 12th November
Friday 6th December
Friday 13th December 2pm
Friday 13th December 9.30am
Friday 13th December 11am
Monday 16th December 1.45pm
Monday 16th December 11am
Monday 16th December 9.15
Wednesday 18th December
Thursday 19th December
Friday 20th December 2pm

Children return on Tuesday 7th January

I have also set the term dates for 2019-20

If you are looking at holidays for next summer please ensure your holiday ends before the start of the new school year.

Monday 2nd September 2019 INSET

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 INSET

Wednesday 4th September-children return to school

Half term 28th October-1st November 2019

End of term Friday 20th December

6th January 2020 INSET day

7th January 2020 children return to school

Half term 17th-21st February

End of term 3rd April 2020

Children return Monday 20th April

Half term 25th-29th MAY 2020

Inset day Monday 1st June

Break up Friday 17th July



