



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th September 2018



Fundraising this term:

Thank you for your support for our Macmillan coffee morning for children and film night.

Christmas Fair Friday 7th December

This week

The children enjoyed making biscuits and cakes for Macmillan coffee morning. Thank you for your support with this.

In assembly this week we talked about the darker evenings and the importance of keeping safe and following adults instructions inside and outside of school. Years 3 and 4 had an amazing Ancient Greek day; there were some brilliant costumes!

We have reminded the children that when the gates are opened in the morning the teachers have planned an activity to get them ready for learning and so it is important that they come straight into school. Some children walk to school on their own and walk home particularly in years 5 and 6 which does support transition to secondary school however your child is your responsibility until 8.45am and after the school day has finished. If a child makes wrong choices when in Oxhey Wood uniform we will contact you as it is important that the good behaviour we expect in school carries on outside of the school day.

Some classes have had a discussion about football as this can cause some playground disputes. We want children to enjoy their break times but also want everyone to feel safe. We have explained that as needed some children or classes may need to have a break from football, some classes have agreed rules and have appointed a referee for games.

Every child that applied for one of our staff led clubs has got a place on one club. Staff will send home a letter for the club your child will be enjoying with the dates the club will run. This may not be every week as staff sometimes have courses or meetings after school.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in to take individual photos on Friday 5th October. Please ensure your child wears a school sweatshirt/jumper as they are taken against a white background.

Stay and Learn and Reading Breakfasts

Over the school year classes in Years 1-6 will be holding stay and learn and reading breakfasts where you are invited to join in practical activities for stay and learn and for reading breakfasts to enjoy a book with your child over a light breakfast.

Year 1 would like parents and carers to join their child on Thursday 18th October from 2-3pm

The dates for Year 3/4's books for breakfast are;

Wednesday 7th November at 8:45am until 9:15/9:30 JB

Thursday 8th November at 8:45am until 9:15/9:30 AM

Friday 9th November at 8:45am until 9:15/9:30 KK

If a parent has a child in two classes then the parent can choose which date and take both children for that session.

Safeguarding and health and safety

We have some children in school with severe allergies. Please do not bring dogs onto school grounds. If your child has a home packed lunch please do not make them peanut butter sandwiches as we have children with nut allergies which could be life threatening.

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 your child is in Years 1-6 we are now opening the gates just before 8.45am to make sure children have a positive start to the day with doors to classroom areas are opened by staff at 8.45am. Children go straight into class and start a short activity straight away to settle them gently into the day. Please can you avoid going in with your child as it upsets other children whose parents have left them at the door. Staff will take any messages for teachers from you or if needed please walk to the school office and leave a message there.

Please remember not to drive your car into the school car park in case children have forgotten to use the path.

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

School Uniform- no trainers

Please can you support your child by ensuring that they wear black shoes to school and not trainers. It is important that all children feel part of our school community. If your child has long hair please ensure their hair is tied back as this prevents head lice and ensures your child's safety. If your child would like to wear a bow in their hair please make sure it is either the school colour blue or plain black.

Smoking

Can parents please refrain from smoking around the school gates and be mindful where they dispose their cigarettes.



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

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 receive a letter to each parent 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 further penalty notices 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.

It has been disappointing to see that some children have missed the start of the new school year where relationships have been a focus and expectations have been set for the year.

Classes that have achieved 95% and above attendance this week are;

2HW – 99.2%

5JL – 99.2%

6MJ – 98.5%

3/4AM – 98.3%

3PD – 97.4%

2CB – 97.1%

1MH – 97%

3/4JB – 95.6%

5AL – 95.2%

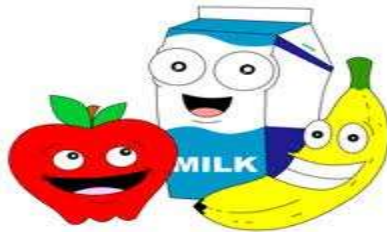
If your child is unwell and unable to attend school you need to inform the school office before 9.30am on the first day of absence.

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.

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.



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.

Safety

Please can you support the safety of all children by not stopping and waiting for children on either side of the road just outside of school.

Dates for this term

Year 1 Stay and Learn	Thursday 18 th October 2-3pm
Parents Evening	Tues 23 rd and Weds 24 th October
Harvest Celebration Year 1-6	Thursday 25 th October 9.15am
Half term	Monday 29 th Oct-2 nd November
Christmas Fair	Friday 7 th December
KS2 Dress Rehearsal	Friday 14 th December 2pm
KS1 Dress Rehearsal	Friday 14 th December 9.30am
FS Dress Rehearsal	Friday 14 th December 11am
KS1 Christmas performance	Monday 17 th December 9.15am
FS Christmas performance	Monday 17 th December 11am
KS2 Christmas performance	Monday 17 th December 1.45pm
End of term	Friday 21 st December 2pm
Children return on	Tuesday 8 th January 2019

Term dates for 2018-19

Below are the term dates for this school year. They have been set early so that you have no need to book holidays in term time. Thank you for your support.

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