



## **Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter**

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

#### **Fundraising this term**

Non-school uniform day 20<sup>th</sup> October- bring in a gift or bottle for the Christmas Fair

Party Games for Reception-Year 2 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 3.10-4.30pm £2

Halloween Disco for Years 3-6 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 3.10-4.45pm £2

Non-school uniform day 21<sup>st</sup> November-bring in sweets or chocolates for the Christmas Fair

School Christmas Fair-Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Parent's Consultation**

Teachers are now taking bookings for parent's evenings which are taking place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Teachers will have the booking forms with them, you can either speak with them in person or email them with 3 preferred sessions and they will arrange a slot for you.

#### **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.

#### **Old £1 Coins**

Due to our banking schedule, we will no longer be accepting the old style £1 coins. Any that we receive from now on will be returned to you.

## **Health and Safety-before and after school**

Please could you make sure you can see where your children are before and after school. Children have been playing unsafely on the climbing apparatus in the junior playground and we do not want anyone to get hurt. Some children have started to dig near the KS2 fencing; staff have reminded children not to do this Thank you for your support.

## **Parking**

We are receiving complaints regarding parents parking dangerously on the Northwick Road entrance to the school. Can you please refrain from parking on the zig zags and corners to ensure that children can cross the roads safely.

## **Year 6 Secondary Applications**

Please remember all applications must be made by 31<sup>st</sup> October at: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions). If you would like any help with applying please speak to the office.

## **School Uniform**

It is great to see most children are remembering to make sure their hair is tied back but please could you make sure that any hair bows are either blue or black in line with our school uniform. Thank you for your support.

## **School Uniform Ordering**

After the October half term we will be moving over to online purchasing for our school uniform, this means that you will not be able to purchase from the school office (more details will follow). We do have some stock left for you to buy from us now but once it's sold we will not have any more stock brought in. If you would like to stock up come and see us over the next 2 weeks.

## **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.

## **School trips**

We try and plan trips for all classes to support their learning. We sometimes need parent helpers. If you would like to help on any school trips please could you let your child's class teacher know. It maybe that we don't need all parents that offer for every trip and would ideally take parents who have a DBS check. If you would like to help on trips or in school please speak to the office about completing a DBS form.

## **Punctuality**

Please try and make sure your child arrives on time every day. They are often upset if they are late and have to walk into the classroom when everyone else is settled. Thank you for your support.

## **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.

## **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:

4KK – 96.9%

1TH – 95.7%

6MJ – 96.9%

3EN – 95.2%

2LA – 96.7%

4LS – 95.2%

5BL – 96%

## **Late attenders**

If your child comes into school late can you please make sure they come in via the main entrance and register in late with the school office. If children are not registered, may not be accounted for in an emergency.

## **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:

Half term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Term ends Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 2pm

Children return Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Half term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> -Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Term ends Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 2pm

Term starts Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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 your diary for this term

Harvest Celebration	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 9.15am
Parents Evening	17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Half-Term</b>	<b>W.b. Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>
Year 4 Stay and Learn	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 9-10am
Year 3 Stay and Learn	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 9-10am
Year 1 Stay and Learn	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2.10-3.10pm
Year 2 Stay and Learn	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 9-10am
Christmas Fair for children	Friday 8th December
KS1/2 Christmas concert	Thursday 14th December 9.15am
FS Christmas concert	Wednesday 13th December 11am
KS1/ 2 Christmas concert	Friday 15th December 2pm
Christmas party day	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</b>

