



# **Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter**

## **Friday 13<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-next week**

If you have not made an appointment to see your child's class teacher please speak to them when you bring your child to school or email them.

Your views are really important to us and during parents evening there will be post-its where you can share your views about Oxhey Wood and any ideas on how we can further improve.

The children have settled in really well and have been working hard and the teachers are looking forward to sharing this with you. I look forward to seeing you next week.

### **Harvest- next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am**

Next week children from Years 1-6 are looking forward to sharing a harvest celebration with you.

Please send in any donations between now and then.

### **Assembly Theme**

This week in assembly the children thought about how they could overcome a worry or a fear and help each other. We shared a story and linked this to helping ourselves and each other learn skills and how being part of a team can help everyone succeed.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

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, they may not be accounted for in an emergency.

Thank you for your support.

### **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.

### **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:

1TH – 98.9%

5BL – 97.6%

3EN – 6MJ%

3PD – 95.7%

5JB – 95.2%

1MH – 95.2%

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:

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

## **Half-Term W.b. Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct**

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 8<sup>th</sup> December

KS1/2 Christmas concert Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

FS Christmas concert Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 11am

KS1/ 2 Christmas concert Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

Christmas party day Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

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