



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th October 2018

Have a lovely half term

We look forward to seeing all children back in school on Monday 5th November
Fundraising this term:

Bonfire Night Celebration Tuesday 6th November
Christmas Fair Friday 7th December
Non-Uniform days – Friday 9th and 30th November.

This week

One of our tri-golf teams went and took part in the final and came 5th overall, we are very proud of them. Children in years 1-6 celebrated harvest; it was great to see so many parents and family members in the audience, the donations were gratefully received by the local care home Pinewood. Most parents have met with their child's class teacher this week; I hope you found the meeting useful. If your child is in Years 1-6 you will receive an updated progress sheet every half term which aims to keep you more informed of your child's progress in school.

Lots of children enjoyed the Halloween disco- thank you for your support. Fundraising enables us to provide enrichment activities and to buy resources that enrich children's experiences in school. We are currently fund raising to develop all outside areas in school.

In assembly this week we read the story How to be a Lion. The children understood the meaning behind the story that everyone is unique and it is ok to be themselves.

After school and Breakfast club

Just a reminder that all sessions for after school and breakfast club must be paid in advance. This is important for our schools financial management and something audit check on.

Flu Vaccination

The school nurses will be in to administer the Flu Vaccine on Thursday 29th November.

Head Lice

There are some children in school with Head Lice, during the half term can you please check your child's hair and treat accordingly. Follow up treatment will be necessary.

Tesco Grant

I applied for some funding from Tesco to further develop the outdoor environment. From 1st November in our local Tesco, the main Tesco in Watford and other local Tesco branches you will be able to vote for school by putting a blue token in our school slot. Please support us with this as the project with the most coins will receive a £4000 grant.

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.

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. 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.

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. This half term it has been great to see some fantastic improvements in some children's attendance. Thank you for your support with this.

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.

The following classes have achieved 95% and above attendance this week;

5AL – 98.8%

2CB – 98.3%

6MJ – 98.1%

Children with 95% and above attendance received a certificate today and those with 100% received a certificate and a prize.

Children with 95% and above this half term:

Nursery: Zahra, Darci, Tyler, Vanni, Aanja, Halle, Grace, Harry.

Reception RDL: Alexis, Tommy, Lily, Danny, Rheo.

Reception REN: Freddie, Preston, Raphaela, Lulu, Frankie.

Year 1PD: Alfie, Hongtian, Riley.

Year 1MH: Laiven-Luke, Archie, Emima, Alfie, Paige, Eva.

Year 2HW: Casey, Dylan, Olivia, Cosmin, Vinnie, Filip.

Year 2CB: Emily, Rhianna, Hryday, Arif, Kian, Samuel.

Year 3/4JB: Rhys, Milosz, Chay, Flavia.

Year 3/4AM: Melike, Jack, Max.

Year 3/4KK: Adriana, Zhiling, Michael, Riley, Marcin, Mia.

Year 5AL: Alexandra, Ali, Brooklyn, Chay, Amber, Ishan, Abbyrose.

Year 5JL: Ryan, Kyle, Zahra, Daniel, Julia, Tyler.

Year 6LH: Dylan, Zuzanna, Krisha, Alfred, Jake, Bethany.

Year 6MJ: Blake, Joshua, Franchesca, Jack, Harni, Alfie.

Children with 100% this half term :

Nursery: Archie-Jay, Lexey, Paige, Hawa, George, Amber, Archie.

Reception RDL: Elisa, Loui, Duarte, Pragati, Jack, Robert, Arthur, Abigal, Miller.

Reception REN: Reva, Jasmine, Grace, Denisha.

Year 1PD: Maci, Lainey, Georgie, Abderrahmane, Aarya, Siana, Amelia, Luke, Chase.

Year 1MH: Aarav, Tyler, Myah, Jet, Arya, Prudence.

Year 2HW: Jessica, Dylan, Dennis, Amelia, Tharuli, Chase, Archie, Nirdosh, Serena, Lisa, Jake.

Year 2CB: Jayden, Ellie-Mai, Jacob, Abdallah, Evana, Rebeka, Maria, William, Harley.

Year 3/4JB: Yousuf, Hayden, Joe, Maya, Neve, Mariana, Liam, Alexandra, Rithwik, Summer, Gina.

Year 3/4AM: Joe, Shanti, Melissa, Tayon, Pranjai, Raisa, Lewis, Summer-Rose, Ana Sofia, Lily, Manav, Vinuka, Grace, Savanna, Oliver-James, Isla, Arnas.

Year 3/4KK: Alexandru, Kaydn, Lewis, Wania, Yazmin, Lewis, Chloe, Fionlay, Claudia, Jacob, Anushkaa, Beatriz, Harrin, Alexy, Lucas, Lanie, Emily.

Year 5AL: Husnia, Lucy, Alden, Alfie, Emily, Samuel, Shivenkumar, Armaan, Kavin, Iulia, Kayden.

Year 5JL: Zuhail, Lily Grace, Denni, Zack, Joe, Zainab, Thomas, George, Scarlett, Antor, Jiya, Shyanne.

Year 6LH: Ayaan, Joshua, Myleen, Darius, Ashani, Masie, Amar, William, Gabby.

Year 6MJ: Hollie, Rebeca, Mya, Freddie, Selma, Kyle, Olivia, Aiden, Kiera, Alex.

Open Door Policy

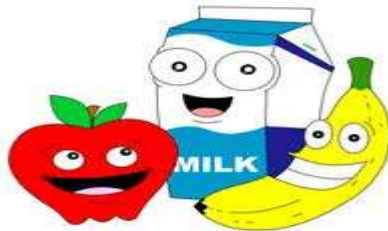
Please remember we have an open door policy; teachers are happy to meet with parents before and after school, please email the teacher or ask them at the end of the day. I am always happy to meet with parents or talk on the phone as it is important that you feel listened to and sometimes events shared 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.

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.

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

The week we return is week 1 on the new Winter-Spring menu. 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.

Dates for this term

Half term

Year 3 /4JB Reading Breakfast
Year 3 /4 AM Reading Breakfast
Year 3 /4 KK Reading Breakfast
Christmas Fair
KS2 Dress Rehearsal
KS1 Dress Rehearsal
FS Dress Rehearsal
KS1 Christmas performance
FS Christmas performance
KS2 Christmas performance
End of term Friday 21st December 2pm
Children return on Tuesday 8th January 2019

Monday 29th Oct-2nd November

Wednesday 7th November 8.45-9.15am
Thursday 8th November 8.45-9.15am
Friday 9th November 8.45-9.15am
Friday 7th December
Friday 14th December 2pm
Friday 14th December 9.30am
Friday 14th December 11am
Monday 17th December 9.15am
Monday 17th December 11am
Monday 17th December 1.45pm

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

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 21st 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