



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2017

Fundraising this term

Non-school uniform day for Children in Need Friday 17th November, 50p to wear something spotty

Non-school uniform day 24th November-bring in sweets or chocolates for the Christmas Fair

School Christmas Fair-Friday 8th December

This week

The children had a great time at the Halloween party night and disco. Thank you to Clare and Sue in the office for organising this and to all the staff and parents that helped.

Parent view

Thank you for your views, this is a summary of them:

What is good about Oxhey Wood?

(several post-its shared the same views)

Teachers	Lunches	Staff are approachable
Learning	Head teacher	Staff motivate children
Friendships	Staff are understanding and polite	Range of after school activities
Office staff	There is more supervision at lunchtime	New type of homework
everything	Behaviour	Accidents are reported to parents
It is fun for the children	Staff are helpful	Jules Riding
Exciting trips	Staff are kind	Children are polite

Even Better if....

More homework	We have had positive feedback about the new homework we are setting. If your child would like to complete more learning at home extra reading or some of the online learning recommended on our website including timetables rockstars would be great.
More supervision at lunchtimes	We have an increasing number of midday supervisors and some teaching assistant also cover lunchtimes now too.
More school trips	We book school trips each term but rely on voluntary contributions from parents. We have a limited budget to
More time at parent evening meetings	We will look into this for our February meetings. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher you are more than welcome to meet with them at any time during the school year.
More activities during playtime	We are ordering some new resources for the playground.
More supervision if children are fussy eaters at lunchtime	We are aware of some children that need some support at lunchtime to encourage them to eat; please speak to your child's class teacher if you are concerned about your child.
Ensure all support staff know how to manage the class-no shouting	All staff in school have now received Herts Steps training which promotes no shouting and the leadership team monitor this
Juice in the dining room is covered at lunchtime	I will look into this.
Children to become involved with community groups in South Oxhey	School council will look into this.
More time to eat lunch	Children are able to take as long as needed during their lunch break to eat their lunch. I will talk to the children about this.
Accidents to be reported to parents properly	If a child has received first aid they receive a first aid slip to share with parents. We will discuss how we can further ensure the slips are seen by parents.
Leaving disco/prom for Year 6	Last year we had a family BBQ after the year 6 performance. We will talk to the children about what they would like in the summer term.

Assembly Theme

This week in assembly we talked about staying safe in relation to Halloween and Fireworks.

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

We have now moved 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.

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 – 96.8%

4KK – 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:

Term ends Tuesday 19th December 2017 at 2pm

Children return Thursday 4th January 2018

Half term Monday 12th -Friday 16th February 2018

Term ends Thursday 29th March 2018 at 2pm

Term starts Monday 16th April 2018

Bank Holiday Monday 7th May 2018

Half term Monday 28th May –Friday 1st June 2018

Term ends for children Friday 20th July 2018 at 2pm

Dates for your diary for this term

Year 4 Stay and Learn Tuesday 7th November 9-10am

Thursday 9th November Flu Vaccination for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Year 3 Stay and Learn Tuesday 14th November 9-10am

Year 1 Stay and Learn Thursday 23rd November 2.10-3.10pm

Year 2 Stay and Learn Thursday 7th 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 18th December

Term ends Tuesday 19th December 2pm

