



# Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

**Monday 12th September 2016**

## **Welcome Back!**

I hope you enjoyed the summer break. It has been great to see how well the children have settled this week. The staff have worked hard to prepare the classrooms and have planned exciting lessons to support your child's learning. I hope as many parents as possible are able to come and meet me on 15<sup>th</sup> September 9-10am when I will share the school priorities for this term. It is really important that we work together to ensure your child is happy, feels safe and is ready to learn in school; if you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day or contact the school office to speak to either your child's teacher or a member of the senior leadership team. We also have a new member of staff, Miss Riding, who is our senior family support worker and learning mentor who is available for parents to speak to alongside Caroline Vine-Lott our South West Herts family support worker who will be in school one day each week.

## **Health and Safety and safeguarding**

Please could you support all children in school by making sure that if you need to come in to school you come in via the main office so that you can sign in; this is also important in case of a fire.

Please could I remind all parents that children are your responsibility before school until 8:50am and after school once collected from their class teacher.

At the end of the day could you collect your children from their class teacher; we realise many parents have children in both playgrounds but please don't worry if you are a few minutes late collecting from one playground.

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

It is really important that all children come to school every day and on time. At the end of each half term certificates will be awarded to all children with attendance and punctuality of 95% and above, with a treat at the end of each term for all children with 100% attendance and punctuality. If you would like support to ensure your child attends school every day please phone or make an appointment to see me.

## **Class Attendance of the Week**

The following classes had attendance of over 95%:

6SB – 99.6%

4AH and 2LA 97.2%

2PM - 97%

3KK – 96.5%

6CL – 96.4%

1MH – 95.7%

5MM – 95.5%

Well Done to all those classes!

## **Inclusion**

It is great to see how inclusive Oxhey Wood is. This week in assembly the children looked at a poster and discussed 'Fair is not equal; fair is when everyone gets what they need'. Children over their time in Oxhey Wood may need additional support for learning or emotional needs and we would always work together with parents to make sure a child's needs were met so that they were able to learn. As part of this continued work we will also be reviewing the school behaviour policy this term.

## **Meet the Teacher**

I hope you are able to come to find out about your child's learning in their new class. (Dates at the end of the newsletter)

## **Reading Raffle**

It is really important that children read at home every day and to encourage them to do this there will be a weekly raffle for those children that do this. Some weeks there may be more than one prize!

## **Clubs**

Some of the staff will be running clubs this term, please look out for letters.

## **School Lunches**

This week is week 3. 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 –Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals and can have a free school lunch every day.

### **Dates for your diary for this term:**

Meet the teacher 2.45pm: (please wait outside your child's classroom door in the playground)

Year 1: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Year 4: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Meet the Head teacher: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 9-10am

Parents Evening Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Celebration (parents very welcome) Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am

INSET day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Half term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Early Years (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Celebration (parents very welcome) Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December (time to be confirmed)

KS1 and KS2 Christmas Celebration (parents very welcome) Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

Term Ends Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm

