



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th November 2016

Gymnastics Success!

Congratulations to Kieran R who came 5th in a recent national gymnastics competition.

Behaviour policy and anti-bullying policy

The staff have reviewed both of these policies and will be sharing both with the children. Once they have been agreed by Governors they will be available on our website.

Houses

Every child in school is now in a house and Year 6 have been electing house captains this week. Children will have the opportunity to work with children in their house for themed days. We started introducing this with the children this week when children from Year 1-6 worked together to learn more about what bullying is and what it isn't and what a good friend is.

Our house teams and Captains are:

Mars: Amy A and Barty K

Saturn: Matti B and Samuel S

Jupiter: Karina P and Tyler G

Neptune: Lily P and Logan M

Venus: Alex I and Joe L

After School and Breakfast Club

From January school will take over the running of the breakfast and after school club. Further details will follow, but I can assure all parents there will not be an increase in prices.

School Uniform

We have a school uniform so that children feel part of our school community. Please support your child by making sure they wear the correct uniform to school.

As the weather is getting colder please make sure your child brings a coat to school.

Packed Lunches

If your child has a packed lunch in school we leave any food your child hasn't eaten in their lunch box so that you can see how much they have eaten at lunchtime.

Some children have been bringing energy drinks in for lunch; please do not send in these types of drinks or sweets as this can affect their ability to concentrate on their learning after lunch. Thank you for your support.

Playground supervision before and after school

Please could I remind you that you must supervise your children before and after school. There have been some incidents where children have been unkind to others, it is important that you keep your children with you.

Late Arrival to school

If for any reason you are late and the classroom doors are shut please bring your child to the office to sign in. It disturbs the learning of others if you bang on the door or windows for your child to be let in.

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.

It has been great to see the improvement in children arriving on time; thank you for your support. If your child is later to school they are missing important learning and they disturb the learning of others; please make sure your child arrives on time. Lateness will be monitored weekly this half term.

Nursery application for Reception places

If your child is in Nursery applications for Reception places open on 7th November at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions, if you would like any support with this please ask at the school office.

Class Attendance of the Week

The following classes had attendance of over 95%:

Well Done:

1MH – 98.1%

3PD – 98%

3KK – 97.6%

6CL – 96.3%

5JB – 95.7%

1TH – 95.7%

6SB – 95.2%

School Lunches-New Menu

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 –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:

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

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

Term Ends Wednesday 21st December at 2pm

Fundraising this term

Non-school uniform Day Friday 2nd December-bring a bottle, chocolates or sweets for the Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair-Friday 9th December- children can bring in up to £3 to spend at the fair during the day and the fair will be open to parents from 3.10-4pm. Raffle will be drawn at 3.45pm

Christmas Jumper Day-Friday 16th December £1 for charity – Please note a change of date.

Christmas Party - Reception, Years 1 and 2 -Tuesday 13th December 3.15-4.15pm £1.50

Christmas Disco for KS2-Wednesday 14th December 4.30-5.30pm £1.50

Grandparent Drop-in

We still have one more drop-in for Grandparents on 22nd November with Caroline Vine-Lott.