



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th March 2017

Fundraising

This half term there will be an Easter Egg hunt on 31st March during the school day; children will need £1 to join in.

We are supporting Red Nose Day. Red noses are now on sale in the office costing £1 each.

Wear Lots of Socks on World Down Syndrome Day on Tuesday 21st March £1 to participate, all money raised will be donated to the World Down Syndrome Charity.

Safeguarding and Office opening times

We have recently been looking at health and safety and Safeguarding issues in the school, we are concerned that parents and children are accessing the school out of hours. The School Office is open between 8.30am and 4pm, we ask that you do not try to gain access outside of these times for any reason. If your child has lost something, left something in the class or you would like to speak to a teacher, if it is outside of these hours, can you please wait until the following day.

If your child is attending an after school club, please wait at the main entrance of the school where your child will be brought out to you.

Class Assemblies

3K's assembly was fantastic this week! The dates for all class assemblies are at the end of the newsletter; after the assembly you can spend time in your child's class looking at the great work they have been completing.

Law change for using your mobile phone whilst driving

It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, or riding a motorcycle - this is still the case stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic. Did you know? It is also illegal to use a hand-held mobile when supervising a learner driver or rider.

New penalties now mean that motorists and motorcyclists caught using a phone while driving and riding will receive six penalty points on their licence and a £200 fine. This means that new drivers, within two years of passing their test, run the risk of losing their licence for a single offence.

[Keep safe](#) – put your phone away in the glove compartment.

Parent Council

Thank you if you took the time to come to the first parent council there were some really useful comments and suggestions:

Could parents come in to look at work more often? We will be introducing a 'sharing' morning each half term from the Summer term for every class where you are welcome to come into class to look at your child's work until 9.15am.

Parents said they would like to know more about what their child is learning in school so that they can support their child more at home- we will send home an overview of each terms learning for every class to help you with this.

A parent was concerned that their child may not be eating enough at lunchtime- the MSA's are working really hard and now more are in the dining room with the children making sure they do stay in their seat and eat and they encourage them to eat their lunch. If a child had not eaten their lunch they will let the class teacher know who will let parents know.

Parents are pleased there are more clubs for the children to attend and asked if there could be some before school; many staff are running clubs in their own time and before school would not be possible as they are getting the learning ready for their class. We do have cheerleading before school but can look at other clubs, but there would be a cost for them.

Parents asked if they could have some more information about the Year 2 end of year assessments-Miss A will arrange a meeting for parents.

Open door policy

We have an open door policy in school; if you have a question or a concern please ask to speak to your child's class teacher or come to the office and ask to speak to myself or Mrs Stray. We always deal with any concern on an individual basis. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school and have spent time with the children discussing 'Fair isn't equal, fair is when everyone gets what they need.' Please do come and chat to me if you would like this explained further.

Safety!

A number of children have been using WhatsApp to send unkind messages to each other. Children shouldn't be signed up to this until they are 13 years old. If you have decided to allow your child to use this please could you check what they are saying in messages. We have reminded children in school about online safety.

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. Thank you for your support.

School Lunches

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 to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals and can have a free school lunch every day.

After School Club

Please note, there will be no After School Club on Friday 31st March. This is the last day of term and school finishes at 2pm.

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.

Every half term children with 95% and above and 100% attendance will receive certificates.

This week's classes with attendance over 95% are:

2PM – 99.2%

6SB – 99%

2LA – 98.5%

6CL – 98.5%

5JB – 97.9%

1TH – 97%

3KK – 96%

Dates for this term

3D class assembly Wednesday 22nd March 9.15am

Easter Egg Hunt Friday 31st March

Wear Lots of Socks Day Tuesday 21st March

Red Nose Day Friday 24th March

Term dates for this year 2017

Term ends Friday 31st March 2017 at 2pm

Term starts Tuesday 18th April

Bank holiday Monday on 1st May 2017

Half term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017

Term ends on Friday 21st July 2017 at 2pm

Term dates September 2017- July 2018

I have set all term dates for next 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 starts for children Wednesday 6th September 2017

Half term Monday 23rd-27th October 2017

Term ends Tuesday 19th December 2017 at 2pm

Children return Thursday 4th January 2018

Half term Monday 12-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

