



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st April 2017

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter Break

Congratulations

I would like to share some fantastic news; Miss A has been appointed by Herts for Learning as a lead teacher for Maths Mental Fluency in KS1. As a lead teacher, teachers from other schools will visit Oxhey Wood School to observe her teach.

Fundraising

This term we will be holding our Summer Fair on Saturday 24th June 11am-2pm-please let the office know if you are able to help.

Welcome Back

The children have had a great first week and have settled back to their learning really quickly. In assembly this week we thought about how fair isn't equal; fair is when everyone gets what they need. I'm sure you will agree that it is important that we treat every child as an individual and ensure they get what they need to support their learning and emotional needs. The children were able to give some fantastic examples of what this might look like in school during assembly.

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.

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.

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 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:

4AH – 98%

5JB – 96.4%

1TH – 95%

Dates for this term

Year 6 SATs week w/c 8th May-all children in Year 6 must attend school every day to complete assessments

New Reception parents meeting	13 th June 9.15am
Summer Fair	Saturday 24 th June 11-2pm
Reception Sports Day	Thursday 29 th June (afternoon)
KS1 Sports Day	Friday 30 th June (morning)
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 30 th June (afternoon)
New nursery parents meeting	4 th July 9.30am
Open evening/museum evening	Wednesday 12 th July 3.30-6pm
Year 6 leavers performance	Wednesday 19 th July

Term dates for this year

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

