



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28th April 2017

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.

Safeguarding

I have been asked by the police to let you know about something that is causing great concern in other countries and now in England. It is called Blue Whale.

It is an online challenge that encourages youngsters to undertake dangerous dares and self-harm. The craze is believed to have led to **130 suicides in six months in Russia**, where it originated. In France, several cases of suspicious death have been reported and now education authorities are on high alert.

Like the Ice Bucket Challenge, the Blue Whale Challenge involves encouraging participants, via social networks, to face everyday challenges. The difference is that **these are intended to lead the 'players' to death on the 50th day**, thereby 'winning' the game.

Challenges at the beginning include drawing a whale on a leaf or getting up at night to listen to sad music. **As days pass, participants are invited to cut themselves and finally to jump from the roof of a building or to hang themselves.**

School Gates

Please note, the school gates are locked between 8.30am and 9am and again between 2.45pm and 3.30pm. This is to ensure the children's safety entering and leaving the school grounds.

Multi Academy Trust meeting

Following on from the recent letter about Oxhey Wood applying to become an academy with Herts for Learning, there will be a meeting for parents to find out more and ask any questions on Friday 9th June 9-10am.

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 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 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:

5JB – 98.9%	2LA – 95.8%
4AH – 97.6%	3PG – 95.6%
6CL – 97.5%	
3KK – 97.1%	

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 (morning)
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

