



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th May 2017

Parking

Can parents avoid parking dangerously or inconsiderately in Northwick Road. It's been reported that cars are parked on corners and in restricted areas.

Smoking, Mobile Phones and Dogs

Can we ask parents to not Smoke on the school grounds and to avoid doing so in the gateways as children and parents are entering and leaving school.

Dogs are not allowed on the school grounds and can you keep them away from the entrances while the children are around.

Please be reminded, mobile phones should not be used on the school grounds.

Fidget Spinners

Due to the multiple issues caused by the Fidget Spinner craze, we ask that children do not bring them in to school.

Well done-Year 2

Congratulations to Year 2 who put a great effort into the assessments they completed this week that will form part of the ongoing process of assessing your child.

Attendance

We had a visit from the LA attendance officer this week. She shares my concerns with regard to the level of absence across school. Any time away from school will affect your child's learning and friendships. If your child's attendance falls below 95% which is the expectation from the Government I am expected to inform you about this. If your child's attendance falls below 90% they are classed as a persistent absentee and I am unable to authorise any absence unless there is medical evidence. If you are concerned about your child's attendance please come and speak to me.

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.

Reading before School

If your children are invited in for morning reading sessions, they will need to access the school via the main entrance as the doors leading to KS2 will be locked. There will be no access until 8.30.

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.

Packed lunches and KS2 playtime snacks.

Staff have noticed that some children are bringing in lots of chocolate as part of their lunch from home. Please could you try and make lunches as healthy as possible; too much chocolate can cause some children to have a sugar dip in the afternoon that affects their learning and behaviour. Children in KS2 can bring a snack in from home for morning break but this should only be fruit or a cereal bar; no crisps or chocolate.

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:

4AH – 99.2%	3PD – 97.2%	1TH – 96.1%
2LA – 98%	RLG – 96.9%	3KK – 96%
6SB – 97.7%	1MH – 96.7%	4RB – 95%
5JB – 97.5%	6CL – 96.2%	

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.

Term dates for this year

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

Term ends on Friday 21st July 2017 at 2pm

Dates for this term

New Reception parents meeting	13 th June 9.15am
Parent Council Meeting (all welcome)	Tuesday 20 th June 9-10am
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 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