



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th June 2017

Staff Changes

We are very sad to see Miss Bail leave us at the end of term; she is an amazing teacher and has gained a well-deserved promotion in another school. She has also led PE brilliantly this year adding a range of new sports for the children, developing the playground and arranging training for staff as well as leading the school council with Mr Briody.

Mr McMorrin is also leaving at the end of term to work abroad; he is a brilliant teacher and has also led our school football team to some great successes this year.

Mr Briody has moved house and is leaving to join a school nearer to home. He too is a great teacher who supports the children's learning and has high expectations for every child in his class. He has also re-ignited our school council this year with Miss Bail.

Mrs Kirkman and Miss Prager who cover teachers planning time are also leaving us at the end of term to take up teaching posts in other schools. Although they only joined us this year they have become part of our school team and Mrs Kirkman has led outdoor learning for some children.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing them good luck in their new school and to thank them for their contributions to Oxhey Wood.

We have appointed some new teachers already and continue to recruit. Later on this term the children will spend some time in their new class and I will confirm teachers and teaching assistants for each class on this day.

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 8.30am.

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.

Parking

Please make sure you park your cars legally and safely before and after school. Some parents have been parking in a square that must be vehicle free at all times.

Children's Views

This week I have gathered the views of the children in school to find out what they think is good about Oxhey Wood and what would make it even better. I will be asking for your views during sports day and will then share a summary of both with 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.

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.

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 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:

1MH – 99.5%

1TH – 97.3%

3PD – 97%

4AH – 96.5%

3KK – 96%

Term dates for this year

Term ends on Friday 21st July 2017 at 2pm

Dates for this term

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	Tuesday 11th 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

