



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16th June 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.

Class Photographs

We have booked the school photographer to come into school on Wednesday 28th June. Can you please ensure that your child is in full uniform on this day as they use a white back drop.

Sports Day

To clarify; on the Early Years sports day school dinners will be as normal for the rest of the school.

The options for school provided packed lunches on these days will be Ham or Cheese.

Science Week

The children have had an exciting week exploring science. Thank you to the staff who worked even harder than they do normally to make this such an amazing week for the children.

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.

MAT(Multi Academy Trust) Consultation

Thank you if you were able to come to the meeting this week. I have sent home formal consultation letters; please return them as soon as possible.

Parent Council-Tuesday 20th June 9-10am

Our parent council meeting is on Tuesday 9-10am; all parents and carers are very welcome. Last time parents had some great suggestions that we acted on.

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.

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.

Children's Views

Last 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.

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:

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| 1TH – 99.3% | 3PD – 99.2% | RLG – 99% |
| 4AH – 98.8% | 1MH – 98.5% | 5JB – 97.8% |
| 3KK – 96% | 6SB – 95.9% | |

Term dates for this year

Term ends on Friday 21st July 2017 at 2pm

Dates for this term

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| 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 11 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