



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd June 2017

Fundraising

I hope you are able to come and enjoy the Summer Fair tomorrow 11am-2pm.

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

It was great to meet with parents who shared the following ideas:

Fundraising- it would be great if more parents were involved in fundraising and some suggestions were made as to some new ideas

Parents like the idea of the BBQ at sports day and would like some competitive races and a parent's race.

Parents are pleased there are more clubs for children to attend; could parents help at some clubs-possibly a book club.

Could parents come in and help for story time and other activities?

Parents liked the fact school is promoting good attendance and wondered if children with good attendance could wear non-school uniform as a reward.

Actions from the meeting:

In September I will send a letter out asking parents if they would like to help in school, at clubs or with fundraising.

We have planned some competitive races this year on Sports Day and will hold a parents race.

We will continue to look at ways to promote good attendance.

Sports Day

Next week is sports and healthy eating week. As part of this we will be holding our sports day. We hope you are able to stay and enjoy lunch with your child. Letters have been sent out with times and cost of the BBQ food.

Open door policy and code of conduct

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.

It is really important that Oxhey Wood is a safe and calm place for children, staff and parents. Although there may be times when you feel frustrated or worried this is never an excuse for swearing or shouting whether this is in a meeting, in a classroom or in the playground. Staff do not come to work to be shouted at or sworn at and children should not be put in a position where they hear or see adults anywhere on the school premises shouting or swearing. In all situations like this if necessary the police and/or governors will be informed.

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 1. 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.

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.

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.

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.

Term dates for this year

Term ends on Friday 21st July 2017 at 2pm

Dates for this term

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 at 6pm

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