



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th July 2017

Term ends next Friday 21st at 2pm

Class swap

The children had a great time visiting their new classes. I hope you were able to come in and look at your child's work after school yesterday.

End of term

Rather than have an end of term disco every class will have a party day next week so that all children are able to attend.

Race for Life

The children enjoyed taking part in the Race for Life today. Please send any sponsorship money in by next Friday

Staff changes

Two of our teaching assistants Mrs Burch and Mrs Whitehead are leaving Oxhey Wood; I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best for the future and to thank them for their hard work during their time with us.

Health and Safety

Please could I remind you to walk bikes or scooters into the playground. There was an accident in school this week where a bike collided with an adult.

If you ever drive into school to collect from a club, please could you remember to drive very slowly.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

2PM – 98.3%

5JB – 97.7%

3KK – 97.6%

RLG – 96.8%

6SB – 96.2%

6CL – 96%

1MH – 95%

Term dates for this year

Term ends on Friday 21st July 2017 at 2pm

Dates for this term

Year 6 leavers performance

Wednesday 19th 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

Dates for your diary for next term

Meet the teacher Years 1 and 2	Monday 11 th September 9am
Meet the teacher Years 5 and 6	Tuesday 12 ^h September 9am
Meet the teacher Years 3 and 4	Thursday 14 th September
Harvest Celebration	Thursday 19 th October 9.15am
Parents Evening	17 th and 18 th October

Half-Term

W.b. Monday 23rd Oct

Christmas Fair for children	Friday 8 th December
KS1/2 Christmas concert	Thursday 14 th December 9.15am
FS Christmas concert	Wednesday 13 th December 11am
KS1/ 2 Christmas concert	Friday 15 th December 2pm
Christmas party day	Monday 18 th December

Term ends

Tuesday 19th December 2pm