



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st July 2017

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday 6th September.

Thank you

We have had a really successful year and I would like to thank you, the staff and your fantastic children for your support over this year.

Children have made good progress this year and our results have improved significantly. It has been great to see how engaged the children are in their learning and the teachers have planned exciting learning opportunities. The teaching assistants have supported learning really well and many have read individually with children before or after school which has had a great impact on learning. Our midday supervisors have developed routines and systems that have made lunchtimes run more smoothly, our breakfast and after school club has developed well and the premises team have worked hard to keep school clean and tidy. Finally our office team have done an amazing job keeping all aspects of school running smoothly.

Children have been involved in learning to support taking responsibility for their behaviour, understanding about the importance of inclusion, anti-bullying and diversity and e-safety.

Classrooms have new resources including smartboards and we have added to the new toilets in school. The Early Years outside area has been developed and children enjoy playing and learning there.

In September classrooms will have been painted and the Early Years area will have a new canopy. Staff will start the term by being involved in training on ADHD and autism and Herts Steps training which supports an understanding of children's behaviour.

Over the summer I will be writing our new school development plan which will identify our school priorities for next year, including some of your views shared over this year.

I would like to wish members of our staff team who leave us today- Miss Bail, Mr McMorrin, Mr Briody, Mrs Kirkman, Mrs Burch and Mrs Whitehead good luck for the future. As we say goodbye to Year 6 I want to thank them for their contribution to Oxhey Wood and to congratulate them on their achievements. I am sure they will enjoy the new challenge of secondary school. As a leaving gift all children were given a sweatshirt provided at no cost by the school.

I hope you have a great summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

A note from the Governors

The full Governing Body met this week and were impressed with the improved results across school. They reviewed safeguarding which included a report from a safeguarding visit from Herts for Learning at the end of March which found safeguarding to be effective in school.

Elizabeth Willett our Local Authority governor visited recently to complete a safeguarding visit and spent time in class. She was impressed with the learning taking place in the class and how inclusive and welcoming the teacher was.

Elizabeth Willetts , one of our school governors, attended our Year 6 Leavers Performance on Wednesday evening. She said " It was great to see the children enjoying singing and acting and speaking in public with such confidence and enthusiasm . All the governors wish the children who are leaving Oxhey Wood School this year the very best for the future and we hope that they will be happy in their new schools ".

Sara Meyer a co-opted governor has also visited this term. She was really pleased to be able to help with setting up the school summer fair. There were lots of fun activities including hook a duck, Beat the Goalie, a Bouncy Castle, face painting and Tombola. She would like to thank everyone involved in the day, and all those who contributed to the amazing selection of donated cakes. She thought it was a lovely way to celebrate the school community.

Health and Safety

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

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.

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.

School Lunches

First week back 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.

Free School Meals for Year 3 in September

The children currently in year 2 will no longer automatically be eligible for free school meals when they go into year 3. If you are on Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Pension Credit, Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) or Child Tax Credit with an income below £16,190 you will need to apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/free school meals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals). If you are not eligible the cost is £12 per week and must be paid in advance.

Family Support

Jules Riding our family support worker will be in school and working on the following dates.

24.7.17 to 26.7.17 Mon- Wed 9am - 4.30pm

7.8.17 to 01.09.17 Mon - Fri 9am - 4.30pm

Should you need support or advice or to make an appointment please acll Jules on 07554 513543

Jules can provide Food Bank Vouchers.

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:

3KK – 98.8%

5JB – 96.9%

6CL – 96.8%

6SB – 96.6%

Christmas Fair for children

Friday 8th December

KS1/2 Christmas concert

Thursday 14th December 9.15am

FS Christmas concert

Wednesday 13th December 11am

KS1/ 2 Christmas concert

Friday 15th December 2pm

Christmas party day

Monday 18th December

Term ends

Tuesday 19th December 2pm