



# Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

## **Parents Evening**

We will be holding our parent-teacher meetings on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30-6.30pm. Clipboards will be in the foyer on Monday and Tuesday next week so that you can sign up for a time that suits you. If you are unable to come into school please email the office

[admin@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk) from Monday morning with a time that you would like. They will confirm this with you once they have checked it is available. From Wednesday next week the class teachers will have the sheets so please see them before or after school if you have not signed up to meet them.

On Thursday from 3.10pm Herts Catering will have food available for you to taste.

We would also like to hear your views about Oxhey Wood and so there will be post –its in the corridor for you to write your views on.

## **Smoking and Mobile Phones**

New signs have been put up on the school gates asking parents to refrain from smoking near the school gates and to not use mobile phones on school grounds. We ask that you keep to these rules to ensure the safety of all children and model a good example to them.

## **Lunchtimes**

We are introducing some changes at lunchtime to enable all children to sit at a table to eat their lunch and to make lunch times more enjoyable for the children. We are using our main hall for school and home packed lunches. We have appointed more lunch time staff and Julie the lunchtime supervisor, has developed a rota so that the midday supervisors get to know the children really well.

## **Health and Safety**

It is great to see so many children and adults cycling or riding scooters to school; please could they be walked into school from the gate to avoid any injuries. Please make sure they are put in the cycle/scooter sheds; we will be ordering a scooter stand for the area just outside the Early Years outdoor learning area.

Please could I remind all parents that you must supervise your children before and after school to ensure they are safe.

## **Safeguarding-computer games**

Staff have noticed several children playing out scenarios that they have watched on games such as Halo and Grand Theft Auto. Please support your child by ensuring they do not play these games as they not only affect their behaviour in the playground but it can affect their learning in class.

## **Parking**

Please could I ask for all parents to park carefully and considerately when dropping and collecting children. It is really important that everyone supports the safety of all children and respects local residents. Please do not park on the pavement, across drives or on the zig zag lines.

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

It is really important that all children come to school every day and on time. At the end of each half term certificates will be awarded to all children with attendance and punctuality of 95% and above, with a treat at the end of each term for all children with 100% attendance and punctuality. If you would like support to ensure your child attends school every day please phone or make an appointment to see me.

It has been great to see the improvement in children arriving on time; thank you for your support.

## **Class Attendance of the Week**

The following classes had attendance of over 95%:

Well Done:

1TH – 100%

1MH – 99.2%

5JB & 6SB – 98.6%

3KK – 97.6%

6CL – 97.1%

2LA – 95.6%

## **Year 6 application for Secondary places**

If your child is in Year 6 you need to apply for their secondary school place by 31<sup>st</sup> October at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions), if you would like any support with this please ask at the school office.

## **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 –Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals and can have a free school lunch every day.

### **Dates for your diary for this term:**

Parents Evening Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Herts Catering food tasting Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October after school

Harvest Celebration (parents very welcome) Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am

INSET day Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Half term: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Early Years (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Celebration (parents very welcome) Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December (time to be confirmed)

KS1 and KS2 Christmas Celebration (parents very welcome) Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

Term Ends Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm

### **Fundraising this term**

Pumpkin carving Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Non-school uniform Day £1 or a donation for the Christmas Fair- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Spookfest Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Non-school uniform Day £1 or a donation for the Christmas Fair- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Fair-Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper Day-Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December £1 for charity

Christmas Disco-Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

