



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th November 2016

Views; Thank you for sharing your views on the school vision and aims.

Below is a summary:

View	Action/explanation
After school activities for Reception children	We will look into this for the Spring term.
More playtime equipment	More equipment will be ordered
More clubs	We have many clubs in school; most staff run in their own time, but will discuss this with them,
More lunch	All children will be encouraged to choose and try a whole meal. We will ask the school council to ask for children's views about this.
Water bottles in all classes	We are currently in the process of upgrading all the water fountains and children are welcome to bring water bottles into school.
Zip up hoodies with Oxhey Wood Logo Navy blue polo tops	We will look into the cost of zipped tops without hoods and discuss adding to our uniform with staff and governors
More homework daily	Any learning at home including reading daily, playing games supports learning. There are links on the school website if you would more ideas.
Fundraising days	We will be introducing more fundraising days; this term we will be supporting Children in Need and Save the Children.
To be safe	We spend time asking the children if they feel safe and if they raise any concerns we act on them. We now have Jules Riding and Mrs Bullivant who support children in school with their emotional well-being. All children are supported through assemblies and PSHE learning in class.
To Learn and achieve To have a good education	We treat all children as individuals and each half term teachers meet with the senior leadership team to review every child's progress to ensure whatever their ability all children make good progress. If needed children receive additional support to support their learning.
To have fun	Teachers plan visits and visitors to make learning more

	meaningful and fun. Topic learning is included in other areas of learning too.
To make good friends	We have school rules and children are encouraged through assemblies and PSHE lessons to understand what a good friend is and have additional support if needed.
Children to learn a second language	All children in KS2 learn French every week.
To have great maths and science teaching	We have purchased new resources to support children's learning in maths and science.
To be happy To enjoy coming to school	This is so important and through great lessons and knowing children as individuals and listening to them our aim is for all children to be happy. We regularly ask children for their views on different aspects of school to make changes as needed.
No watching cartoons	Children do watch film clips to support learning, this could be linked to a story they are reading, to learn a technique, to help understand or find out information for topic or as a stimulus to write
To grow in confidence	Children will have opportunities in all years to have responsibilities to develop confidence. Through small focus group work in classes children develop trusting relationships with their teacher and TA that supports this too. In Year 6 we have introduced skillsforce where children learn a range of skills to develop resilience, teamwork, leadership and confidence.
To have good manners	We expect all children to have good manners and all adults in school model this. Our behaviour system of smiley awards is used to reward those children with good manners.
No courses for teachers on school days	To support your child's learning it is really important that all staff over a school year attend training to further improve the teaching and learning across school. Teachers often attend training after school too in their own time.
To have good communication with school and be made aware if there are any concerns in terms of learning or behaviour	This is really important. We have an open door policy and will continue to look at ways to improve communication between home and school.
Children to have more help if they are finding learning difficult	We are always looking to improve interventions whilst also supporting the development of children's independence. All classes have full time teaching assistants which means they are able to give children additional help in the afternoon on an aspect of learning they find difficult. Teachers often work with small groups during assembly and children are invited in for additional early morning reading.

Children In Need – Friday 18th November

The office are selling wristbands £1, ears £2.50 and teddy bear key rings £3 to support Children in Need which is taking place on Friday 18th November.

Remembrance Day – Friday 11th November

Children are able to buy poppies and other items for Remembrance day

Playground supervision before and after school

Please could I remind you that you must supervise your children before and after school. There have been some incidents where children have been unkind to others, it is important that you keep your children with you.

Late Arrival to school

If for any reason you are late and the classroom doors are shut please bring your child to the office to sign in. It disturbs the learning of others if you bang on the door or windows for your child to be let in.

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. If your child is later to school they are missing important learning and they disturb the learning of others; please make sure your child arrives on time. Lateness will be monitored weekly this half term.

Nursery application for Reception places

If your child is in Nursery applications for Reception places open on 7th November at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions, if you would like any support with this please ask at the school office.

Class Attendance of the Week

The following classes had attendance of over 95%:

Well Done:

5JB – 97.9%

3PD – 97.6%

3KK – 97.6%

6CL – 96.2%

1MH – 95.8%

4AH – 95.8%

6SB – 95.7%

School Lunches

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

Safeguarding-internet

The following site may help you support your child in using the internet safely.

<http://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodafone-images/parents/assets-2016/pdf/Digital%20Parenting%20Magazine%20Issue%205.pdf>

Dates for your diary for this term:

School Health in to administer Flu Vaccine for pupils in Years 1,2 and 3 on Tuesday 29th November. Prior consent must be given.

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

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

Term Ends Wednesday 21st December at 2pm

Fundraising this term

Non-school uniform Day £1 Children in Need – Friday 18th November

Christmas Fair-Friday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day-Wednesday 14th December £1 for charity

Christmas Disco-Wednesday 14th December