



## **Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter**

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

#### **Children In Need Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Children are invited to wear non-school uniform on this day in exchange for £1 which will be donated to the Children in Need charity.

The office are selling wristbands £1, ears (limited stock) £2.50 and teddy bear key rings £3 to support Children in Need.

#### **After School and Breakfast Club**

From January school will take over the running of the breakfast and after school club. Further details will follow, but I can assure all parents there will not be an increase in prices.

#### **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.

#### **Anti-bullying week**

Next week is anti-bullying week; the children will be working together to find out what bullying is and isn't and what a good friend is. Staff will be sharing our revised anti bullying policy with them.

#### **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.

## **Safeguarding-internet**

**This warning regarding a particular site children use has been sent to schools:**

Online safety – we would like to issue a warning to all parents regarding a popular app called ‘musically’. The app itself gives people the ability record themselves lip-syncing and dancing around to a certain song, also allowing people to ‘follow’ and befriend others on the mobile app.

Concerns that parents are sharing have been sent directly to the app developers as well as local police, especially considering some pupils of primary school age are filming themselves and sharing pictures of themselves while wearing their uniform, meaning they can be easily located.

Parents are advised to make sure their children are using this app sensibly, by checking all messages received are appropriate and not allowing your child to share images or videos of themselves where they or the school they attend can be easily identified. This warning should be shared between all parents. If any parent feels they have any further problems with someone suspicious trying to contact your child, please inform the local police or call 101.

## **School Lunches-New Menu**

Next week is week 3. 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.

## **Sickness Bugs**

Please be reminded, if your child has a vomiting or diarrhoea bug, they must be kept away from school for 48 hours after their last episode.

## **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 opened on 7<sup>th</sup> November 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.

## **Class Attendance of the Week**

The following classes had attendance of over 95%: Well Done:

5JB – 98.6%

6SB – 98.6%

2PM – 97.7%

4AH – 97.7%

6CL – 97.6%

4RB – 96%

1MH – 95.8%

1TH – 95.7%

3KK – 95.6%

3PD – 95.2%

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

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**

Non-school uniform Day £1 Children in Need 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 14<sup>th</sup> December