



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2020

I hope you and your families have had a good week and you are safe and well. Thank you if you completed the survey if your child is in Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 5 and 6.

The government issued new guidance this week but we must keep to all safety guidelines so we cannot have more than 15 children in each group. Because of this, we can't have all children back in school this term which is really disappointing but everyone's safety is the priority. As our groups are nearing or are at 15 in some year groups, please email me if you would like your child to return and I will let you know which group they will be in and if there is a space.

The guidance did say we could invite all classes back for a visit following all safety guidelines to say good-bye to their current teacher. We plan to do this in smaller groups as a celebration of the learning this year both in school and at home. I will confirm the dates for this next week.

To ensure the continued safety of our children, families and staff, if your child is coming into school it is important that you follow all lockdown rules outside of school to prevent the spread of the virus.

Please remember children must arrive no later than 9am for theirs and everyone else's safety so that they use their entrance door.

Teachers will continue to phone children who are not in school to see if they need any help with their learning and just to say hello- we miss the children and the teachers love to speak to them and share news. If your child is in Years 3 and 4 we will be trialling, a new online learning platform called Google classrooms-if you are not able to access this work will be shared in the current way.

Any concerns/questions please email me on head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk.

The school office is open for phone calls and emails. If you have an urgent concern, I have a school mobile: 07922422462.

Reminders Coronavirus:

Symptoms:

Please do not bring your child to school if they or anyone living in your household has a high temperature, new cough or loses their sense of taste or smell. You must let me know and book a test, self-isolating until you get the result.

Coronavirus

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Keyworkers

If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 5 or 6 and you have made the decision that they are coming to school please could they come in every day rather than the days you work, as school is open each day for them.

If your child is in Years 2,3,4 they only need to come to school on the days you need them to.

Start and finish of the school day.

Unless you need paid breakfast club provision or after school club until 4pm in your child's group all children should arrive between 8.30-9am and be collected between 2.45-3.15pm. Thank you so much for ensuring your child has been in school by 9am as this is vital for health and safety so that children come into school using the right entrance.

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

If you are concerned about the safety of any children, we have four designated safeguarding leads in school: Mrs Morley, Jules Riding, Mrs Caplan and Miss Douglas-Law - please share any concerns with them or please ring 0300 123 4043.

Free school meals

For children that are eligible for free school meals, we continue to prepare and deliver weekly food parcels of lunches for children not coming into school. If you did not ask for one but need this now, please let me know.

I am aware that a number of parents are no longer able to work due to companies closing due to the coronavirus. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please email me and we can look into registering your child so that you are then eligible for school lunches to be delivered.

This week

Even though the weather hasn't been great this week children in school and at home have been very busy learning and having fun. The teachers have been amazing-planning and delivering learning in school and preparing the next home learning packs for children at home as well as the daily challenges and phone calls home. If your child is at home, teachers are currently preparing the next home learning packs.

Early Years

This week children in Early Years at home and at school continue to explore the outdoors. In Nursery, they have been working on their minibeast habitats, Reception children have written about their chosen minibeasts and made bird feeders. Children at home made their habitats last week. They have also been making Father's Day cards.



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about weather this week and we have made rain gauges and windmills. They also made their own boats out of different materials and tested them. They enjoyed an afternoon tea on Thursday where they made scones, had sandwiches and a cup of tea!



Year 2

This week the children have been problem solving in maths. They have made Picasso faces and stained glass windows.

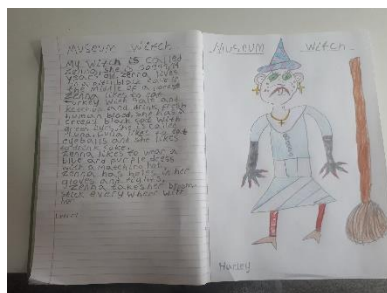


Great work Emilija!

Years 3 and 4

Year 3/4 & 5 key workers have made a museum of magic this week. At home and at school the children in Years 3 and 4 have designed their own magical settings; in school we recreated Hogwarts using jellybeans. The children have also created, described and painted their own mythical characters.

Some great work at home by Gina, Harley and Zac.



Year 5

This week year 5 have written a non-fiction report about a mixed up animal that they created last week (either drawing it themselves or via switchzoo.com) and they have included particular writing features and vocabulary. They have designed book covers for our class book 'The Nowhere Emporium' and they have been working on Angles in mymaths.



Year 6

Year 6 have they have been looking at surrealism and automatic surrealism and have produced some artwork based on the paintings of Joan Miro.

The children in school have received their Year 6 hoodies and children not in school will have theirs delivered to them. As children have to wear clean clothes every day, they can only wear them on a Friday in school.

TT rockstars winner this week in year 6:

6LH Thomas, Jiya and Zack. 6MJ Kavin, Ishan, Alfie.



Brilliant concentration and care.



Great artwork by Lucy and Ryan at home. Great writing Zack!

Below are the term dates for this school year.

Break up Friday 17th July at 2pm

Dates have now been set for the school year 2020-2021.

Please do not book any holidays during term time

Children return on Monday 7th September, to support your child please make sure they return on this day to help them settle back into school routines.

2nd September 2020-occasional day-school closed

3rd September INSET

4th September-INSET

Children return 7th September 2020

Half term 26-30th October 2020

End of term 18th December 2pm

INSET 4th January 2021

Children return 5th January 2021

Half term 15-19 February 2021

End of term 26th March 2021 2pm

Children return 12th April 2021

Half term 31st May-4th June 2021

INSET 7th June 2021

Term ends for children 21st July 2021 2pm

INSET 22nd July 2021