



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th September

Welcome back to a new, slightly different new school year!

It has been great to see the children back in school, they have been amazing! They have been happy and settled although tired by the end of the week. This is thanks to your support at home and the way all staff have welcomed the children back and they have planned activities over this week to support the children in getting back into the routine of school as well as supporting their emotional well-being.

You should have received an email from your child's class teacher with the meet the teacher information attached; unfortunately, we are unable to hold the meetings in school due to COVID restrictions. Please email your child's teacher back to say that you have received it as we are trying to make sure we have current email addresses for parents.

Please remember to drop your child at their class door between 8.40-9am (Reception and Nursery between 8.30-9am) and pick up between 3-3.20pm unless they are at breakfast or after school club.

Coronavirus

As you will know, there has been an increase in cases and the government will be limiting social contact outside of school and work. I fully understand how hard this will be, having a large family means I will not be able to see all of my children and grandchildren but if we all follow the guidelines hopefully this will help reduce the spreading of the virus.

If you or your child has a symptom: temperature over 37.5, new cough, loss of taste or smell please book a test and everyone in your household must stay at home until you get the results.

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)

Safeguarding and Health and Safety

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

Jules is also our Senior Family Support worker; please ring or email her if you need any support.

Free school meals

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals, please speak to the school office who will be able to help you.

Fundraising

Although we may not be able to hold some of our fundraising events as we would normally, we are already thinking of ways the children can enjoy the run up to Christmas.

We want to raise money for an adventure trail outside and a summerhouse for outside.

We will be holding a raffle for the end of term in December. If you work for a company or know a company that, may be able to donate a prize, please let the office or myself know.

Lunches

Next week is week 3 on the lunch menu. School lunches are £2.40 a day. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to free lunches. If your child is in Years 3,4,5 or 6 they may be entitled to free school meals if you are receiving certain benefits. Please ask at the office if you are not sure.

This week

This week the children have enjoyed a range of team building activities as they settle back into school.

Homework

We know that for many children they will be more tired after such a long break from school. It would be great if children can read regularly at home, go on to TT Rockstars and learn spellings. Other homework will be optional for this term. Teachers will send it home in case your child may want to complete any of the activities.

For now, we will not be sending reading records home and are currently exploring ways for you to let us know how well your child read. Books will be changed once a week in line with our risk assessment.

Early Years

This week our new children in Nursery have had their induction sessions. Reception children have enjoyed exploring their new classrooms and the outdoor area; it has been great to see how well they have settled.

Next week they will be staying for lunch- please pick your child up between 1-1.15pm.

Year 1

This week year 1 have made bug pots for outside and some children have been digging for dinosaur bones.

Year 2

This week the children have enjoyed team-building activities outdoors and in the classroom.

Years 3 and 4

Year 3 / 4, have been enjoying some fantastic team building activities and challenges. Each class has made their own class art poster.

Year 5

This week year 5, have had a great week and enjoyed mummifying fish outside as part of their Ancient Egypt topic.

Year 6

Year 6, have settled in really well and have been thinking about applying for Junior Leadership roles in school. They have also designed posters to remind everyone how to look after the community.

Dates for your calendar

Please do not book any holidays during term time

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