



## **Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter**

### **Friday 20th November 2020**

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

Please can you support safety further by not parking in the zigzags or yellow lines on both Oxhey Drive and Northwick Road. Unfortunately some parents are still dropping off or parking on the zigzags-please support the safety of everyone by parking safely.

**Thank you for your support and understanding.**

#### **Achievements**

We normally hold an achievement assembly every Friday for Years 1-6, but due to COVID we can't have school assemblies currently. I thought it would be great to share the achievements children receive with the school community every week. This week's achievements:

Year 1 Darwin: Aliyan and Timeea

Year 1 Sharman: Lexey and Inci

Year 2 Windsor: Freddie and Mamie

Year 2 Tudor: Lily and Jake

Year 3 / 4 Hamilton: Parin and Kaitlyn

Year 3 / 4 Holmes: Molly and Jhene

Year 3 / 4 Simmonds: Patheen and the whole class for a great Roman Day

Year 5 Rosen: Flavia and Molly-Rose

Year 5 Shakespeare: Hayden Bees and Katie

Year 6 Glennie :Dexter and Melisa

Year 6 Elton: Jannah and Max

#### **Fruit and snacks**

Please remember if your child brings in grapes or cherry/plum tomatoes in their home packed lunch please remember to slice them at least in half. We do this in school if ever we have them.

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

This week the children have been learning about what bullying is and what it isn't. They have taken part in learning activities to help them understand how to keep themselves and others safe. All classes reminded themselves on how important it is to stay safe online and to understand what cyberbullying is.

Children continue to be using social media such as WhatsApp and TikTok- these have minimum ages-16 years old for WhatsApp and 13 years old for Tik Tok. Teachers have to spend learning time dealing with issues that take place outside of school, please support your child's emotional well-being by monitoring their internet use regularly.

## Coronavirus

You will know there continues to be an increase in cases and the government will be limiting social contact outside of school and work. If we all follow the guidelines, we will help reduce further spreading of the virus. There are many stories on social media that are causing more worry for many of us. Please do ask me if you are worried about a story you have read, as I am sure I will be able to reassure you.

If you or your child has at least one of these symptom: temperature over 37.8, new dry, persistent cough, loss of taste or smell please book a test and everyone in your household must stay at home until you get the results. If your child has symptoms but you can't book a test they need to stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days. If anyone in your household as a symptom everyone must stay at home until you have the test 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](mailto: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.

Reception Admissions is now open: <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions>

If your child is in Nursery please remember you must apply for a school place online by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021-if you would like help to do this please ask at the office.

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 know. We are planning to hold a Christmas Fair for the children during the school day that follows all COVID guidance. We have some great raffle prizes already!

## Christmas for the children

We want to make sure children can still enjoy the fun of Christmas but this year it must be in a COVID safe way.

**Christmas performance-** we will film a whole school performance-children who we don't have permission to film and share on the website will join in but won't be filmed.

**Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day** is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas party** (children can wear their own clothes) Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Fair-** this will be held over 2 days and Father Christmas has said he might be able to visit in a COVID safe way for our children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2. There unfortunately wont be the fair after school for parents.

Children can bring in up to £4 to spend

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December- Nursery, Reception, Years 3 and 4

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December Years 1,2,5 and 6

We are hoping the Circus will go ahead on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2021-your tickets are saved for this date but if you would rather have, a refund please let the office know.

## **Lunches**

Next week is week 1 on the 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. We have a number of children in school with allergies- if your child has a packed lunch please do not send them in with chocolate spread sandwiches.

## **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.

## **Homework**

We have our new build a rainbow home learning that I know the children have been excited about. They have also been proud to show me the wristband they have received when they have completed an activity. It would be great if children can read regularly at home, go on to TT Rockstars and learn spellings.

## **This week**

### **Nursery**

This week our Nursery children took part in Nursery Rhyme week and thought about what makes a good friend.

### **Reception**

This week the children read Boogie Bear and went on a 3D shape walk in maths. They also talked about anti-bullying and how to be a good friend.

### **Year 1**

This week Year 1 compared how the Earth was different in Jurassic times to now.

### **Year 2**

Year 2 have ordered events of the Great Fire of London on a timeline and in science they investigated absorbent materials.

### **Years 3 and 4**

Year 3/4 had an amazing Roma Day; they re-enacted a Roman battle scene, they made Roma Cookies and a Roman clay pot.

### **Year 5**

This week Year 5 have used a four figure grid reference and in science they have investigated reversible and irreversible changes.

### **Year 6**

This week Year 6 have been writing descriptions based on The Night of The Gargoyles. They also enjoyed an Anne Frank workshop.

## **Dates for your calendar**

**Please do not book any holidays during term time**

**Christmas Fair Day is 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Jumper day Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas dinner day too)**

**Christmas Party day Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

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