



# Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 22nd November

### Fundraising

**Christmas Fair-** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (children can bring in up to £4 to spend)

**Friday Sweet Shop – Coming soon!**



### This week

This week, year 6 have started their first aid training as part of their Making My Footprint work. Reception, are having an amazing time playing in their igloo in the role play area and Nursery continue to enjoy exploring outside learning opportunities. Year 5 continue to enjoy sessions with Watford Football club and the mini police training. Years 2, 3 and 4 have been writing newspaper reports. Year 2 have really enjoyed learning about tunnels this week. Year 1 have had great fun learning some new dances in PE this week.

### Christmas Jumper day

Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers on Christmas lunch day, which is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### May bank holiday

Due to celebrating the anniversary of VE day the first bank holiday in May is not a Monday it is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

### Books for schools-tokens

I have registered Oxhey Wood with the Sun books for schools- please send any tokens in with your child.

### Safeguarding and health and safety including online safety

We have some children in school with severe allergies. Please do not bring dogs onto school grounds.

We take safeguarding very seriously in school as we want every child to feel safe in school. If you need to come into school for any reason please come in via the school office so that you have signed in. We have updated our child protection policy and new safeguarding guidelines expect schools to have at least 2 contact numbers for every child in school. Please can you make sure you have given 2 phone numbers to the school and update these if you change your number.

If you are concerned about the safety of any children we have 4 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 1234043.

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

To ensure our financial system aligns with all other MAT schools all sessions for breakfast and after school club must be made in advance before a child can attend. Please ask at the school office for information. We currently use parent mail for payments as this offered best value for money. Please so let me know if you have any problems with using this and I will look into it.



### **Break time Snacks**

We endeavour to promote healthy eating at break times, we have noticed that some children are bringing in packets of crisps and chocolate bars. We ask that you do not send your child into school with unhealthy snacks and swap them for fruit, raisins, rice cakes, fruit bars.

### **Communication**

Please remember we have an open door policy; teachers are happy to meet with parents before and after school, please email the teacher or ask them at the end of the day. I am always happy to meet with parents or talk on the phone as it is important that you feel listened to and sometimes events shared are slightly different to what has happened in school. We do have some parents that work in school but please avoid putting them in a difficult position by asking them about information within school. It is important that staff and parents trust each other and I take confidentiality very seriously. If you have a concern please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of leadership team; Mrs Caplan, Miss Jennings, Mrs Kent, Miss Douglas-Law or myself.

### **Attendance**

It is great to see the majority of children in school have great attendance. The attendance of some children continues to be of concern, low attendance is reviewed regularly with the local authority attendance officer as low attendance will impact on your child's learning and friendship groups. If, despite informing you of low attendance and offering support your child's attendance continues to be of concern, you may be at risk of a letter being sent to you stating that you are at risk of a penalty notice being applied. Please remember you must ring school ideally by 9am to let us know that your child won't be in. If we do not hear from you, we will keep trying to contact you to ensure that everything is ok.

Please remember you should not book holidays in term time: this will affect your child's learning. It has been sad to see a number of children missing days this week due to a holiday as this could impact on how they settle back into school.

### **The following classes have achieved 95% and above attendance this week;**

1 Darwin – 99.1%

3/4 Hamilton – 97.9%

Reception Walliams – 96%

1 Sharman – 95%

2 Windsor – 99.1%

2 Tudor – 96.7%

Reception Donaldson – 95.7%

## Water Bottles

Please remember that children should only have water in their bottles they drink from in class; this is not a school rule but follows the nutrition expectations by the Department for Education with the aim of preventing tooth decay. Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school. Thank you for your support with this.



## School Lunches- school meals cost £2.40

Next week is week 1. 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 to Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals and can have a free school lunch every day.

## Punctuality

Please could you support your child by making sure they arrive on time. It is unsettling for them if they arrive after the lesson has started. This will also be monitored by the Local Authority Attendance Officer.



## Stay and Learn and Reading Breakfasts

Over the school year classes in Years 1-6 will be holding stay and learn and reading breakfasts where you are invited to join in practical activities for stay and learn and for reading breakfasts to enjoy a book with your child over a light breakfast.

Year 1 Stay and Learn Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 9-10am

## Dates for this term

Christmas Fair for children	Friday 6th December
KS2 Dress Rehearsal	Friday 13th December 2pm
KS1 Dress rehearsal	Friday 13th December 9.30am
FS dress rehearsal	Friday 13th December 11am
KS2 Christmas concert (crèche available)	Monday 16th December 1.45pm
FS Christmas concert (crèche available)	Monday 16th December 11am
KS1 Christmas concert (crèche available)	Monday 16th December 9.15
Christmas Lunch day	Wednesday 18th December
Christmas party day	Thursday 19th December
Term ends	Friday 20th December 2pm
Children return on Tuesday 7th January	

## School Uniform and Ordering

We set up online for school uniform ordering. There is a link on the school uniform page on the school website that takes you to the site.

Please make sure your child wears the correct school uniform to school including black shoes not trainers and school blue or plain black hair bows. This helps children have a sense of belonging in school.

School uniform is trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores, please do not send your child to school wearing leggings.



**Below are the term dates for this school year. They have been set early so that you have no need to book holidays in term time. Thank you for your support.**

Half term 28<sup>th</sup> October-1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

End of term Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 INSET day

7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 children return to school

Half term 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February

End of term 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 at 2pm

Children return Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

May bank holiday Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Half term 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Inset day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Break up Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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