



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th November 2020

Thank you for your support and understanding this week, I would like to reassure you that we continue to follow all COVID guidance. If your child starts to get symptoms over the weekend or has a positive test, please email me: head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk as I check my emails regularly. Please follow all COVID guidance outside of school to help to prevent the spread of the virus. Please DO NOT send your child into school if they or anyone in your house has symptoms.

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.

Please do not park in residents parking bays in Redwood Close-some residents have not been able to park or their cars have been blocked in by parents.

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: Buster and Zhara

Year 1 Sharman: Archie and Keshav

Year 2 Windsor: Alexander and Urmi

Year 2 Tudor: Aarya and Khush

Year 3 / 4 Hamilton: Jheel and Dylan C for amazing home learning.

Year 3 / 4 Holmes: Evana and Hryday

Year 3 / 4 Simmonds: Alfie and Teagan

Year 5 Rosen: Mia-Rose and Manav

Year 5 Shakespeare: Alan and Summer

Year 6 Glennie :Dexter and Melisa

Year 6 Elton: Lucas and Mariana for adapting to home learning so well.

Plus a special mention to Emily and Vinuka who have had an excellent week in school

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.



COVID safe Christmas Fair next week 3rd and 4th December

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 will not be the fair after school for parents. Raffle tickets will be sold until the draw on 4th December.

Children can bring in up to £4 to spend

Thursday 3rd December- Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2

Friday 4th December Years 3,4,5 and 6



Christmas Party

We want the children to enjoy their Christmas Party on Thursday 17th December. We are always grateful for donations of party treats from parents. This year to make it as safe as possible if you are able to send any snacks in can they be individual small packets so that no food is touched by others e.g. snack packets of biscuits/ crisps, individual cakes and individual carton drinks with a straw. If you could send any donations in by Friday 11th December so that I can buy, any extra snacks so that all classes have some.

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.

Coronavirus

As 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

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 15th January 2021-if you would like help to do this please ask at the office.

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.

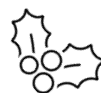
Christmas Virtual Pantomime-Friday 11th December

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 16th December

Christmas party (children can wear their own clothes) Thursday 17th December

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



Please see one of our families fundraising project below

The 100k Christmas Dinner Fundraiser

After being inspired by Marcus Rashford, Captain Sir Tom Moore and other humanitarian drives this year, we have decided to do something great for families in need this Christmas. We will be running 100k in 7 days to raise money for us to prepare and deliver hampers in time for Christmas to families that are in need. All produce and products used to create our hampers will be sourced locally, from businesses that have suffered throughout the pandemic.

Donations are just one part of our mission and if you are not able to donate, awareness is just as important. You can find us at @the100kchristmasdinner on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Every Like, Comment, Save, Retweet and Share helps contribute to the cause.

If you would like to make a donation, please follow the link below. Every Little Helps!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/the100kchristmasdinner?utm_term=2PzEdNZy4

Kate, Tony and Fionlay O'Rian

Lunches

Next week is week 2 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 have been learning to count syllables in their names. They have been pretending to be pirates and have been learning ball skills.

Reception

This week in maths they have been sequencing events and making jam sandwiches, in English they have been reading the story The singing mermaid, writing lists of sea creatures and making mermaids.

Year 1

This week Year 1 have explored their five senses, predicting what an object might be and using words to describe the object.

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed tasting breads from different countries and exploring the different textures. They also went back in time and wrote a diary entry imagining they were in 1666 experiencing the end of the Great Fire of London.

Years 3 and 4

Year 3/4 have been writing a speech about banning the dark based on the book *The King Who Wanted to Ban the Dark*. They have also been researching their country for the Christmas performance and on No Pens Wednesday they enjoyed playing maths games with cards and learning about being healthy in PSHE. Hamilton completed some great learning at home.

Year 5

Year 5 have been analysing graphs to compare the climate in Spain and the UK. On No Pens Wednesday, they investigated forces and produced artwork based on the Spanish architect Antoni Gaudi.

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been learning from home-it has been great to see how many of each class have joined Google classrooms over this week to complete their learning. From home, they have been looking at building tension and suspense in story writing and in maths, they have been further developing their understanding of percentages and formal methods of multiplication. In Topic, they have been finding out about the Northern Lights.

Dates for your calendar

Please do not book any holidays during term time

Christmas Fair Day is 3rd and 4th December

Christmas Jumper day Wednesday 16th December (Christmas dinner day too)

Christmas Party day Thursday 17th 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