



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th December 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 avoid parking opposite the zigzags on Oxhey Drive as this makes it dangerous for our children to cross-Governors continue to share our concerns with Three Rivers Council.

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: Jessie and Wiktorja
Year 1 Sharman: Maddie and Joshua
Year 2 Windsor: Maddison and Tanuj
Year 2 Tudor: Gracee and Miller
Year 3 / 4 Hamilton: Adriana and Chad
Year 3 / 4 Holmes: Kaveesha and Olivia
Year 3 / 4 Simmonds: Abdullah and Skylar
Year 5 Rosen: William and Lewis
Year 5 Shakespeare: Adriana and Chad
Year 6 Glennie : Harrin and Summer
Year 6 Elton: Melissa and Arnas

Christmas Fair and Raffle

Thank you all so much for your support with our Christmas fundraising. Although our fair was on a much smaller scale to ensure it followed all current COVID guidance Sue, Clare and Chelc have organised the fair and have worked really hard to come up with new activities that the children could enjoy. I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for ensuring our children had a great time. Father Christmas even found time to visit our younger children and he hopes to visit us again before the end of term.

Christmas Card post box is now open on Monday and Thursday each week.

Christmas Performance

As with Harvest we will be recording a Christmas performance that we will share on our website and Facebook page-if you have not given permission for your child to be photographed or filmed and you would like them to be part of the performance please email your child's class teacher to give permission for them to be filmed.

Virtual Christmas Pantomime

Although we can't visit the pantomime this year, the children will enjoy a virtual pantomime next Friday, 11th December.

Christmas Party Day

Christmas Party Day will be on Thursday 17th December. If you would like to send something in for the party due to COVID we can only have individual packets to ensure the children don't touch others food. If you are able to please could you send in individual packets of crisps, biscuits, cakes or individual cartons of drinks by 11th December. I will then buy anything needed to ensure all classes have what they need.

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.

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 3 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 comparing amounts saying when we have the same, name writing and responding to simple instructions.

Reception

This week in reception, the Elves arrived with pancakes and fruit for breakfast. They have been writing letters to Santa and making repeated pattern paper chains.

Year 1

This week Year 1 have explored colours through the class book Journeys. In maths they have been focusing on part and whole numbers.

Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed stepping inside the picture book 'Journey' and loved asking the characters lots of interesting questions! In PSHE, they drew special pictures of happiness to share with residents in care homes as part of the 'Hearts for Homes' project

Years 3 and 4

Year 3/4 have introduced their new book called Journey. They created freeze frames and brought the pictures to life. In science, they have been learning about a scientist called James Lind who found out the importance of vitamin A.

Year 5

Year 5 have been reading their new book Journey, planned and conducted a fair test and had a zoom chat with Leavesden Studios with other schools, including the Spanish schools we are linked with.

Year 6

This week 6 have been working on multiplying using formal methods including multiplying decimals. They have also looked at the adaptation of predator and prey in the wild for science.

Dates for your calendar

Please do not book any holidays during term time

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