



## Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th December 2020

School finishes between 1.30-2pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Fair

**Thank you so much for your support-we raised £1100!**

Christmas Card post box is now open on Monday and Thursday each week.  
Christmas dinner and jumper day-next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas party day (non school uniform) Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Party Day will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> December. I will then buy anything needed to ensure all classes have what they need.

If your child starts to get symptoms over the weekend or has a positive test, please email me: [head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto: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: Tiksha and Ben  
Year 1 Sharman: Amelia and Leo  
Year 2 Windsor: Raphaela and Joey  
Year 2 Tudor: Gracee and Damian  
Year 3 / 4 Hamilton: Jack and Caeden  
Year 3 / 4 Holmes: Laiven and Maggie  
Year 3 / 4 Simmonds: Filip and Brooklyn  
Year 5 Rosen: Joanna and Anushkaa  
Year 5 Shakespeare: Ollie and Jacob  
Year 6 Glennie : Claudia and Bailey  
Year 6 Elton: Neve and Martyn

### 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 symptoms: 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 has 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.

## **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 have enjoyed their new Santa Grotto that Santa found time to deliver. They have also been learning about Hanukkah.

Reception

This week the children have been sequencing the story of Stick Man and in maths, they have been finding one more or less of a number. They also enjoyed making Christmas decorations.

### **Year 1**

This week Year 1 have been learning about extinct animals and reasons for this. They have also been reading the Christmas story.

### **Year 2**

Year 2 have enjoyed making bread and they have been learning about the impact of the Great Fire of London.

**Years 3 and 4**

Year 3/4 have been learning about Roman houses and roads and have located some of the remaining Roman roads on a UK map. They have written amazing poems about the Journey.

**Year 5**

Year 5 have been developing their understanding of multiplication and factors and they enjoyed making Christmas cards.

**Year 6**

This week Year 6 have been developing descriptive paragraphs to describe the character in The Journey. They have also been learning about endangered animals and created some brilliant posters!

**Dates for your calendar**

Please do not book any holidays during term time

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