



## Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th December 2020

**Have an enjoyable and safe Christmas and a happy New Year, we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.**

**We have had amazing support from a range of charities, individuals and organisations this term:**

Luther Blissett, Warren fruit & veg, Raj Garden Bushey, Brown Box Bakes, The Kitchen Croyley, Gokula Café, the SAI group, One Vision, Watford Rural Parish Council and Tesco.



Junior leadership team received gifts and £500 from Tesco this week for school.

### **Christmas Performance**

I hope you enjoy watching our virtual Christmas performance.

### **Contact over the Christmas holidays**

If your child or a member of your household tests positive for Coronavirus over the Christmas break please either email [me-head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:me-head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk) or ring or text me on 07922422462.

If you need any support with a food parcel over the holidays please contact me.

### **Agora Learning Partnership**

The trustees gave school money to buy every child a small gift to recognise how well the children have settled back into school. I hope your child enjoys their gift.

Lynne Wilson-Leary, our interim CEO is handing over to our new, permanent CEO Rebecca Daulman who starts in January. Lynne has been part of Warren Dell's journey and has been an amazing support and critical friend to help our continued improvement. She will continue as a Trustee which is fantastic news.

### **January**

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.

### **Thank you**

I want to say thank you for your support and the trust you have put in school over this term. Your children have been amazing and the way they have settled back and enjoyed their learning has been brilliant to see. Leanne and her catering team have ensured we have continued to have high quality lunches with a great Christmas lunch this week. The whole staff team have worked so hard to make sure children feel happy and safe in school and have supported home learning for children when it has been needed. I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for everything they do.

Thank you also for your kind words, cards and presents.

### **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](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**

First week back 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**

It is great to see how many children have completed some of the build a rainbow home learning that I know the children are enjoying this. 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**

It was great to see how much fun the children have had this week-although we had to organise things differently to ensure we were following all COVID guidance Christmas definitely came to Oxhey Wood this week.

After half term the children will be starting new topics-if they have any spare time over Christmas they may want to find out something about them:

**Nursery:** Frozen

**Reception:** Frozen

**Year 1:** Heroes

**Year 2:** Pirates

**Year 3/ 4:** Mountains

**Year 5:** The Tudors

## **Year 6: The Mayans**

### **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