



# **Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter**

## **Friday 21st December 2018**

### **Have a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

#### **Children return on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

#### **This week**

It was great to see all the amazing performances from our Early Years children (Nursery and Reception), KS1 (Years 1 and 2) and KS2 (Years 3-6). The children and staff worked hard to deliver some great performances and important Christmas messages. Thank you also to West Herts college students who supported the KS1 performance.

I have added year groups next to each phase of learning so that you will know which phase your child is in.

Children in years 1-6 met with their teachers individually to celebrate their progress this term and to set next steps in their learning for next term. You should receive a summary of their progress and targets today. Please arrange to see your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss this further.

The children and staff enjoyed a great Christmas dinner; thank you to the kitchen team.

Christmas party day was great fun and Father Christmas was able to stop and visit even though he is SO busy! Every child received a small gift and every class also received a bigger present for the class to enjoy throughout the year.

We finished the week with a Pantomime visit to celebrate the children's improved learning behaviours this term paid for from our fundraising.

#### **Next Term**

Next term we are introducing a new behaviour policy in school with the aim that it is easier for all children to understand. During the first week of term the children will think about our new rules and expectations and what the expectation is across school. They will also be further developing their understanding of learning behaviours and how this will support their progress and achievement in school and beyond.

#### **Tesco Grant**

I applied for some funding from Tesco to further develop the outdoor environment. From 1st November in our local Tesco, the main Tesco in Watford and other local Tesco branches you will be able to vote for school by putting a blue token in our school slot. Please support us with this as the project with the most coins will receive a £4000 grant. Our local Tesco has currently run out of coins but I have rung their head office to ask for more.

## **Communication**

Please remember if you have a question or concern please come in and ask your child's teacher or one of the leadership team. If you can't come into school please telephone or email the school office or your child's teacher. If your email is for me I respond normally the same day that it has been passed to me. If ever you email in and get no response please come and ask as it maybe your email has gone into our junk mail.

We have had some concerns raised by parents where another parent has told them something has happened. Please do come in and ask as we can then investigate this for you. Please do not approach other parents as this can cause upset and distress to parents and children.

I am always grateful to receive feedback from parents as we can't share reasons or think about further improvements without this.

## **Parking and Safety**

We have had to make the decision to keep the gates locked for longer to ensure the safety of children in school due to some recent incidents in the school car park. I have sent a letter out and apologise again for not getting this to you on the day the changes were made. After discussing this further with staff and taking on board the feedback from a parent the gates will be locked until 9.30am and then from 2.40-4pm every day. If you drive into school to drop your child at breakfast club or to collect from after school club, please park in the spaces on the left hand side as you drive through the gate. Please do not park in the wider section by the main doors. Hopefully if parents remember to park in these spaces we will not need to lock the gates at other times.

Another parent has given me some suggestions to support safer parking and I will look into this over the holidays.

Please do not park opposite the school gates as our Lollipop Lady cannot see all oncoming traffic which puts our children's safety at risk.

## **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

## Smoking

Can parents please refrain from smoking around the school gates and be mindful where they dispose their cigarettes.



## 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



## Attendance- OVER 95%!!!

Thank you to the majority of parents who have supported their children in coming to school regularly. For the first time in over 5 years' attendance is now at just over 95%. This is really supporting the children's progress in school. We have a number of children whose attendance has improved greatly this term too.

However, the attendance of some children continues to be extremely concerning. This is reviewed regularly with the local authority attendance officer. If, despite informing you of low attendance and offering support your child's attendance continues to be of concern you will receive a letter to each parent stating that you are at risk of a penalty notice being applied. This half term it has been great to see some continued fantastic improvements in some children's attendance. Thank you for your support with this.

Please support your child by ensuring your child comes to school every day not just for their learning but also for their social development. If there is any support you need or would like to discuss how to improve your child's attendance please don't hesitate to contact me.

## Whole Term 100% Attendance

**Nursery** – Hawa & Archie.

**Reception RDL** – Loui, Jack & Abigail.

**1MH** – Aarav & Ananya.

**1PD** – Maci, Georgia, Abderrahmane, Amelia, Luke & Chase.

**2CB** – Jayden, Ellie-Mai, Jacob, Brooklyn, Abdallah, Maria, & Harley.

**2HW** – Jessica, Dennis, Amelia, Summer, Archie, Nirdosh, Serena & Lisa.

**3/4AM** – Shanti, Tayon, Pranjal, Raisa, Lewis, Lacey –May, Grace, Alesja, Savanna, Oliver-James & Isla.

**3/4JB** – Hayden, Mariana, Liam & Rithwick,

**3/4KK** – Alexandru, Lewis, Yazmin, Chloe, Jacob, Anushkaa, Ruslana, Harrin, Alexey, Lucas, Lanie & Emily.

**5AL** – Lucy, Emily, Samuel, Shivenkumar, Kavin & Iulia.

**5JL** – Zack, George, Antor, Jiya & Shyanne.

**6LH** – Ayaan, Joshua, Darius, Maisie & Gabby.

**6MJ** – Hollie, Rebeca, Freddie, Selma, Paige, Kyle, Aiden, Keira, Alex & John-Alex.

### **Whole Term 95% and above Attendance**

**Nursery** – George, Archie-Jay, Amber, Aanja, Paige, Grace, Timeea, Lexey & Diana.

**Reception RDL** – Alexis, Arthur, Lily, Robert & Danny.

**Reception REN** – Preston, Freddie, Jasmine, Grace, Denisha, Lulu, Tanuj, Tommy-Jay, Victor, Isabelle & Frankie.

**1PD** – Alfie, Hongtian, Lainey, Aarya, Siana, Prerana & Riley.

**1MH** – Tyler, Alfie, Paige, Arya, Eva, Prudence, Luke, Kelly, Emima, Eleniyah, Musa & Jet.

**2CB** – Hrydry, Kian, Casey, Dylan, Jake, Rebeka, Samuel, Arif, Caeden, Cody, Evana, William & Rhianna.

**2HW** – Filip, Dylan, Shanel & Claudia.

**3/4AM** – Melike, Jack, Cosmin, Melissa, Lewis, Manav, Vinuka, Summer, Jacob, Summer-Rose, Joe, Arnas & Lily.

**3/4JB** – Yousuf, Neve, Rhys, Milosz, Alexandra, Flavia, India, Katie, Dexter & Blue.

**3/4KK** – Zhiling, Michael, Riley, Wania, Beatriz, Fionlay, Mia, Kaydn, Aliyah, Adriana, Claudia, Hayden, Freddie & Marcin.

**5AL** – Alexandra, Ishan, Kayden, Ali, Alden, Julija, Tatiana, Abbyrose, Chay, Ryan, Armaan & Saikou.

**5JL** – Zuhail, Ryan, Joe, Zahra, Scarlett, Kyle, Tyler, Lily-Grace, Thomas, Daniel, Denni, Sultan, Zainab & Honey-Rose.

**6LH** – Aishani, Amar, Myleen, Dylan, Zuzanna, William, Jake, Bethany, Krisha, Alfred, Christopher, Mateusz & Kunj.

**6MJ** – Blake, Mya, Joshua, Olivia, Jack, Nakeesha, Joshua & Alfie.

### **Autumn Term 2 100% Attendance**

**Nursery** – Halle, Hawa & Archie.

**Reception RDL** – Danny, Alexis, Loui, Jack, Lily & Abigail.

**Reception REN** – Isabelle, Joshua, Preston, Tommy-Jay, Freddie, Lulu & Victor,

**1MH** – Maggie, Aarav, Kelly, Eleniyah, Alfie, Paige, Ananya, Eva & Skylar.

**1PD** – Logan, Maci, Georgia, Prerana, Abderrahmane, Alfie, Johnny, Amelia, Joey, Luke, Hongtian & Chase.

**2CB** – Jayden, Ellie-Mai, Jacob, Kian, Caeden, Brooklyn, Cody, Abdallah, Taylor, Maria, William, Hryday, Samuel & Harley.

**2HW** – Jessica, Casey, Amelia, Molly, Dylan, Jheel, Claudia, Archie, Nirdosh, Kimberley, Serena, Lisa & Filip.

**3/4AM** – Bailey, Cosmin, Shanti, Tayon, Mia-Rose, Pranjal, Raisa, Melike, Simeon, Lacey-May, Idris, Jack, Grace, Alesja, Savanna, Oliver-James, Isla & Arnas.

**3/4JB** – Ashwin, Hayden, India, Deby, Rhys, Liam, Rithwik, Chay & Flavia.

**3/4KK** – Michael, Alexandru, Brodie, Julia, Lewis, Yazmin, Kayla, Aliyah, Martin, Chloe, Fionlay, Jacob, Zhiling, Anushkaa, Ruslana, Harrin, Alexey, Lucas, Ianie, Emily & Mia.

**5AL** – Lucy, Alexandru, Emily, Jack, Samuel, Ishan, Shivenkumar, Julija, Tatiana, Saikou, Kavin & Iulia.

**5JL** – Ryan, Sultan, Eliza, Zack, Zahra, George, Tyler, Antor, Jiya, Daniel & Shyanne.

**6LH** – Ayaan, Joshua, Darius, Jake, Dylan, Maisie, Zuzanna, Mateusz, Gabby, Bethany & Kunj.

**6MJ** – Blake, Hollie, Rebeca, Archie, Joshua, Freddie, Selma, Paige, Kyle, Aiden, Nakeesha, Joshua, Kiera, Alex & John-Alec.

### **Autumn Term 2 95% and above Attendance**

**Nursery** – Archie-Jay, Timeea, Grace, Vaani, Aanja, Diana George & Amber.

**Reception RDL** – Jakub, Aaliyan, Robert, Bonnie-Lou & Amber

**Reception REN** – Cristian, Marley, Joey, Tanuj, Jasmine, Grace & Denisha.

**1MH** – Logan, Alfie, George, Alicja, Musa, Emima, Laiven-Luke, Arya & Prudence.

**1PD** – Gracie, Charlie, Isabella, Aarya, Rory & Lainey.

**2CB** – Arif & Rebeka.

**2HW** – Jake & Dennis.

**3/4AM** – Amy, Melissa, Lewis, Arnas, Jacob, Manav & Vinuka.

**3/4JB** – Elyes, Neve, Katie, Shayla, Frankie, Alexandra, Summer, Milosz, Mariana, Dexter, Blue,

**3/4KK** – Bella, Freddie, Wania, Adriana, Beatriz, Riley, Hayden & Molly-Rose.

**5AL** – Ali, Alesia, Ryan, Kayden & AbbyRose.

**5JL** – Joe, Scarlett & Lewis.

**6LH** – Alfred, Christopher, Myleen, William & Krisha.

**6MJ** – Mya, Olivia, Jack & Alfie.

### **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.

### **Open Door Policy**

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.

## **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.



## **School Uniform and Ordering**

We are now 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, we also sent instructions out to you on an email. If you would like a hard copy please contact the school office. We do still have some stock in school but have limited sizes.

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.

## **School Lunches**

First week back 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.

## **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.

### **Dates for next term**

Children return on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

6MJ Class assembly	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 9.15am
6LH Class assembly	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 9.15am
5JL Class assembly	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 9.15am
5AL Class assembly	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 9.15am
Parents evening	w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Half term	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February-Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019
3/4KK Class assembly	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 9.15am
3 /4 AM Class assembly	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am
3 /4 JB Class assembly	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am
2CB Class assembly	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am
2HW Class assembly	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 9.15am
Easter Egg Hunt	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Term ends	2pm Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April

### **Term dates for 2018-19**

**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.**

School term ends Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 2pm

Children return Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Half term Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

Term ends Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Children return Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

Half term Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Term ends Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### **I have also set the term dates for 2019-20**

**If you are looking at holidays for next summer please ensure your holiday ends before the start of the new school year.**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 INSET

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 INSET

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September-children return to school

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

End of term Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

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

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

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