



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2020



Fundraising

Friday Sweet Shop – weekly

Valentines Ball – Thursday 13th February

Non Uniform Day – Friday 14th February (Bring in a present for Mother's Day)

Mother's Day Gifts – Friday 20th March

Easter Egg Hunt – Friday 3rd April

Circus – Wednesday 22nd April

Happy's Circus -Wednesday 22nd April, doors open 5.30pm for a 6pm start -this is a joint fundraiser between Oxhey Wood and Warren Dell. Tickets are £8 and will be on sale from 3rd February.

This week

In assembly this week I read the story of Silly Billy; Billy had lots of worries but once he had shared his worries he felt much better. We talked about who children could go to if they had a worry, this includes our new Worry Boxes that have been introduced for the children to use.

6LH shared lots of the knowledge they have learnt about the history of medicine and how the heart works, in their class assembly this week. It was great to see how confidently all the children spoke.

Nursery have been learning about Chinese New Year this week and have made and tasted a healthy stir fry. Reception have enjoyed using their new climbing rocks. All of their teddies went missing this week; they did a great job helping with our investigation by making fantastic missing posters. Year 1 have been planning their own story based on Man on the Moon.

Year 2 have started their learning linked to George's Marvellous Medicine. In PE they have been learning to play cricket. Years 3/4 made some amazing dream catchers in art and in topic they have been learning about the Amazon Rainforest.

Year 5 have been learning about the Holocaust, Chinese New Year, the coronavirus and global warming this week. In English they have been writing an alternative ending to the story Children of Winter.

Year 6 have been learning about Charles Darwin's expedition on HMS Beagle. They have plotted the journey on a map and have planned their own expedition to the Galapagos Islands.

Application for Nursery Places

If you would like your child to join our school Nursery in September, please apply via the school office.

If you would like any help with this please ask at the office.

Parking

Please can you not move our road signs and then park dangerously on Northwick Road- thank you for supporting the safety of all children.

Books for schools-tokens

I have registered Oxhey Wood with the Sun books for schools- please send any tokens in with your child.

May bank holiday

Due to celebrating the anniversary of VE day the first bank holiday in May is not a Monday it is Friday 8th May.

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.

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.



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.

Communication

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.

Water Bottles

Please remember that children should only have water in their bottles they drink from in class; this is not a school rule but follows the nutrition expectations by the Department for Education with the aim of preventing tooth decay. Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school. Thank you for your support with this.



Attendance

It is great to see the majority of children in school have great attendance. The attendance of some children continues to be of concern, low attendance is reviewed regularly with the local authority attendance officer as low attendance will impact on your child's learning and friendship groups. If, despite informing you of low attendance and offering support your child's attendance continues to be of concern, you may be at risk of a letter being sent to you stating that you are at risk of a penalty notice being applied. Please remember you must ring school ideally by 9am to let us know that your child won't be in. If we do not hear from you, we will keep trying to contact you to ensure that everything is ok.

Please remember you should not book holidays in term time: this will affect your child's learning. It has been sad to see a number of children missing days this week due to a holiday as this could affect how they settle back into school.

At this time of year children may get colds, but to build their immunity please encourage them to come in to school. Learning continues until the end of term as well as exciting activities; I know you will support your child in coming to school so that they don't miss out.

The following classes have achieved 95% and above attendance this week;

6 Elton – 98.8%

Rec Donaldson – 98%

5 Shakespeare – 97.1%

1 Darwin – 96.5%

2 Windsor – 95.7%

School Lunches- school meals cost £2.40

Next week is week 3. 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.

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.



School Uniform and Ordering

We 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.

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.



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.

Half term 17th-21st February
End of term 3rd April 2020 at 2pm
Children return Monday 20th April
May bank holiday Friday 8th May 2020
Half term 25th-29th May 2020
Inset day Monday 1st June
Break up Friday 17th July at 2pm

Dates for Spring term 2020

Year 6MJ class assembly- Change of date	Thursday 12 th March 9am
Year 5JL class assembly	Wednesday 5 th February 9am
5JC class assembly	Wednesday 12 th February 9am
Parent evening February	Tuesday 11 th and Wednesday 12 th
Valentines Ball	Thursday 13 th February

Half term Monday 17th-Friday 21st February

3/ 4 KK class assembly	Wednesday 26 th February 9am
Year 3 /4 AM class assembly	Wednesday 4 th March 9am
World Book Day	Thursday 5 th March
Year 3 / 4 AK class assembly	Wednesday 11 th March 9am
Year 2MH class assembly	Wednesday 18 th March 9am
Mother's Day Gifts (£1)	Friday 20 th March
Year 2LK class assembly	Wednesday 25 th March 9am
Easter Egg Hunt (£1)	Friday 3 rd April

Term ends 2pm Friday 3rd April

Term starts Monday 20th April
Year 1 and Reception assemblies in Summer term

Dates have now been set for the school year 2020-2021.

Please do not book any holidays during term time

Children return on Monday 7th September, to support your child please make sure they return on this day to help them settle back into school routines.

2nd September 2020-occasional day-school closed

3rd September INSET

4th September-INSET

Children return 7th September 2020

Half term 26-30th October 2020

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