



# Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

The children have been fantastic again this week. They have enjoyed starting their topics and have had a great attitude in all lessons.

Children and adults are catching colds and flu at this time of year. I would like to thank you for being supportive in booking a COVID test if your child has a temperature or one of the other possible symptoms. This is a precaution and I'm sure you will agree it is better and safer to ask parents and staff to do this.

Teachers will provide learning if your child has to self-isolate at home while you wait for test results. Please complete the short survey monkey you should have received earlier in the week so that teachers know whether learning can be set online or if you need paper copies. If you are concerned about anything or need any support please speak to myself, Mrs Caplan or Jules.

I have also met with the project lead for two exciting building projects at Oxhey Wood. With the support of our Trust we bid for some capital funding from the DfE. We have been awarded funding for automatic gates, full CCTV and new fencing around school as well as funding to replace internal doors and the old style glass walls for the gym and assembly halls. I will keep you updated with the works.

**Please remember to drop your child at their class door between 8.40-9am (Reception and Nursery between 8.30-9am) and pick up between 3-3.20pm unless they are at breakfast or after school club.**

### **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 hopefully 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Fundraising**

Although we may not be able to hold some of our fundraising events as we would normally, we are already thinking of ways the children can enjoy the run up to Christmas.

We want to raise money for an adventure trail outside and a summerhouse for outside.

We will be holding a raffle for the end of term in December. If you work for a company or know a company that, may be able to donate a prize, please let Carol or myself know.

### **Lunches**

Next week is week 1 on the lunch 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.

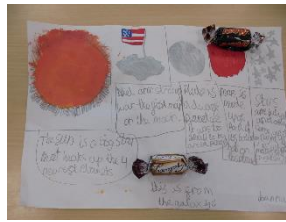
### **Lost Cat**



One of our neighbours has contacted me as their cat 'Lady' is missing. If you have seen her please could you let me know and I will contact them.

## **This week**

This week the children have enjoyed a range of team building activities as they settle back into school.



## **Homework**

We know that for many children they will be more tired after such a long break from school. It would be great if children can read regularly at home, go on to TT Rockstars and learn spellings. Other homework will be optional for this term. Teachers will send it home in case your child may want to complete any of the activities.

For now, we will not be sending reading records home and are currently exploring ways for you to let us know how well your child read. Books will be changed once a week in line with our risk assessment.

## **Nursery**

This week our Nursery children have enjoyed their first full sessions at Oxhey Wood. It has been great to see them enjoying the outdoor environment.

## **Reception**

This week the children have been sharing their all about me boxes. They have also drawn some great self-portraits.

Next week the children will be staying all day-, please collect your child between 3-3.20pm.

## **Year 1**

This week year 1, have been exploring toys and have been sorting them into different groups. In maths they have been using directional and positional language.

## **Year 2**

This week the children have been outside taking photos of our wonderful world. They then wrote a class poem and then performed sections of the poem to each other.

Years 3 and 4

## **Year 3/4**

Year 3/4 have been locating Greece on a map as they start their topic work. In science, they have been learning about electric currents as part of their topic on electricity.

## **Year 5**

This week year 5, have had another great week as they have started their topic on space. They have created their own mnemonics to remember the order of the planets.

## **Year 6**

This week Year 6 have been looking at Galen who performed a live dissection of a pig(they didn't watch this) to prove it was the brain and not the heart that control the body.

## **Dates for your calendar**

### **Please do not book any holidays during term time**

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