



# Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020



### Fundraising

**Friday Sweet Shop** – weekly

**Valentines Ball** – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

**Non Uniform Day** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (Bring in a present for Mother's Day)

**Mother's Day Gifts** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Circus** – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**Happy's Circus** -Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Oxhey Wood, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

### This week

This week, we have taken part in Children's Mental Health Week and the theme has been 'Find your Brave.' Years 2-6 had a special assembly on Tuesday where we explained that being brave is important for your mental health as it can help you to feel good about yourself and be more confident to face future challenges. We thought about what bravery is, how bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and what feels brave for one person might not feel brave for another. Some examples the children gave of when they have had to be brave or when they might have to be brave in the future included; going swimming, learning to ride a bike, taking part in Oxhey Wood's Got Talent, joining a new football team and starting secondary school. We explored how feeling nervous is natural but what you gain and the positive impact this has on your mental health is worth it. We also discussed ways you can help yourself to 'Find your Brave' and the children's suggestions included; getting parents to support you, bringing a friend or thinking about things that have gone well in the past. Thank you to 5JL for sharing their learning in their class assembly this week; it was great to see how confidently the children presented this.

Nursery have been reading Handa's surprise this week and have tasted some of the fruits in the story. In Reception this week, the children have been learning about nocturnal animals and writing information books.

Year 1 have been doubling and halving in maths and in PE, they have been learning how to pass in hockey. Year 2 have been thinking about how to look after the environment and have found out about recycling.

Years 3 / 4 have been exploring the five ways to well-being. In math's they have been using formal methods for addition and subtraction. In topic, they have been learning about the Iroquois Tribe in the USA.

Year 5 have been adding and subtracting fractions in maths. In science, they have been learning about life cycles and what metamorphosis is. In year 6 they have been researching the adaptations predators and prey make in order to be successful. In maths they have analysed data on the number predators and prey in a given area.

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. 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;

2 Windsor – 99.1%

5 Shakespeare – 98.6%

6 Elton – 97.5%

6 Glennie – 97.5%

3/4 Holmes – 96.9%

1 Darwin – 96.5%

5Rosen – 95.5%

## School Lunches- school meals cost £2.40

Next week 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.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February  
End of term 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 at 2pm  
Children return Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
May bank holiday Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
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 at 2pm

### **Dates for Spring term 2020**

#### **Year 6MJ class assembly- Change of date**

5JC class assembly

Parent evening

February

Valentines Ball

#### **Half term Monday 17<sup>th</sup>-Friday 21st February**

3/ 4 KK class assembly

Year 3 /4 AM class assembly

World Book Day

Year 3 / 4 AK class assembly

Year 2MH class assembly

Mother's Day Gifts (£1)

Year 2LK class assembly

Easter Egg Hunt (£1)

#### **Term ends 2pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Term starts Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Year 1 and Reception assemblies in Summer term

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 9am

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 9am

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 9am

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 9am

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 9am

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9am

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 9am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

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

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

**Children return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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