



## Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

I hope you and your families have had a good week enjoying the lovely weather and you are safe and well. It has been lovely to see more children return to school this week including 2 groups for Year 5. It is disappointing we can't offer more children to return to school but it is important we follow all guidance to keep everyone in our community as safe as possible. The guidance does say that we can invite all classes back for a visit following all safety guidelines to say good-bye to their current teacher. We plan to do this in smaller groups as a celebration of the learning this year both in school and at home. The dates are below, if your child is in school, they will have their celebration with other children in school and if your child is at home they will have a different time. To ensure we follow all lockdown guidelines please can only members of family that live in your house come to these celebrations. I am hopeful we will be able to hold them outside following socially distancing guidelines and if not again in the hall but with social distancing in place.

date	time	Which class
8 <sup>TH</sup> July	2.15pm	Children in the Year 1 group in school with Mrs Chauhan and Mrs Knight
9 <sup>th</sup> July	9am	Children in Miss Rodde-Aust group based in Nursery
9 <sup>th</sup> July	10 am	Nursery children who are not in school
9 <sup>th</sup> July	11am	Children in year 2MH not in school
10 <sup>th</sup> July	1.15pm	Children in Year 1PD not in school
10 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15pm	Children in the Year 1 group with Miss Divecha in school.
13 <sup>th</sup> July	12.15	Children in Year 3/ 4 AK not in school
13 <sup>th</sup> July	1.15pm	Children in RGL not in school
13 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15pm	Children that are in school based in RGL with Mrs Forshaw or with Miss Douglas-Law in the Year 2 classroom
14 <sup>th</sup> July	11am	Children in RCL not in school
14 <sup>th</sup> July	12	Children in 1EM not in school
14 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30pm	Children in Miss Loomes group in school
15 <sup>th</sup> July	12	Children in 2LK not in school
15 <sup>th</sup> July	1pm	Children in 3/4/KK not in school
15 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15pm	Years 2 3/ 4 children in school
16 <sup>th</sup> July	9am	3 / 4 AM out of school
16 <sup>th</sup> July	11.30am	Y5 children out of school
16 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15pm	Y5 children in school
16 <sup>TH</sup> July	5pm	Y6 BBQ

**Children coming into school:**

To ensure the continued safety of our children, families and staff, if your child is coming into school it is important that you follow all lockdown rules outside of school to prevent the spread of the virus.

Please remember children must arrive no later than 9am for the safety of everyone.

Please make sure your child wears clothes that cover shoulders to give extra protection from the sun and that shoes are sensible for running and playing in.

Please remember sun cream before school, a sun hat and a named water bottle-children can have flavoured water but not juice unless with their lunch. This is in line with DFE guidance but also prevents sticky spillages in the classroom that can attract ants and wasps/bees at this time of year.

**Children at home:**

Teachers will continue to phone children who are not in school to see if they need any help with their learning and just to say hello- we miss the children and the teachers love to speak to them and share news. If your child is in Years 3 and 4 we will be trialling, a new online learning platform called Google classrooms-if you are not able to access this, work will be shared in the current way.

Any concerns/questions please email me on [head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk).

The school office is open for phone calls and emails. If you have an urgent concern, I have a school mobile: 07922422462.

**Reminders Coronavirus:****Symptoms:**

Please do not bring your child to school if they or anyone living in your household has a high temperature, new cough or loses their sense of taste or smell. You must let me know and book a test, self-isolating until you get the result.

**Coronavirus****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)

**Keyworkers**

If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 5 or 6 and you have made the decision that they are coming to school please could they come in every day rather than the days you work, as school is open each day for them.

If your child is in Years 2,3,4 they only need to come to school on the days you need them to.

**Start and finish of the school day.**

Unless you need paid breakfast club provision or after school club until 4pm in your child's group all children should arrive between 8.30-9am and be collected between 2.45-3.15pm.

Thank you so much for ensuring your child has been in school by 9am as this is vital for health and safety so that children come into school using the right entrance.

**Safeguarding and Health and Safety**

If you are concerned about the safety of any children, we have four designated safeguarding leads in school: Mrs Morley, Jules Riding, Mrs Caplan and Miss Douglas-Law - please share any concerns with them or please ring 0300 123 4043.

### **Free school meals**

For children that are eligible for free school meals, we continue to prepare and deliver weekly food parcels of lunches for children not coming into school. If you did not ask for one but need this now, please let me know.

I am aware that a number of parents are no longer able to work due to companies closing due to the coronavirus. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please email me and we can look into registering your child so that you are then eligible for school lunches to be delivered.

Over the summer holiday the government have set up a voucher scheme, if your child is eligible for FSM which is based on certain benefits you may claim the office will be ringing you next week about this. This is only for children from Reception through to Year 6, not Nursery aged children.

### **This week**

The weather has been beautiful this week and the children in school have enjoyed lots of outdoor learning and I have seen from some of the photos sent in that children at home have been enjoying learning and having fun outside.

We had a fire drill in school this week just to make sure everyone knew how to leave the building and where to wait, as some children are not in their normal classroom. The final home learning packs will be delivered towards the end of next week with your child's school report.

### **Early Years**

In school this week the children have created mini beast hotels, planted bean seeds, and made a nature window. At home, the children have made nature portraits and did animal yoga.



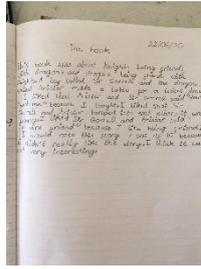
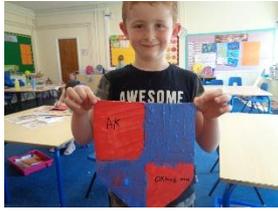
### **Year 1**

Year 1 have continued learning about the weather and looked at tornadoes after watching The Wizard of Oz. The children enjoyed creating rainbows in Art and DT and also carried out an experiment creating a rain cloud in a jar using shaving foam, food colouring and water!



## Year 2

This week the children have been designing and making their own shields and problem solving in maths.

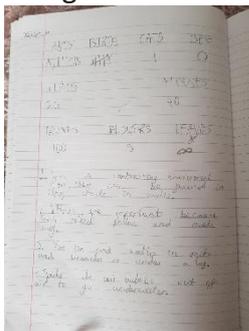


Great shields made at home and at school. Beautifully presented work Emilija!

## Years 3 and 4

This week Year 3/4 have been following the Museum of Nature. We have focused on the nature in our gardens and local community, looking at mini beasts and researching animals that are useful to the environment. In school, Year 3/4 have been finding out about rainforests and environments this week.

Some great work at home!



## Year 5

This week year 5 have focusing on shelters. They learnt about different shelters around the world including what life would be like in a slum. They have also designed treetop houses in maths using their understanding of perimeter and area. They also completed a monsoon challenge and they have been building a shelter that will hopefully survive! Wish them luck!



## Year 6

Year 6 have started their new class novel 'Malamander' by Thomas Taylor. We are only 4 chapters in but the children are loving it! The children in school also had a visit from the police, socially distanced to think about how to keep themselves safe. Towards the end of this week, they have been learning about sculptures and designing and created their own sculptures out of clay.



**Below are the term dates for this school year.**

Break up Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm

**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