



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd July 2020

I hope you and your families have had a good week and you are safe and well. It has been great to see the range of learning taking in place in school this week-if your child is coming into school they must arrive no later than 9am and use the entrance door for their group, this is to keep everyone in school as safe as possible. Some of our Year 6 children have been taking part in transition workshops at school and at home.

The government published guidance today to enable schools to reopen fully in September. I am currently in the process of planning to ensure all guidance is followed. Once I have clear plans in place after discussing them with staff and governors I will share them with you; this will definitely be before the end of term.

If your child is coming into school, please make sure they wear sensible footwear and tops that cover their shoulders especially with the hot weather.

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 your 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 th July	2.15pm	Children in the Year 1 group in school with Mrs Chauhan and Mrs Knight
9 th July	9am	Children in Miss Rodde-Aust group based in Nursery
9 th July	10 am	Nursery children who are not in school
9 th July	11am	Children in year 2MH not in school
10 th July	1.15pm	Children in Year 1PD not in school
10 th July	2.15pm	Children in the Year 1 group with Miss Divecha in school.
13 th July	12.15	Children in Year 3/ 4 AK not in school
13 th July	1.15pm	Children in RGL not in school
13 th 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 th July	11am	Children in RCL not in school
14 th July	12	Children in 1EM not in school
14 th July	2.30pm	Children in Miss Loomes group in school
15 th July	12	Children in 2LK not in school

15 th July	1pm	Children in 3/4/KK not in school
15 th July	2.15pm	Years 2 3/ 4 children in school
16 th July	9am	3 / 4 AM out of school
16 th July	11.30am	Y5 children out of school
16 th July	2.15pm	Y5 children in school
16 th 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.

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

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.

This week

This week in school, children having been using clay to make sculptures and all children have had focus learning time with an adult in their class for identified target areas. It is great to see the learning and fun that children are having at home too.

Early Years

This week children in Early Years at home and at school continue to explore the outdoors. This week in school they have been planting sunflowers, drawing sunflowers and looked at the life cycle of a butterfly, At home the children have been creating fairy/dinosaur gardens, doubling butterflies and drawing sunflowers.



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about structures and looked at the story of The Three Little Pigs.



Year 2

This week the children have been looking at 3D shapes and buildings. They have made city landscapes using newspaper and are making papier-mâché caves. They have also linked this all to the three little pigs story.

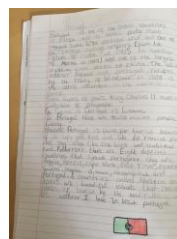


Years 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 have been focusing on the How Far How Fast topic. They have been looking at remarkable and record breaking things including humans, animals and the natural world and looking at how we can push and challenge ourselves at home as well.

Year 5

This week in year 5 some children have joined in with their first google meets on google classroom- very exciting and lovely for the children to be able to see each other after such a long time. Next week some of the children at home and in school will be able to connect in google meets too. In mymaths they have been looking at units of measurement and in English they have been designing their own school which we are going to write an advert about. They have also been focusing on our sculpture topic this week and activities have included name sculptures and garden sculptures. We have nearly finished our class book which we have been reading everyday and we have been answering questions about it on google classroom. Children have said they have enjoyed spending more time outside during lock down riding bikes, playing on the garden and noticing nature such as the birds.



Year 6

Year 6 have completed an amazing portrait of Salvador Dali.



Below are the term dates for this school year.

Break up Friday 17th 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 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