



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2020

Have a happy and safe summer break; we look forward to seeing the children on 7th September.

It has been a busy week-it has been great to see so many children come to say goodbye to their current teacher and celebrate their achievements over this year both at school and at home. Some children also received a special 100% attendance medal as they had been in school very day up to 20th March when lockdown started. The amazing, positive sense of our Oxhey Wood community through some difficult times has been brilliant! Thank you to parents, carers, our children and staff team for being flexible, showing great resilience and motivation when everything had to change in March.

An increasing number of children have returned to school and have settled in really well and the activities and learning completed at home has been incredible too.

At this time of year, it is always sad as we say goodbye to some families and staff. Year 6 are moving on to their new Secondary schools and we wish them luck and look forward to seeing them at a reunion BBQ in September if the guidance allows. Some families are moving out of the area and we hope you and your children settle quickly into your new homes and schools. Finally, we have three members of staff who are leaving us: Miss Cox who is returning to University, Mrs Chauhan who is moving to a school out of the area and Miss Hall who has moved house and so will be teaching nearer to her new home. I would like to thank them for being part of our Oxhey Wood family.

We have many new children joining us across school in September which is very exciting- we look forward to welcoming them into our Oxhey Wood family.

I sent an email earlier this week with the current organisation for September-, this may change depending on Government advice, I will send you any changes before the children return on 7th September.

It is important that all children return on 7th to help them settle into a new school year. The first week back has been carefully planned so that it is a 'soft start' to help children to follow the routines of school and to rebuild relationships within their class. Breakfast club and after school club will be open from 7.30am and until 6pm with normal prices. Please make sure you book in advance so that we can group the children as safely as possible.

Organisation for September:

- Children to wear school uniform
- Children can bring a bag to school
- When PE starts the week of 14th September children to wear PE kit to school on a PE day
- If your child has a symptom-high temperature, new persistent cough, loss of sense of taste/smell-must NOT come into school, book a COVID19 test- let head teacher know and let her know test results once received
- We **must** have 2 contactable phone numbers for parents ready for 7th September
- Classes to use individual doors to come in and be collected from every day
- Years 1-Year 6 staggered start and finish times 8.40-9am to arrive in school, 3-3.20pm to be collected
- Nursery and Reception to arrive between 8.30-9am and to be collected between 11.45-12 if finishing at lunchtime and 3-3.20pm if a full day

- No assemblies or only 1 year group in an assembly
- Lunch-2 halls Assembly hall Reception 11.45, Year 2 12.15 Year 5 12.30, Dining room Year 1 11.45, Year 3/ 4 12.15, Year 6 12.30 but out to play until ready- children to collect own lunches
- Playgrounds-year groups will use different areas
- Dining tables to be anti-bac between each group
- T/TA to anti-bac tables before play and lunch
- Groups to use own toilets
- Handwashing throughout the day-supervised by an adult
- Fruit handed out by 1 adult
- Clean PE equipment after use
- Outdoor equipment cleaned at the end of the day
- Lidded bins in all classrooms and as needed elsewhere in school
- PPE available as needed (set of PPE for individuals if a child has symptoms)
- Individual basic stationary packs
- Anti-bac laptops/IPAD's after use
- Limit need to use corridor

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)

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

If you think your child may be eligible for Free school meals please speak to the office as they can help you check this.

This week

This week in school, children have continued to enjoy their learning and it is great to see how much fun and learning the children are having at home too.

Early Years

In nursery this week, the children have been 'growing' rainbows and making their own ice cream. In Reception this week, they have been painting pictures of bugs using aboriginal art and looking at memories of their Reception year.



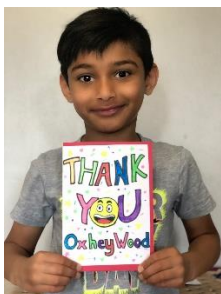
Year 1

This week the children took part and enjoyed a carousel of activities in a mini 'Sports Day' after discussing healthy eating and keeping fit. They also finished their Art and DT project of Tudor House models recreating the Great Fire of London.



Year 2

This week the children have taken part in some end of year transition activities. They have completed some all about me selfies, favourite memories from this year and designed a new class logo. They have also made some picture sliders and learned how to make snakes out of twisting paper.



Years 3 and 4

This week the children have continued to read Pinocchio, they focused on time in MyMaths and they have thought about transitioning for September, celebrating their achievements of home learning and looking forward to their learning in the next school year.



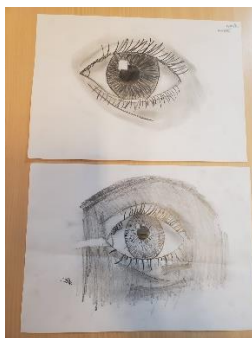
Year 5

This week the children have completed the egg drop challenge in school, they have applied for JLT. Year 5 have also written thank you letters to those who have helped us, they have played rounder's against the other class and they have learnt how to draw a dragon's eye. This week at home year 5, have continued writing about wizards choosing their own writing tasks to complete. In my maths, they have been revising use of the 4 operations. They have started to think ahead to year 6 and they have talked about what they are looking forward to and what they might be nervous about. Some children have applied to be part of the junior leadership team. We have completed challenges such as saying thank you to people who have helped us as well as making posters thinking about some of the issues they have learnt about with the mini police scheme. They have finished their class book and are busy writing a book review about it. It was lovely to see children from home, school and different bubbles chatting together during google meets this week.



Year 6

Year 6 have been thinking about their move to Secondary school and the memories they have of their time at Oxhey Wood. They received their individual achievements from their teachers too. They used pencils to sketch and shade human eyes this week



Below are the term dates for next school year.

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