



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd October

I continue to be amazed at how well the children have settled back into the routines of school. They are beginning to build up their stamina for learning; as with all schools some children are finding it harder to settle back into school and we will continue to support them as needed. I have been able to thank so many children this week for showing such a positive attitude to their learning and all aspects of school.

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.

If you are concerned about anything or need any support please speak to myself, Mrs Caplan or Jules.

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

Some parents have raised concerns about more than one parent dropping children off and have asked if parents can wear face masks when they are in the school grounds. For everyone's safety please make sure that only 1 parent drops off and collects children. I discussed this with governors this week and with the increase in cases if you are able to wear a mask this would be great but it is not mandatory. We are also going to have a one-way system at the front of school starting on Monday- please walk down the path and then walk out of school on the drive. If your child is in Years 1 and 2 I am ordering some temporary pathway to widen the pathway and to introduce a one-way system.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

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 help 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

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.

On the last day of half term Friday 23rd October children can wear their Halloween outfit or their own clothes for £1. We will hold a trick or treat activity for children during the school day-please send in donations of wrapped sweets from next week so that we can organise this for the children.



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 the office know. We are planning to hold a Christmas Fair for the children during the school day that follows all COVID guidance.



We are hoping the Circus will go ahead on May 12th 2021-your tickets are held over for this date but if you would rather have a refund please let the office know.

Lunches

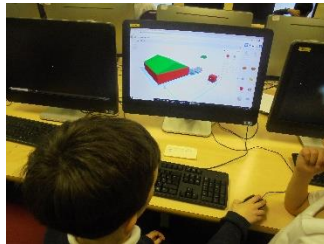
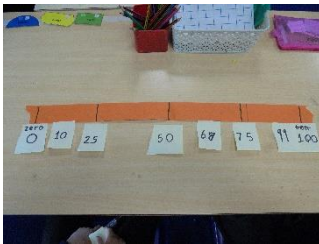
Next week is week 3 on the lunch menu. School lunches are £2.40 a day. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to free lunches. If your child is in Years 3,4,5 or 6 they may be entitled to free school meals if you are receiving certain benefits. Please ask at the office if you are not 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.

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.

This week



Nursery

This week our Nursery children have been learning how to put their coats on and how to use scissors.

Reception

This week the children have been reading Funnybones and learning all about the number 2. In phonics they have been learning the sounds i, m, n, d and the tricky word l.

Year 1

This week year 1 investigated dice patterns in maths. In English they read the story Stanley's Stick and described the stick using different adjectives.

Year 2

This week the children have been comparing old and new houses in South Oxhey. In maths they have been comparing numbers using the greater and less than signs.

Years 3 and 4

Year 3 / 4, have been looking at numbers on a number line and have estimated where numbers go. In science they have been learning about electricity and have been learning how to create simple circuits.

Year 5

This week in year 5 have been learning more about decimals in maths. In English they have planned and written short stories. In computing they designed and built a house using 3D software.

Year 6

This week Year 6 enjoyed dissecting a heart as part of their science topic and investigated the different parts of it.

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