



## Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

### Friday 9th October

I would like to say thank you to Countryside for their generous donation of £500 for our Go the Extra Mile campaign. Kelloggs have also awarded us £1000.

We are looking to buy some outdoor equipment to support the children with this and our continued fundraising.

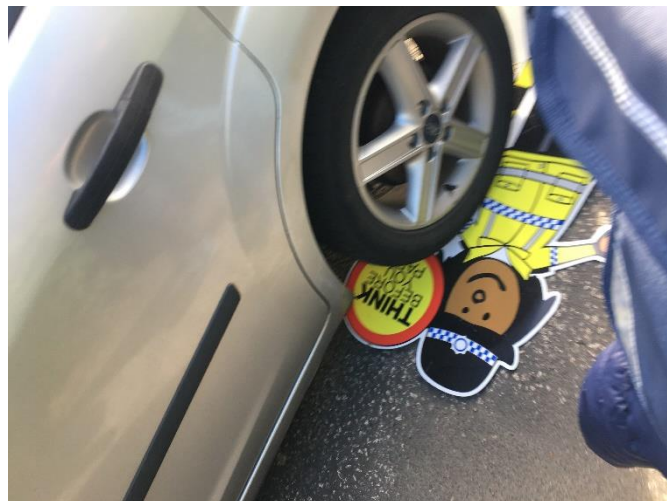
I have been concerned about issues with children's inappropriate use of messaging over games consoles such as Xbox and PS4; children are then bringing arguments into school. Other children are using other social media inappropriately such as WhatsApp, Instagram and Facebook- there is a minimum age on all of these because children in Primary school are not emotionally mature enough to fully understand how to use it safely. Please monitor your children's use of both to ensure their safety.

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.

Thank you for supporting the safety of everyone by the majority of parents making sure only one parent comes to drop and pick up their child. The one-way system has helped but please avoid standing at the gates to talk as this prevents other parents from leaving school safely.

Please can you support safety further by not parking in the zigzags or yellow lines on both Oxhey Drive and Northwick Road. A parent shared the picture below with me this week; we paid £700 to buy signs to try to remind parents to protect our children and families and it was disappointing to see how this car had parked. Other parents are driving into school or parking on zigzags-please support the safety of everyone by parking safely.



**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](mailto: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.

Secondary Admissions deadline: <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions>

If your child is in year 6 please remember you must apply for a school place online by 31st October-if you would like help to do this please ask at the office.

## **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 continue to send in donations of wrapped sweets so that we can organise this for the children. The children can only wear costumes-no masks or accessories such as swords.

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 1 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. 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.

## **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 about birthdays, naming body parts and using their senses.

## **Reception**

This week the children have been learning all about the number 4 and ordering numbers to 20. In phonics, they have been learning the sounds g, o, c, k.

## **Year 1**

Year 1 have investigated how different toys move and we have been exploring different ways to show the same value.

## **Year 2**

This week year 2 compared two stories by the same author and enjoyed learning about how shops have changed from the past to nowadays. In maths, they have been using their number bonds to help us add 3 numbers together too.

## **Years 3 and 4**

Year 3 / 4, have had an amazing time making Minotaur sculptures. They used Modroc to create the sculptures; they got very messy and had lots of fun!

### **Year 5**

This week year 5 have written a short story of their own-The Elephant in the Wall and they have investigated night and day and made clay models.

### **Year 6**

In science they have looked at the different types of blood vessels (veins, arteries and capillaries) - they had to draw a cross section of these and label it. In English, they have been focusing on black history month. The children have researched a significant and influential person and they have written a biography on them.

### **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