



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th October

It has been great to see how hard the children continue to work and their engagement in their learning. We have had good news from the new swimming pool; lessons for Year 5 will start the second week after half term. The temporary paving for outside Year 2 and across the grass has arrived-please follow a one-way system to drop and collect your child.



Next Friday children can wear their own clothes or a Halloween costume for £1 (no masks or other accessories). I have bought Halloween bags for the children to take part in trick or treating in school as unfortunately with the current advice children won't be able to go trick or treating in the same way if this is something you would normally do with your family.



Parking and dropping off in the morning and at the end of the day is becoming a serious safety risk. I have stood both at the Oxhey Drive entrance and Northwick Road side and it is really disappointing that some parents are choosing to park on the yellow zig zags. Even after my email parents were also parking across the day centre entrance and exit and parking inside. Please support our families and the local community by parking safely.

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. Please avoid standing to chat to other parents as this does not support social distancing. We have some classes where most parents are picking up at the same time-we will monitor this next week and if needed may have to introduce specific times for some classes to ensure everyone is safe.

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.

Harvest

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents in for our harvest celebration; we will be putting together a video to share with you of each class sharing their harvest celebration. We will be collecting dried food and toiletries to help local food banks-please send any food in next week.

Parent-Teacher meetings

Due to COVID we will not be able to hold face to face meetings with parents this term. We will be arranging phone call or virtual meetings after half term. More information will be sent home next week.

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.



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 already have some great prizes for the raffle.

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 2 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.

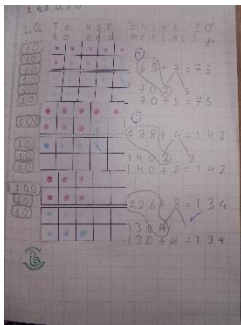
Free school meals

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.

This week



Nursery

This week our Nursery children have drawn self-portraits and have investigated size such as big, small, tall short. They had great fun colour mixing.

Reception

This week the children have been measuring their feet with cubes. They have been reading the Rainbow Fish and thinking about similarities and differences with their friends. In phonics, they have been learning the sounds ck, e, u, r.

Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed learning games from around the world including games from Greece, Ghana and Chile.

Year 2

This week year 2 have been looking at the changes in South Oxhey and have been deciding whether they think they are positive and negative changes. They also made some fantastic repeating patterns with paint and print.

Years 3 and 4

Year 3 / 4, have been describing mythical creatures in English. In maths they have been learning the think 10 method. They have further developed their understanding of electricity by creating switches this week.

Year 5

This week year 5 have been learning about the phases of the moon using Oreo's. They have started reading a new book The Monsterology Handbook.

Year 6

In year 6 the children have created an anatomical scrapbook in the style of Da Vinci and they discovered Da Vinci was also an inventor and scientist.

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