



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd October

Have a happy and safe half term break-we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on 2nd November

Thank you all so much for your support and understanding this half term as we have had to make some changes to ensure we are as COVID safe as possible. The children have been amazing and have settled back into school really well. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our fantastic staff team who have worked so hard this half term.

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. Unfortunately some parents are still dropping off or parking on the zigzags-please support the safety of everyone by parking safely.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Halloween

The children had a great time today trick or treating-thank you for your support with this. It was so lovely to see the enjoyment on the children's faces-hopefully this will make up for not being able to trick or treat this year.

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 or myself know. We already have some great prizes!

Contact over half term

If your child or a member of your household tests positive for Coronavirus over half term please either email head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk or ring or text me on 07922422462.

If you need any support with a food parcel for next week please contact me or Jules.

Harvest

I hope you enjoy watching our Harvest celebration- as you will see we followed all current guidance but I think the children and staff have done an amazing job to find a way to celebrate this together.

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 cannot 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.

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 have some great raffle prizes already!



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

There is a new menu first week back. 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.

The children will bring some fun activities to do over the break for PSHE and emotional well-being.

This week



Nursery

This week our Nursery children have been having fun with pumpkins and learnt a harvest poem. After half term they will be learning about pirates, Peter Pan, mermaids and fairies.

Reception

This week the children have been exploring the inside of pumpkins and have learnt h,b,l,ll,f,ff and ss in phonics. After half term their topic is pirates.

Year 1

Year 1 visited the local woods and explored Autumn changes. After half term their topic is dinosaurs.

Year 2

This week year 2 wrote a recipe for their perfect friend. They also learnt about Bob Marley as part of Black History Month. After half term their topic is the Great Fire of London.

Years 3 and 4

Year 3 / 4, have planned and written stories based on Arthur and the Golden Rope. They also made some amazing Ancient Greek clay pots. Next half term their topic is the Romans.

Year 5

This week year 5 designed, made and painted Ancient Egyptian clay sarcophaguses. After half term their topic is High Days and Holidays where they will be comparing the UK and Spain.

Year 6

This week Year 6 have written diary entries about Edward Jenner whose discovery led to the smallpox vaccine. Next half term their topic is Frozen Planet.

Dates for your calendar

Please do not book any holidays during term time

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