



Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020

It has been great to see how well the children have settled back this week. As I explained in my email this week there is now updated guidance as we are now in the second lockdown but for Oxhey Wood and all primary schools the guidance is the same. The only additional guidance means there is no swimming for Year 5 currently and unfortunately unless an emergency parents can't come in to the building; if you do need to come in we will ask you to wear a face mask. It is really important that only one parent brings your child into school so we can limit the amount of adults on the school grounds.

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 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.

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.

Thank you

We were supported by many charities and individuals over half term to enable us to offer support to families – huge thank you to Luther Blissett, Warren fruit & veg, Raj Garden Bushey, Brown Box Bakes, The Kitchen Croxley, Gokula Café, the SAI group and One Vision.

Reception Admissions is now open: <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions>

If your child is in Nursery please remember you must apply for a school place online by 15th January 2021-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, tickets are already on sale. 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 planning a COVID safe Christmas fair for the children-to support this we will be having a non-school uniform day next Friday 13th November-please send in an unopened gift or toy or £1.

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 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 have our new build a rainbow home learning which I know the children have been excited about. It would be great if children can read regularly at home, go on to TT Rockstars and learn spellings.

This week

Nursery

This week our Nursery children have been learning about Bonfire night, fireworks, how we can keep safe on bonfire night and about 2D shapes

Reception

This week the children have been reading Pirates Love Underpants and labelling pirates. In maths they have been 7 and exploring money.

Year 1

This week Year 1 had a great time outside this week completing an adventure trail in teams. They have also explored different ways we can keep healthy and compared different dinosaurs.

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about healthy eating and writing their own stories starring some of their favourite fruit and vegetables!

Years 3 and 4

Year 3/4 have been introducing their new topic about the Ancient Romans. They have looked at how the Roman Empire spread across Europe. In Maths they have been learning efficient strategies to subtract. In English, they have read the book Dr Xargle's Book about Earth Hounds which is hilarious. Today they wrote diary entries pretending to be the alien children learning about Earth Hounds.

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been investigating properties of materials for their new science topic as well as investigating different strategies for multiplying and dividing mentally.

Year 6

This week Year 6 have been learning about Joseph Lister as well as creating fact files about Cholera in London in the 1800's in Topic.

Dates for your calendar

Please do not book any holidays during term time

Non school uniform day Friday 13th November

Christmas Jumper day Wednesday 16th December (Christmas dinner day too)

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