



# Oak View Primary and Nursery School

Dear Parents

The time is just flying by and the end of the autumn term is descending upon us. I am happy to say that the children are enjoying the first term of the school year and they have been very busy.

The pupil report you received at parent consultation meetings is our new way of ensuring you receive information about your child regularly. I hope you left the consultation meeting clear about your child's strengths and areas for improvement (if you have not met with your class teacher then please make an appointment to see them). Recent monitoring of pupil progress has identified that there are a significant number of children who are not reading every night. The reading handout you received is a reminder of the importance to listen to your child read every day. Thank you for your cooperation. Please note that if you would like the school to organise a reading workshop then please see our English Specialist, Miss Hall, or inform your child's class teacher.

The school opens at 8.40 am and it is always a pleasure to see how well the children apply themselves so quickly, responding to teachers marking comments in their books, reading and completing work. With the provision to bring children at this time we should not have children arriving late at school.

Punctuality is so important, every minute counts for learning and your child's self esteem. Those children who are late are quite often embarrassed entering the classroom when the lesson has already started and in many cases they then find it difficult to engage with and understand what they need to do. Please help us help your child by ensuring they arrive at school on time.

## **Health and Safety**

Please keep your child safe. Children should not be climbing onto school equipment on the school playground in the morning and after school. It is the responsibility of parents to keep your child safe if you allow this.

## **Oak View Drama Club**

Last Tuesday, we performed 'Romeo and Juliet' at the Abbey Theatre, St Albans. It was an amazing production and experience. All the pupils were confident, clear and represented the school brilliantly!

In their own words... 'I was so proud of myself' (Julia) 'It was tricky to learn all my lines but Miss Hall boosted my confidence' (Elivjo) 'I stayed in character and had a brilliant time' (Ellen) 'I was nervous at first but we worked as a team and that helped me' (Mariana) 'It was worth all the rehearsals' (Shona) 'I was inspired to improve my drama' (Victoria) 'Drama club with miss Hall is fab!' (Xanthe)

## **ARMISTICE DAY**



It was lovely to see so many parents and members of our community on armistice day who came to view our 'sea of poppies' art work.

I am sure you will agree it was a stunning piece of art work co ordinated by Mrs Jay and we were fortunate enough to be featured in the WHT. All the children in school made an individual poppy which together looked truly amazing. In addition the children shared their work in a special assembly in which a particular focus was given to World War One which began one hundred years ago.

A big thank you to Mr Barnes who played the last post in the assembly when the children stood for the two minute silence.

**It has come to the attention of the Governing Body that some parents are being abusive to members of staff, this will not be tolerated under any circumstances and will be dealt with accordingly.**

**Chair of Governors**

## DIARY DATES

(new dates/alterations in bold)



### Autumn 2014

- 24-28 Nov - Book Fair in School (KS1 Hall)
- 2 Dec - am—EYFS Christmas Production
- 4 Dec - 9 am—Renoir Class Assembly
- 5 Dec - 9 am—Tissot Class Assembly
- 10 Dec - **KS1 Performance—evening (change of date from 9 Dec)**
- 11 Dec - am—KS1 Performance
- 11 Dec - **pm and evening—Choir Performance at the University of Hertfordshire**
- 12 Dec - **Dress Down Day and Parent Committee organised Santa Grotto, Christmas Parties / Disco**
- 17 Dec - **Christmas Lunch (change of date from 10 Dec)**
- 18 Dec - pm—KS2 Carol Concert
- 19 Dec - 1.30 pm—School Closes for the Christmas Break

### Spring 2015

- 5 Jan - Inset Day 4
- 6 Jan - Children return to school
- 10 Jan - Y6 to Joy of Reading at University of Herts
- 20 Jan - **Miss Prentice out of school— training course**
- 27 Jan - **Miss Northen, Miss Peet and Miss Saeedi out of school—training course**
- 16 Feb - Half Term Week
- 25 Feb - **Miss Northen, Miss Peet and Miss Saeedi out of school—training course**
- 11 Mar - **Choir performing at Wembley Arena—Voice in a Million**
- 16 Mar - Shakespeare Week
- 20 Mar - am—Y4 Shakespeare Performance
- 23 Mar - Parent Teacher Consultations
- 24 Mar - **Year 5 visit to Kew Gardens**
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- 2 Apr - 1.30 pm School finishes for the Easter break

### Summer 2015

- 20 Apr - Children return to school
- 4 May - School closed Bank Holiday
- 19 May - Celebrating Children Week
- 25 May - Half Term
- 25 May - **Y6 Residential Trip**
- 17 June - Sports Day
- 26 June - School closed—Occasional Day
- 9 July - Secondary Transition Day
- 13 July - Reports Home to Parents
- 21 July - 1.30 pm School finishes for the Summer break

## ACADEMIC YEAR

### 2014/2015

#### Autumn Term 2014

1st September – 19th December  
Half term—27th—31st Oct

#### Spring Term 2015

5th January – 2nd April  
Half term—16th—20th February

#### Summer Term 2015

20th April – 22nd July  
Half term—25th—29th May  
Bank Holiday—Monday 4th May

### 2015/2016

#### Autumn Term 2015

2nd September – 18th December  
Half term—26th– 30th Oct

#### Spring Term 2016

4th January – 1st April  
Half term—15th—19th February

#### Summer Term 2016

18th April – 25th July  
Half term—30th May—3rd June  
Bank Holiday—Monday 2nd May

### 2016/2017

#### Autumn Term 2016

1st September – 21st December  
Half term—24th– 28th Oct

#### Spring Term 2017

5th January – 31st March  
Half term—13th—17th February

#### Summer Term 2017

18th April – 24th July  
Half term—29th May—2nd June