



Oak View Primary and Nursery School

Dear Parents

The first half term has gone very quickly, and Christmas will soon descend upon us; I do hope you have noted the diary dates for the children's performances.

Parental consultations start the week beginning 16th November. Please attend and take this opportunity to look at the books and go through the report which will clearly inform you of the work covered since the beginning of term. Please note the progress your child has made including the next steps in their learning and explore ways in which you can help your child.

Admin recently sent out an up-to-date information package which included the 'Parent School Partnership' and 'Managing Violent and Abusive Visitors' Policy to parents from the Governing body. I would like to think we have a working partnership and pupils, staff and all parents are free from intimidation, threatening behaviour, swearing and being filmed. Thank you for your support.

SPORTS NEWS

The sporting year has started off well for Oak View as two of our Year 6 teams attended the Saracens Tag Rugby Festival at Welwyn Garden City Rugby Club. The children looked particularly smart as they were all wearing brand new kit that has been kindly purchased by the PTA. Our B team were runners up in their group and the A team won their group. Unfortunately we did not make it through to the quarter final stages but a good time was had by all!

This year we are introducing intra year group competitions and Year 4 and Year 5 are looking forward to their tag rugby games in the next few weeks. A small trophy will be awarded to the winning class and then there will be termly events held between the classes to determine who the holders will be (featuring a different sport each time).

Last week the children in Key Stage 2 were asked to vote for new school leaders and we were very proud of the many Year 6 pupils who stood in assembly and gave speeches to encourage their peers to vote for them. Congratulations to George Walker and Julia Trzcinska - our new School Captains, and Oskar Ziolkowski and Millie Jones - our new Sports Captains.



ESAFETY - 15TH OCTOBER

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for the training session led by our Hertfordshire Adviser for eSafety. It was a really informative meeting during which advice was given on how to keep children safe. Areas where children can be vulnerable online were highlighted along with strategies to adopt to ensure the children are well informed users of the internet. Sites on which children nationally have encountered problems include: Instagram, Ask.fm, KIK.com, oovoof.com and snapchat.com although others including Facebook have age restrictions for good reasons.

For those of you who were unable to make it, the two clear messages were: Tell your children that you will never take the internet device away from them if they tell you they have had an uncomfortable experience online. Secondly, that if they want to meet someone that they have met online say that you will meet them as a family.

If you would like to find out more information these were the recommended sites: <http://parentinfo.org/> <http://www.ceop.police.uk/> <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources> <http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/> <http://www.internetmatters.org/>. Some of these sites also have games and activities to encourage children to make good choices online.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

May we please remind Year 6 parents that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is **Saturday 31st October 2015**.

NEW MENUS

New menus for the Autumn/Spring term have now been distributed. Can we please remind parents to let us know if any child has a particular allergy which will need medical confirmation.

CALLING ALL READERS!

Just to let you know that we will soon be sharing details about exciting new changes to our school library. Your child (and you!) will be able to read ebooks, access our online library, submit book reviews and much more! You will be able to do this from your PC, iPad, tablet or other device in the comfort of your own home. We will keep you posted!

PERSONAL PROPERTY & VALUABLES

May we please ask parents to name and lock up/secure scooters and bicycles which remain on site and to keep childrens' valuables at home to avoid loss or misplacement. Thank you.

FLU JABS—YRS 1 & 2

Flu jabs are being offered to all children in Years 1 and 2 in school during the afternoon of Friday 4 December. A consent letter will be sent out some time in November after half term.

MOBILE PHONES

Can we please remind parents that **only** Yrs 5 and 6 children who have specific permission to go home from school independently should bring their mobile phones into school. These should be left with the office in the morning and collected when leaving school.

DIARY DATES



Autumn Term 2015

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| 26 Oct | Autumn Half Term - School Closed |
| 2 Nov | Children return to school |
| 4 Nov | Miss Girvan out -Training Course |
| 10 Nov | 9 am - Act 4 Assembly |
| 12 Nov | 9 am - Y6 Cezanne Class Assembly |
| 16 Nov | Parent Teacher Consultations |
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| 19 Nov | 9 am - Y5 Escher Class Assembly |
| 20 Nov | 9 am - Y5 Klimt Class Assembly |
| 26 Nov | 9 am - Y4 Kandinsky Class Assembly |
| 27 Nov | 9 am - Y4 Matisse Class Assembly |
| 3 Dec | 9 am - Y3 Renoir Class Assembly |
| 4 Dec | 9 am - Y3 Tissot Class Assembly |
| 8 Dec | am - EYFS Christmas Production |
| 9 Dec | KS1 Performance - Evening |
| 10 Dec | KS1 Performance - am |
| 16 Dec | Christmas Lunch |
| 17 Dec | pm - KS2 Carol Concert |
| 18 Dec | School closes for the Christmas break - 1.30 pm |

Spring Term 2016

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| 4 Jan | School Closed - Inset Day 2 |
| 5 Jan | Children return to school |
| 15 Feb | Spring Half Term - School Closed |
| 22 Feb | Children return to school |
| 9 Mar | Miss Girvan out—Training Course |
| 14 Mar | Shakespeare Week |
| 18 Mar | Y4 Shakespeare Performance |
| 21 Mar | Y6 Parent Teacher Consultations (All Day) |
| 22 Mar | Parent Teacher Consultations |
| 23 Mar | Parent Teacher Consultations |
| 24 Mar | School Closed - Inset Day 3 |
| 25 Mar | School Closed - Good Friday |
| 28 Mar | School Closed - Easter Monday |
| 29 Mar | Children return to school |
| 29 Mar-1 Apr | Spelling Bee |
| 1 Apr | School closes for the Easter break at 1.30 pm |

(please note that the end of term break between the Spring and Summer terms in 2016 does not coincide with the Easter weekend)

Summer Term 2016

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| 18 Apr | Children return to school |
| 26 Apr | Miss Girvan out -Training Course |
| 2 May | May Bank Holiday - School Closed |
| 9 May | Y6 SATs Week |
| 24 May | Celebrating Children Week |
| 24 May | Miss Girvan out -Training Course |
| 30 May | Half Term - School Closed |
| 6 June | Children return to school |
| 15 June | Sports Day |
| 24 June | School Closed - Occasional Day |
| 14 July | Secondary Transition Day |
| 15 July | Reports Home to Parents |
| 19 July | Year 6 Production |
| 20 July | Year 6 Production |
| 21 July | Year 6 Farewell Assembly |
| 21 July | School closes for the Summer break - 1.30 pm |
| 22 July | School Closed Inset Day 4 |
| 25 July | School Closed Inset Day 5 |

ACADEMIC YEAR

2015/2016

Autumn Term 2015

2nd September - 18th December
Half term - 26th-30th Oct

Spring Term 2016

4th January - 1st April
Easter Weekend - 25th-28th March

Half term - 15th-19th February

Summer Term 2016

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

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Autumn Term 2016

1st September - 21st December
Half term - 24th-28th Oct

Spring Term 2017

5th January - 31st March
Half term - 13th-17th February