



## Oak View Primary and Nursery School

Dear Parents

The weeks are going by quickly and the school is as busy as usual. This week we have been celebrating Harvest Festival. Thanks go to Miss McKenna for her work with the Salvation Army collecting toys for all those children in need. Thank you to all our families who have donated a toy (we are happy to continue accepting new toys in school up until Friday 7th October). I am sure your kind offer will bring a smile to the face of one of the many vulnerable children who will receive a present.

I would like to welcome Mrs James who has joined us in Year 5 job sharing with Miss Shi. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet her in the next couple of weeks once she has settled into her new post.

Many parents may have seen members of the School council and other interested pupils monitoring the car park. The School Council are participating in Global Sustainability 2030 embarking on equality and safety. The children have decided they want to campaign to improve the safety of their environment. The car park is considered an unsafe place which affects them. They will be writing a risk assessment, redesigning the space and requesting to meet the owners of the car park in the council.

The children have also observed the attitude of parents from all the schools who use this facility. There certainly is an element of impatience, lack of awareness of other users, particularly children walking or running ahead of their parents. Some drivers decide to ignore the one way system and turn the wrong way round to leave the car park. There is double parking, cars stopping or still moving and opening doors to let children out unsafely. I feel we all need to be a lot more vigilant and thoughtful before an accident occurs or yet another argument amongst parents. Unfortunately, it is badly designed with an entrance that is far too small. Please note, that traffic wardens are also monitoring the road at the front of the school, issuing tickets to drivers who are parking on the zig-zag lines and blocking school main gates.

We have also noticed that some of our families have been bringing dogs to school. While we appreciate that the school run is an ideal opportunity to walk your dogs you should be aware that dogs are not allowed on our site.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Absence has always been an issue at Oak View and continues with persistent absenteeism which bring our figures down to 93% overall which is unacceptable.

If you would like to join our working party to re-write our attendance policy and action plan then please leave your details with the school office.

We are looking for 2 parents who have 2 afternoons to work with the children and 2 members of staff to formulate this. Within the policy the issue of penalty notices will remain and as Head I will need to alert parents of the impact of our persistent absence. Too many of our children who are absent are also underachieving.

### **Oak View Attendance Challenge 2016-2017**

#### **ATTENDANCE COUNTS**

**Be here every day, all day!**

**Target 93% → 96% by Christmas**

## DIARY DATES



### Autumn Term 2016

30th Sept	Inset Day 1 (school closed)
24th-28th	Autumn Half Term
7th Nov	Inset Day 2 (school closed)
8th Nov	Y6—Morris visit to Reveley Lodge
9th Nov	Y6—Mackintosh visit to Reveley Lodge
15th Nov	Y2—Science Dome event in school
17th Nov	9:00 am—Y6 Morris Class Assembly
18th Nov	9:00 am—Y6 - Mackintosh Class Assembly
21st Nov	3:30- 8:00 pm Parent Teacher Consultations
22nd Nov	3:30- 5:00 pm Parent Teacher Consultations
24th Nov	9:00 am -Y5 Escher Class Assembly
24th Nov	Y4—visit to Affinity Water
25th Nov	9:00 am—Y5 - Klimt Class Assembly
1st Dec	9:00 am—Y4 - Kandinsky Class Assembly
2nd Dec	9:00 am—Y4 - Matisse Class Assembly
5th Dec	Flu Immunisation Y1-Y3
8th Dec	9:00 am—Y3 - Renoir Class Assembly
9th Dec	9:00 am—Y3 - Tissot Class Assembly
15th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance
16th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance
20th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert
21st Dec	Christmas Lunch
21st Dec	1:30 pm Term Ends

### Spring Term 2017

5th Jan	Term Starts
13th-17th	Spring Half Term
20th Feb	Inset Day 3 (school closed)
20-24th Mar	Shakespeare Week
27th Mar	3:30-8:00pm Parent Teacher Consultations
28th Mar	3:30-5:00pm Parent Teacher Consultation
31st Mar	1:30 pm Term Ends

### Summer Term 2017

18th Apr	Term Starts
25th Apr	Spelling Bee Challenge
1st May	May Bank Holiday
2nd May	Occasional Day
8-12th May	SATs Week
29th May	Summer Half Term - School Closed
19th June	Inset Day 4 (school closed)
14th July	Reports sent home
21st July	1:30 pm Term Ends
24th July	Inset Day 5 (school closed)

### Data Collection Sheets

We will shortly be sending home data collection sheets containing the information we currently hold for your child.

Please amend these forms with any changes, additions to medical conditions etc and return them to the school office as soon as possible.

### Oak View Judging Panel Royal Society Young People's Book Prize 2016

We have been accepted to be a Judging Panel for this year's 'Royal Society Young People's Book Prize'. Miss Hall will be leading the judging panel with 12 pupils from KS2.

We will be reviewing a selection of non-fiction Science books. There will be an opportunity for the panel to fire questions at the authors of the shortlisted books. This is a very exciting opportunity. Our judging panel consists of:

Y6—Chay, Maja and Roman

Y5—Charlotte, Joshua and Rehan

Y4—Archie, Ella, Nevaeh and Reehan

Y3—Denzel and Rana

### Y1—Y3 Flu Immunisation

5th December 2016

### REMINDER

**If you have not returned your form for the flu immunisation programme please do asap**

### ACADEMIC YEAR — 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

Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May

### ACADEMIC YEAR — 2017/2018

#### Autumn Term 2017

30th August - 19th December

Half term - 23rd-27th Oct

#### Spring Term 2018

3rd January - 29th March

Half term - 12th-16th February

#### Summer Term 2018

16th April - 27th July

Half term - 28th May-1st June

Bank Holiday - Monday 7th May