



Oak View Primary and Nursery School

Dear Parents

Just a little reminder that school is closed next week for the Spring Half Term and it is also closed on Monday 20 February for staff training. The children return to school on Tuesday 21 February.

I am pleased to see the children continuing to enjoying their learning and rising to the challenges in school. Some of you may have seen our Year 6 children keeping fit by doing the 'Walk A Mile' daily challenge with Mrs Stuart-Chifiero and Mrs Wan. This activity will gradually be introduced to the rest of the school during the year.

Well done to our Year 4 and 5 girls athletics team who went through to the finals last week. I enjoyed a wonderful afternoon watching them improving on their personal best. A great achievement girls.

We also have a group of pre-schoolers attending our Thursday afternoon stay-and-play sessions. Mrs Nash and Miss Darling are opening the door for any other parents who wish to attend. These afternoons are fun for all the parents who currently participate, do come and try it out!

The School Council are planning a Talent Show for Red Nose Day on the 24th March. This will be an evening event starting at 7pm. Further information will be sent out after the auditions.

The School Development Plan is in the process of being reviewed in order to write and implement a new plan for 2017. A separate letter will be sent out inviting parents to an informal meeting to explore in small groups the strengths of the School, and any areas we could improve. The Governors and Senior Leadership Team will facilitate the discussions in the evening. Please come along, refreshments will be provided.

Thank you to all those parents who found the time to attend the EY Phonics Workshop. I am encouraged by the number of parents staying to listen to their child read once a week in Years 1 and 2, thank you!

After half-term, on the second Tuesday of the month, the class doors will remain open from the end of the school day until 4.00pm for your child to share their learning with you. This will be an opportunity for your child to share work they are proud of and show you the displays and models in their class. However, the invite is not a parent consultation meeting with the teacher.

Head

ATTENDANCE

Absence and late arrival to School are issues we are continuing to seriously address here at Oak View! Persistent absenteeism means our figures overall are still too low at 93.71 and which remains unacceptable. Too many of our children who are absent are also underachieving. We will continue to hold regular attendance achievement raffles which hopefully will incentivise both parents and children to continue to improve and to aim for 100% attendance.

ATTENDANCE REALLY DOES MATTER!

Be here every day, all day!

Our Target Remains at 95% - 96%

SCHOOLCOMMS

We would like to encourage everyone to download the Schoolcomms app onto your phones. This enables you to make payments for school items such as meals, trips, etc. The telephone number for messaging school is 01707 830048. Emailing school to convey any information is free.

CHARITY SUPPORT

We are pleased to advise that our recent Enterprise Sale yielded a very impressive £660 profit for the School Council Global Sustainability 2020 programme. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause.

Comic Relief/Red Nose Day is on 24th March.

DIARY DATES



Spring Term 2017

13th-17th Feb	Spring Half Term
13th-14th	Y5-Y6 Bikeability Training
20th Feb	Inset Day 3 (school closed)
21st-22nd Feb	Y5 Residential to Hudnall Park
21st Feb	Y4 Badminton—Hatfield Leisure Centre
22nd Feb	9.00 am —Parent Meeting
22nd Feb	7.00 pm —Parent Meeting
23rd Feb	pm—Y5/Y6 Volleyball
24th Feb	Yr 2 - Animal Experience (in school)
3rd Mar	EYFS Zoolab Visit
3rd Mar	Y6 Maths Workshop with Parents
7th Mar	Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby
9th Mar	9.00 am Seurat Class Assembly
9th Mar	9.00 am Kandinsky Class Assembly
9th Mar	PM - Voice in a Million - Wembley SSE Arena
10th Mar	9.00 am Matisse Class Assembly
10th Mar	9.00 am Picasso Class Assembly
13th Mar	Y6 Ancient Greek Day
15th Mar	Schools Dance Festival (Y6) - Hawthorne Theatre, WGC
16th Mar	Y3/Y4 Tri Golf
16th Mar	9.00 am Monet Class Assembly
17th Mar	9.00 am Turner Class Assembly
20-24th Mar	Shakespeare Week
21st Mar	Y4 Football
23rd Mar	Y3 Shakespeare Performance
24th Mar	Red Nose Day
24th Mar	Y3 Shakespeare Performance
24th Mar	7.00 pm Talent Show
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
29 May-2 Jun	Summer Half Term - School Closed
9-12th June	Yr 6 PGL trip
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 – Reminder

We are still awaiting return of data collection sheets containing the information we currently hold for your child.

Can these please be returned to the office as soon as possible with any amendments, changes, additions to medical conditions etc.

Please ask the office if you require a new form for your child. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sports News

Congratulations to our football team on winning 5-4 in a very good match against Countess Anne this week.

Well done to our girls team on getting through to the next round of the Indoor Athletics tournament. After a commendable effort, they came in 4th place.

Coming up we have 2 new Bronze Ambassador and 2 Health Champions for training at Sir Fred's later this month. We also have Tri Golf, Mini Red Tennis, Football, Rugby, Gym and Dance, Quick Sticks, Turbo Cricket and District Sports—all to come!

ACADEMIC YEAR — 2017/2018

Spring Term 2017

5th January - 31st March
Half term - 13th-20th February

Summer Term 2017

18th April - 24th July
Half term - 29th May-2nd June
Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May

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

Nursery Applications – Reminder

Applications for nursery places for children to start in September 2017 opened online on Monday 6th February 2017 and closes on Friday, 17th March 2017. Open dates for nursery visits are shown on our website.