



Oak View Primary and Nursery School

Dear Parents

It has been a very busy term and soon the children will be celebrating Christmas with you. I am looking forward to watching our young ones perform and sing in harmony; please ensure you have the dates in your diary (please see over-leaf). Key stage 2 will be performing at the church with limited seating, therefore unfortunately once the information is sent out it will be first come first served.

I hope the recent Parent Consultation meetings left you clear in the knowledge of the skills your child has achieved this term and the next steps in their learning. It is important we work together for the children to attain National expectations and above in all subjects. At the beginning of the Spring term, parent workshops will start again to support you to help your child and to get a better understanding of what's happening in school around areas such as the curriculum and assessment.

In the library, during parent consultation meetings, members of the governing body were engaging with the parent community. We need three new parent governors to join us in the new year, or as soon as possible. If you would like to find out what the position entails, please contact the Chair of Governors, Mrs Anne Clarke, through the office.

There will be no Christmas fete this year, instead we are having a Children's enterprise afternoon on the 14th December, 2.15 — 4.00pm. The children are presently making goods to sell for a profit to parents and friends of Oak View. Each class have been given a loan to purchase necessary resources. The money raised collectively will be used to buy educational goods to send abroad as part of the School Council Global Sustainability 2020 focus.

Sadly, Nicki Walker, is no longer a member of the PTA, and we are now in limbo with no membership or activity. The children loved the provision the PTA organised and, even more so, it was parents at the helm. I have to say, members of the School Council are already asking about OAKFEST and KS2 have asked about a Christmas disco. We need your help! if you have the skills and wish to make a difference, please see a member of the office staff.

Each year, the Children — through the School Council — identify a charity to support. We have recently supported Children in Need for which we raised £325.10 — so a big thank you to everyone. In addition, as mentioned above, the Enterprise afternoon is organised to support schools abroad. I would also like to thank you all for the dress-down donations which raised £303.90 and which has been used towards the purchase of a defibrillator for use in school.

This just leaves me to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing all the children back in School on Thursday, 5th January, refreshed and ready to start a brand new year.

ATTENDANCE

Absence and late arrival to School continue to be an issue at Oak View! Persistent absenteeism means our figures are too low at 93.99% overall and which remains unacceptable. Too many of our children who are absent are also underachieving. An attendance achievement raffle will be held just before the end of term for those pupils who have attended regularly over the past year.

ATTENDANCE REALLY MATTERS!

Be here every day, all day!

Target 95% - 96% by February half-term

DIARY DATES



Autumn Term 2016

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| 5th Dec | Flu Immunisation Y1-Y3 |
| 6th Dec | Yr 3 Celtic Harmony Trip |
| 8th Dec | 2.30pm – Reception Christmas Songs |
| 8th Dec | 9:00 am – Y3 Renoir Class Assembly |
| 9th Dec | 9:00 am – Y3 Tissot Class Assembly |
| 13th Dec | Yr 6 British Aerospace Trip |
| 13th Dec | 6pm–Hatfield Schools Christmas Concert at Onslow St. Audrey's School |
| 14th Dec | 2.15-4pm – Enterprise Afternoon |
| 15th Dec | 11.00am – Nursery Christmas Songs |
| 15th Dec | 6pm – KS1 Christmas Performance |
| 16th Dec | 9.30am – KS1 Christmas Performance |
| 19th Dec | 1.30pm – Reception Christmas Party |
| 19th Dec | 3.15-4.30pm–KS1 Christmas Party |
| 19th Dec | 5pm-7pm – KS2 Christmas Disco |
| 20th Dec | KS2 Carol Concert at Oxlease Church (letter to follow) |
| 21st Dec | Class Parties and Christmas Lunch - Non-uniform/Dress down |
| 21st Dec | 1:30 pm Term Ends |

Spring Term 2017

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| 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

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| 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 – Reminder to return

We recently sent home data collection sheets containing the information we currently hold for your child.

Can we please have these back to the office as soon as possible with any amendments, changes, additions to medical conditions etc. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

1. Please remember children should wear shoes, not boots, in school
2. Earrings should be studs only
3. Please use the path around the car park and avoid walking through

MENTORING / HOMEWORK CLUB

The school has set up a mentoring programme whereby pupils identified a member of the staff of their choice to be their mentor. The staff member will spend 10 minutes each week talking about any issues pertinent to the child.

The school previously had a homework club which was poorly attended and not consistent. However, we will see about reinstating a new one in 2017.

FLU VACCINATION REMINDER

Y1–Y3 Flu Immunisation
9.30am 5th December 2016

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