



Oak View Primary and Nursery School

Dear Parents

The Summer term is busy with lots of sporting events, school trips, visitors to the school and next week we will be celebrating Children's Week. This year the children have planned their learning facilitated by the teachers. In addition, there will be filming of a whole school dance event on Thursday 25 May, working in partnership with Living the Dream, choreographed by Zoe Jackson (for an idea of what we will be doing please take a look at the YouTube video of Old Park Primary School, Telford). We are looking forward to this as it includes all the adults and children in school and this film will be added to our website for you to see.

Please note that all children will be included in this activity unless you advise your class teacher that you do not want your child to be included.

A big thank you to all the Year 6 staff who supported our Year 6 pupils with any anxiety they had while sitting their SATs papers. It is always a pressured time as the children set their standard and want to do well. Year 6, I hope you have fulfilled your potential when the results are released in July.

As a good follow-up, more than 30 pupils in Year 6 will be off to the annual Year 6 residential. The trip will be a fantastic experience. I am always impressed with how they mature during the few days they are away.

With this newsletter we are also sending home the results from our recent Parent Questionnaire.

Next week parents will receive an invite to attend our 'Let's improve together' evening at Oak View with the Governing Body and the Senior Leadership Team (7th June 6-7.30 pm). We invite you to an informal evening (refreshments provided) to discuss the following topics:

- Growth mindset
- Behaviour / welfare and attendance
- Curriculum
- Assessment
- and to review next steps to improve the quality of provision at Oak View.

We hope you will be able to join us at this event.

Every Primary School in Hertfordshire ranked from best to worst

<http://www.hertfordshiremercury.co.uk/every-hertfordshire-primary-school-ranked-from-best-to-worst/story-30319787-details/story.html>

Where is Oak View?

We are ranked 104 out of 346 Primary Schools in Hertfordshire and 3,126 out of 14,459 nationally.

Where are we ranked against Hatfield Schools?

We are third—coming behind Green Lanes and The Ryde.

Why are we not higher?

Attendance received a score of 1.

Absence at Oak View is a significant barrier to learning for those children who are persistent absentees. Overall attendance school figures are 93-94%. Ofsted report that 95% is only satisfactory.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to achieve this figure as we have parents extending statutory holidays, and families returning home for business or family reasons which affect overall attendance.

We are judged on attendance. Our tracking identifies that the children who underperform at Oak View are poor attendees or consistently arrive late in the morning. We want to give every child the best chance in life for the future. However, for a child to succeed it needs the whole community to work together consistently. In the Home School Partnership parents and carers along with the school sign an agreement to work in the best interest of each child at Oak View. For more information regarding attendance please ensure that you read the attendance pamphlet that was recently sent out.

DIARY DATES



Summer Term 2017

22-26 May	Children's Week
29 May-2 Jun	Summer Half Term - School Closed
7 June	Class Photographs
7 June	6-7.30 pm 'Let's Improve Together'
8 June	9 am—Picasso Class Assembly
9 June	9 am—Seurat Class Assembly
9-12th June	Yr 6 PGL trip
13 June	Hatfield Summer Games
13 June	Y6—Crucial Crew Event
13-15 June	Early Years Exhibition
13 June	4-5.30 pm—New Parents Evening
15 June	9 am—Monet Class Assembly
16 June	9 am—Turner Class Assembly
19th June	Inset Day 4 (school closed)
21 June	District Sports
22 June	9 am—Renoir Class Assembly
23 June	9 am—Tissot Class Assembly
23 June	Y6—Knex Challenge
27 June	Children's University Graduation
29 June	9 am—Matisse Class Assembly
30 June	9 am—Kandinsky Class Assembly
6 July	Sports Day
7 July	9 am—Goldsworthy Class Assembly
7 July	5-8 pm—OakFest
10 July	am—Class Transition
11 July	pm—Class Transition
12 July	Y6 Production—1.45 pm & 6.30 pm
13 July	Class Transition (all day)
14 July	Reports sent home
14 July	Y5—Gold Coast Games
17 July	pm—Choir to Jim McDonald Centre
18 July	6 pm—Choir Performance
21 July	am—Y6 Farewell Assembly
21st July	1:30 pm Term Ends
24th July	Inset Day 5 (school closed)

Autumn Term 2017

30 Aug	Occasional Day—School Closed
31 Aug	Occasional Day—School Closed
1 Sept	Occasional Day—School Closed
4 Sept	Inset Day—School Closed
5 Sept	Children return to school
23-27 Oct	Autumn Half Term—School Closed
24 Nov	Occasional Day—School Closed
19 Dec	1.30 pm—Term Ends

Spring Term 2018

3 Jan	Inset Day—School Closed
4 Jan	Children return to school
12-16 Feb	Spring Half Term - School Closed
28 Mar	1.30 pm Term Ends
29 Mar	Inset Day—School Closed

Summer Term 2018

16 Apr	Term Starts
7 May	May Bank Holiday
28 May-1 June	Summer Half Term - School Closed
11 June	Inset Day - School Closed
12 June	Inset Day - School Closed
25 July	1:30 pm Term Ends
26 July	Occasional Day - School Closed
27 July	Occasional Day - School Closed

Collection of Children

May we please remind all parents and carers that it is School policy for all children at Oak View to be collected at the end of the School day by someone who has been authorised to collect a child and who is over 16 years of age. Year 5 and 6 children may go home alone only if the School has written permission.

Sports News

Congratulations to Oak View pupils who came third place in the recent KS1 gymnastics competition. Well done.

The Children's University Graduation

Date for your diary—Tuesday 27th June at Oaklands College, St Albans Campus.
Letter with further details, including ticket orders and timings, to follow shortly.

ACADEMIC YEAR — 2017/2018

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