



Spring Term - Sunshine & Smiles

I hope you are all well. It's been really nice seeing the school running normally again moving into spring and I am pleased to share that school attendance is slowly rising, with less children being absent due to illness. Pupils are again taking part in out of school sporting activities, dance competitions and school trips. These experiences are so vital to a child's school life and something that Oak View will strive to increase over the coming year.

Parents evening has been taking place this week. Thank you to everyone who has attended. The focus was upon attainment and it was great to receive feedback from parents about the successes of their children.

Covid Update

From Thursday, 24 February 2022, the legal requirement to self-isolate and stay at home following a positive test was removed.

The current advice is that pupils and staff who now test positive **SHOULD** stay home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have 2 negative test results on consecutive days. Close contacts, who are fully vaccinated, and those under 18 years old, no longer need to test daily for 7 days.

If your child is showing signs of one of the following symptoms, then the advice is that you **SHOULD** keep them off school and test them:

- a temperature;
- a new or continuous cough;
- a loss of taste or smell;

If you receive a positive test, would you please continue to report this information to the school office.

Please remember that if your child is not well enough to attend school then you should keep them at home.

For the remainder of this term many of our systems will remain in place (the one-way system, the soft start, children operating in phases and on-line learning for those who are self-isolating but who are well enough to work at home). Hygiene procedures within the school will also remain high.

Traffic outside school

Over the last 2 months the number of complaints / incidents involving traffic on Woods Avenue has significantly increased.

We appreciate there are other schools on this road, which results in significant congestion.

Please can I request your consideration when parking, the speed you drive and awareness of children walking home, both on Woods Avenue and also in the adjacent car park.

Important reminder - Allergies

If you are sending your child to school with a home packed lunch, please make sure that these do **NOT** include any **nuts or nut products** e.g Nutella and peanut butter or any **shellfish** e.g prawns.

We have children and staff within the school who have severe allergies.





Healthy Me



This half term the children across the school will be learning about being healthy as part of their PSHE lessons. In KS1 the children will be learning about the 5 core ingredients of Being Healthy, Exercise, Eating Healthy, Drinking water, Keeping Clean and making sure they Sleep and Rest. Please try and include these 5 ingredients into your child's day.

In KS2 the children will be developing further knowledge of the 5 ingredients, but also learning about negative behaviours linked to a healthy lifestyle. They will be learning about the negative effects of alcohol and nicotine etc.



From the Office

Dinner Money - For children in KS2, the cost of dinners is currently £2.70 per day (£13.50 per week). Payments should be made through the School Gateway and should be paid for in advance of meals being taken.

Allocation days - Allocation day for Nursery is 18th March and Reception is 19th April.

Please make sure that you have notifications for the School Gateway switched on, or that you check the app on a daily basis. The school tries hard to maintain good communication.

If you have changed your mobile number or email address, please make sure you inform us so we can update our records.

Water Aid Fundraiser

Our Year 6 classes completed a number of activities and raised £104.61 for Water Aid. Well done to everyone involved.

PE Days

On the day your child's class has their PE sessions, please can you ensure they are wearing PE uniform. This includes:

- Plain, dark jogging bottoms
- Black leggings or school PE shorts
- White t-shirt
- School sweatshirt or cardigan
- Trainers

After School Clubs

We will be running some after school clubs when we return from the Easter holiday. Spaces are limited so please make sure you check your emails and the School Gateway app so your child does not miss out.

Diary Dates

Monday 14th March

Great Big Dance off competition @ The Gordon Craig Theatre
Y4 Greek Workshop
Red Nose Day - Wear something Red - £1 donation

Thursday 17th March

Friday 18th March

Term ends 1pm
Inset Day
(School Closed)
Term starts

Friday 1st April

Tues 19th April

Weds 20th April



World Book Day Celebrations 2022

On Friday 4th March, the whole school celebrated World Book Day (albeit a day late). The children and staff all made a huge effort with their costumes and there was a great atmosphere in our school as we celebrated books and reading for pleasure.

Year 5 and Year 6 shared books and read to the younger children. 'Golden Tickets' were handed out throughout the day to children who had made a special effort with their costumes. They could then choose a book as a prize. In one of our assemblies, the children guessed the title of a book from listening to the first page. Some classes held a 'book swap'. Each class explored the picture book 'The day the Crayons Quit' and we have lots of creative pieces of art and writing to assemble a whole school display linking to this book. It was a lovely day and we all enjoyed ending a busy week in this way. Thank you all for joining in the fun.



