



It has been great seeing you all return with big smiles and ready for the new school year ahead. It sounds like you all have had a great summer, with lots of adventures and fun times.

I would like to welcome our new families to Oak View and I hope the children in Reception and Nursery have had a positive start with us. I am on the gate most mornings and look forward to getting to know you over the year ahead.

The children have settled well into their new classes and are showing a good enthusiasm for learning. This week the Year 6 are off on their residential, Year 4 start swimming lessons and Year 3 are walking to Hatfield for a local visit. We will continue to grow our curriculum this year and try to ensure pupil experiences are core to learning

Have a good week

Mr Richardson

### Book Exchange

Oak View's new Book Exchange is available to all children and parents. To encourage reading for pleasure, we have a selection of books that are FREE to any Oak View pupil who would like to take one home. You do not have to donate a book to take a book. We are hopeful that books will be shared throughout the community and will be grateful for any used book donations to keep it running. The Book Exchange is inside the foyer beside the office. Please do have a look and support it the next time you visit.



### Mini London Marathon

After the great success of last year's event, all children will be taking part again this year in the week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

The children will run a distance of 2.6 miles and receive a certificate at the end.

The parent support last year for raising money for the school mini bus was amazing and again we are going to try and raise funds for this school project.

Further details will follow in a letter with a sponsorship form attached.



### Important allergy information

Please note that we have some children and adults in school who have life threatening allergies.

Please **do not include nuts or nut based products** (i.e Nutella, peanut butter) and **shellfish** for either lunch or snack time.

Please make sure you check labels for hidden ingredients.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Peanut butter



Nutella



Shellfish



Nuts

### Swimming

Over the coming month Year 4 will be going swimming every afternoon for 2 weeks, as part of the school curriculum. The aim is for every child to become confident in the water, gain a life skill and hopefully achieve their 25m certificate.



### Glass Bottles

We have had a number of children bringing glass bottles into school which are dangerous. Please only send children in with plastic bottles. Thank you.



### Road Safety

Unfortunately again at the start of term the traffic congestion outside of school is a concern for the children's safety on a morning and afternoon.

Please ensure you try to park in a sensible location and when crossing the road your children are with you and not running.

We will be sending out a parent questionnaire this week to try and support our ongoing discussions with the highway agency to make changes on Woods Avenue.

Please keep safe

### Values - Kindness

This half term the school value is Kindness, which will be a high focus through our learning, assemblies, playtimes etc. We would like our children to understand how kindness can make a difference to a person's day.

Please reinforce this at home and if your child demonstrates our value out of school please let me know on the school gate.



### School photographs

The school photographer will be visiting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September for individual and sibling photographs. Please make sure your child is dressed in full and correct uniform on this day.

### Open Afternoon

Following on from the success of last year's open afternoons, our next one will be taking place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

### Scooters and bikes

Despite repeated requests not to ride scooters and bikes within the school grounds, this is still happening.

We have had several incidents where people have been injured because of scooters and bikes being ridden around school.

Please dismount from your scooter or bike before entering the school gates and walk them round.

Thank you

### Holiday requests

At present I am having more and more families requesting holidays, leave to return home for an event or taking time for extended weekends.

Due to the Covid situation this has been very hard to manage, but now that life has returned to normal, by LAW, pupils cannot have time off school for holidays.

All requests will be declined this term and starting from September 2023 if any child is absent for 15 or more sessions their parents/guardians are at risk of being fined for this absence by school by the Local Authority.

I will send full details later this term.



## From the Office .....

**Attendance** - If your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school office before 9.30am.

**Lateness** - We are still having a number of late arrivals in the mornings. Please try to get your child in school by 8.50am and collect at 3.10pm KS1 & 3.15pm KS2

**Communication** - Please make sure that all of your contact details are up to date and we have the correct ones on your child's records. It is important so we can keep you up to date.

### School Admissions Dates -

Secondary	Open 1/9/23	Close 31/10/23
Primary	Open 1/11/23	Close 15/1/24
Nursery	Open 1/11/23	Close 15/1/24

More information can be found on the [HCC website](#) for Secondary and Primary admissions. Nursery application forms will be available from the school website.

## Dinner Money

Please could you continue to order your child's meals via the School Grid website. If you are still having trouble logging in, please contact the school office.

**We would like to remind you that school meals should be paid for in advance to avoid debts occurring.** Meal prices are currently £3.15 for KS2 children and 2.53 for Nursery.

If you believe that you may be entitled to free school meals, please apply using the following link. <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx> If successful please inform the office

## School uniform reminder

Girls - Purple and white gingham dress or a black/charcoal grey skirt/trousers/culottes and white polo shirt. Black shoes should be worn - No sandals/open toe shoes

Boys - Black/Charcoal grey trousers or shorts with a white polo shirt. Black shoes - No trainers



## Diary Dates

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y4 Matisse - Swimming
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept - Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Y6 Trecko residential trip
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Individual school photographs
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Kapla building workshops Y1-6
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y6 Visit to St Etheldreda's Church
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct - Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y4 Kandinsky - Swimming
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct - Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Open afternoon
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Autumn Half Term - School Closed
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Flu vaccination Day
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Occasional Day - School Closed to Pupils
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Term Ends 1pm

## Term Dates - 2023-2024

### Autumn Term 2023

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Half Term - School Closed
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Occasional Day - School Closed to Pupils
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Term ends 1pm

### Spring Term 2024

Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Term Starts
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Spring Half Term - School Closed
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Term ends - 1pm

### Summer Term 2024

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Summer Half Term - School Closed
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Term ends - 1pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils