



## Inset Day - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

### School closed for pupils



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 Year 3 are off to a local quarry and in the next couple of weeks Year 6 will be on their residential adventure. We will continue to grow our curriculum this year and try to ensure pupil experiences are core to learning.

Finally, I would like to say congratulations to Miss Karis Robinson (Seurat Class Parent) who was elected as Parent Governor this week.

Mr Richardson

### 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.



### Meal Orders - School Grid

We still have a lot of parents who are not using School Grid to pre order their children's meals. You can book your child's meal for weeks in advance and by choosing at home, you can make sure your child orders something they will like. You can order at home until 8.30am on the day. If you do not order in advance, your child may not get the meal they would like.

**We would like to remind you that school meals should be paid for in advance to avoid debts occurring.** Meal prices are currently £3.30 for KS2 children and £2.53 for Nursery.

If you have any problems logging in, please contact the office.

<https://schoolgrid.co.uk/>

## Open Afternoon

On **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**, the school is holding an open afternoon from 3.15pm- 3.40pm. Parents are invited into class to see the work their child has been completing for the half term. The aim is for the children to share and talk about what they have learnt and be able to showcase the pieces of work they are proud of.

Teachers will not be in class, as this is a child focused event, but parents will have an opportunity to talk to teachers at the upcoming parents evening in November.

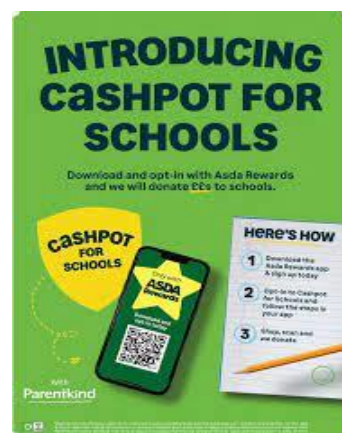
## Book Exchange

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.



## Asda cashpot for schools

Asda has started a scheme where they will donate money to our school every time you shop. All you need to do is use your Asda rewards app in store and they will donate a percentage of your spend to us! Signing up is easy. Please see the picture below for more details.



## ★ ★ Oak View Stars ★ ★

If your child has achieved something outside of school that you are proud of and would like featured on the newsletter, please send in some photos and a few sentences about them to:-

[admin@oakview.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oakview.herts.sch.uk)

We will try our best to feature as many of them as we can.

## National Coding Week

On 18<sup>th</sup> September, Year 6 pupils joined the Barclays Digital Eagles and Money Mentors events to celebrate the National Coding Week. Year 6 pupils designed their own shark game using Scratch and coding techniques. They loved the challenge and learnt many new skills including recording their sounds and adding it to their project. We will be booking more of these events in the future to improve their coding skills.



## Harvest festival

To start off the Harvest Festival, we had Open The Book come to Oak View to deliver special assemblies to the children. They acted out the origins of the Harvest story and told us about the reasons why we still celebrate it today.

Children were asked to become key characters and act out their roles. They were excellent - well done!

We are collecting non-perishable goods for the Hatfield Foodbank from Mon 30<sup>th</sup> September. If you are able to make a donation, please send them in with the children as each class has a collection box.



## After school clubs

After school clubs have made a good start and the children have been enjoying them. Year 6 have embraced their Drama class while Year 3 Art & Science club have had fun being creative.





### Y5 trip to Essex County Cricket Club

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, some of our Year 5 children had the opportunity to go on an aspirational trip and watch a professional cricket match. We went to The Cloud Stadium in Chelmsford and watched the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the 4 day match, Essex vs Nottinghamshire. We were lucky enough to be let onto the pitch during the lunch break and had the privilege of meeting professional cricketer Mackenzie Jones.



### Karate demonstration

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, we were visited by 2 instructors from Lee Valley karate club. They gave the children a demonstration of their karate skills and spoke about how karate was a martial art as well as a sport. They provided knowledge of what karate is and how it can progress into the sports side too. A few children were selected to try the technique on a focus pad. Everyone enjoyed the assembly and Years 3-6 were sent a flyer giving each child the opportunity to try karate for one month free.



### Important allergy information

Despite our reminders and posters around school, we are still seeing children bringing in nuts or nut-based products into school.

We have 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



Nuts



Shellfish

### 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.

Please keep safe.

### 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



### 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 2/9/24	Close 31/10/24
Primary	Open 1/11/24	Close 15/1/25
Nursery	Open 1/11/24	Close 15/1/25

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

### 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.

The local authority have very clear guidelines that schools can not authorise holiday absences.

All requests will be declined this term and starting from September 2024 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.

### 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

Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Y3 Quarry Trip
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu immunisations
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Andrew Lewin MP visit
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Inset Day - School closed to pupils
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 Residential trip to Carroty Wood
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Open afternoon
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Y3 Quarry Trip
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Break for Half term
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children return to school
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3 trip to St Albans Cathedral
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3 trip to St Albans Cathedral
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evening
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Occasional Day - School closed to pupils
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Term ends - 1pm

## Term Dates - 2024-2025

### Autumn Term 2024

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Autumn Half Term - School Closed
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional Day - School Closed to Pupils
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Term ends 1pm

### Spring Term 2024

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Term Starts
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Spring Half Term - School Closed
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Term ends - 1pm

### Summer Term 2024

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Term Starts
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Half Term - School Closed
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Term ends - 1pm