



Inset Day - Monday 20th June - School Closed



Jubilee Celebrations at Oak View



On Wednesday 25th May, the whole school celebrated the Jubilee on our school field. Year 6 spoke about the history of the 70 years that the Queen has been on the throne. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 & 2 sang the National Anthem. Year 3 & 4 sang Gary Barlow's Sing, which he wrote for the last Jubilee and Year 5 & 6 sang Jerusalem. The celebrations ended with the whole school singing the National Anthem followed by an ice cream. Even Bella enjoyed a treat!

Celebrations continued into the following day when we walked to Hatfield House for a picnic. The children enjoyed nature walks and other activities around the grounds. They all sat down for a Jubilee picnic and continued the fun by playing games. We had a fantastic day and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces. It certainly was a day to remember and a lot of memories were made.

A huge thank you to Mrs Wan for organising all of these festivities and making the Jubilee celebration an amazing event in our school calendar!

Wednesday 25th May - Oak View School





Thursday 26th May - Hatfield House



Sports Day

Sports Day will be taking place over 2 days this year - Tuesday 28th June and Wednesday 29th June. The dates and times are as follows:-

Nursery and Reception - Tuesday 28th June 9.15am - 11.15am

Years 1 & 2 - Tuesday 28th June 1.00pm - 3.15pm

Years 3 & 4 - Wednesday 29th June 9.15am - 11.45am

Years 5 & 6 - Wednesday 29th June 1.00pm - 3.15pm

As Covid restrictions have now been relaxed, we are happy to announce that parents will be allowed to attend this year.

More details on this day will be shared in a separate letter.



Wellbeing Experiences

As you are aware, the Pandemic has had an effect on many children's wellbeing and mental health. We have been trying to give the children some positive experiences as something for them to look forward to.

The Saracens Rugby Club recently visited the school to give Year 3 the opportunity to experience wheelchair rugby. The children learnt how to use the chairs safely, manoeuvre, pass the balls and develop some chair skills.

Both classes thoroughly enjoyed the experience as you can see from the pictures below.



Congratulations Mrs Davis, MBE

We received some fantastic news recently week that our former Head Teacher, Mrs Davis, has been awarded an MBE for her Services to Education.

I'm sure you will all want to join us in sending her a huge congratulations from the Oak View Community.

Congratulations!



Sports slam

In May, Year 2 Turner took part in a sports slam event organised by Ms Hagger. The children were given the opportunity to discover lots of new sports in a fun and fast way.



Pupil Reports

Presently the teachers are working very hard to complete end of year reports for the children.

The reports will be sent home on Wednesday 20th July in paper copy

The report will focus on your child's attainment in the core subjects, Reading, Writing, Maths and Science.

The teacher will share your child's successes for the year, but also be honest about their attitude/behaviour to learning.

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 in September 2022 any child who is absent for 15 or more sessions parents/guardians are at risk of being fined for this absence from school by the Local Authority.

I will send full details later this term.



Why should I apply?

What are the potential benefits for my child?

- ◆ Learning mentor
- ◆ Reading Club membership
- ◆ Contributions towards school uniform and after- school clubs
- ◆ Contributions to Breakfast Club/ After School Club fees
- ◆ Extra support/challenge with learning
- ◆ English & math workbooks provided
- ◆ Loan of school laptop to support home learning

Other benefits:

- ◇ Support with raising attendance
- ◇ Social and emotional support

What are the benefits for our school?

School receives additional funding based on the number of pupils registered as FSM. This contributes to staff training, additional staffing and various support packages and is nationally known as Pupil Premium Funding.

What if my child doesn't want others to know?

Other pupils will not know which families are being supported or which children are eligible. Staff will of course be sensitive and provide anonymity for pupils.

How can I apply?

Universal Free School Meals for Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and Pupil Premium Funding

The Government currently provide free school meals for children if they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

If you receive any of the benefits listed below then our school could also receive additional funding to help children achieve more - this is called **Pupil Premium**. It takes **5 minutes** to register and in most cases HCC can tell you straightaway if your child can get free meals and milk at school. You will need to have your National Insurance number or Home Office number to hand when you apply. Please apply using the link below

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get). This includes those who had free school meals whilst on Universal Credit before 1st April 2018 even if earnings are above that £7400 figure.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until March 2023, or until they finish their current phase of schooling (primary or secondary), if that's after March 2023.



Lateness

We are still having a number of children who are arriving late to school. Although there has been a small improvement, we still have an unacceptable number of children arriving late. This can have a detrimental effect to their learning if they are continuously late.

If you have specific difficulties that are causing persistent lateness please see myself or speak to the school office. We may be able to offer help, advice or support.

All children should be in school before the gate shuts at 8.55am. Please endeavour to be in school on time and give your child the positive start of the day they require.

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

Summer School Uniform reminder

Purple and white summer dresses OR Black/charcoal grey skirt or trousers/smart shorts and white polo shirt. Black shoes only. **NO open toed sandals, trainers or boots**

SUNCREAM/HATS - Please apply suncream on your child before they come to school. Please do **NOT** send suncream in with your child as we are unable to apply it to them during the school day. Please also make sure they have a sunhat to wear at break times.



Water Bottles

With the weather now changing, please ensure ALL children have a water bottle in school. It is important they keep hydrated and healthy during this time.



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From the Office

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

School Meals - From Monday 27th June 2022, we will be using a new interactive ordering and payment system for school meals called SchoolGrid. All Parents/Carers **must** create an account if your child has a school meal. You should have received a welcome email earlier this week from SchoolGrid with login details and account information. Please inform the school office if you have not received this email.



Diary Dates

Mon 20 th Jun	Inset Day (School closed)
Weds 22 nd Jun	Ark Farm visit for EYFS & Year 1
	District Sports Competition
Tues 28 th June	EYFS Sports Day (AM) KS1 Sports Day (PM)
Weds 29 th June	Y3 & 4 Sports Day (AM) Y5 & 6 Sports Day (PM)
Weds 20 th July	School reports sent home to Parents
Fri 22 nd July	Year 6 leavers assembly/morning - Finish at 11.30am
	Term ends 1pm for the rest of the school

Term Dates - 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

Thu 1st September	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Fri 2nd September	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Mon 5th September	Term Starts
Mon 24th - Fri 28th October	Autumn Half Term - School Closed
Fri 2nd December	Occasional Day - School Closed to Pupils
Wed 21st December, 1:00pm	Term Ends

Spring Term 2023

Thu 5th January	Term Starts
Fri 27th January	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Mon 13th - Fri 17th February	Spring Half Term - School Closed
Mon 13th March	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Fri 31st March, 1:00pm	Term Ends

Summer Term 2023

Mon 17th April	Term Starts
Mon 1st May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd June	Summer Half Term - School Closed
Fri 23rd June	Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
Fri 21st July, 1:00pm	Term Ends