



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to everyone and I hope you all had a relaxing, enjoyable summer. Term has started very well and I would like to say 'welcome' to our new families. The children have settled in really well and made a positive start.

Following on from the past parent survey, we are making a conscious effort not to overwhelm you with messages in your inbox. I will continue to send a newsletter fortnightly and we will be using our website too for more communications.

With best wishes,  
Hannah O'Neill



### NEW TERM DATES 2019/2020

#### Autumn Term 2019

**Inset Day:** Tuesday 3 September  
**Children start of term:** Wednesday 4 September  
**Inset Day:** Friday 25 October  
**Half term:** 28 October to 1 November  
**End of term:** Friday 20 December

#### Spring Term 2020

**Inset day:** Monday 6 January  
**Start of term:** Tuesday 7 January  
**Half term:** 17 to 21 February  
**End of term:** Friday 3 April

#### Summer Term 2020

**Start of term:** Monday 20 April  
**Possible election Day:** Thursday 7 May  
**VE Bank holiday:** Friday 8 May  
**Half term:** 25 to 29 May  
**End of term:** Friday 17 July  
**Inset Days:** Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 July

### REGISTRATION FORMS

Please could you return your year 1 and 2 registration forms to the office as soon as possible. We can then make sure that we have the most up to date details.

### WEBSITE

Please check the school website for any missed letters and local community notices.

### CLOTHES LABELLING

Please could you name label all of your child's clothing. If an item has been bought second hand please could you cross out the old name and re write the new name. This ensures that we return all lost property to the right child.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year our harvest festival will be on Friday **4 October at 9am**. Items most needed for the Foodbank are: Tinned potatoes, sponge puddings, cartons of juice, squash, bars of soap, men's toiletries, custard, kitchen roll, hand wash/ Anti-bac, adult toothpaste and shower gel.

If you have any feedback about our newsletter please email [admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk)

## DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2019

**Please note some times have changed. Please keep this somewhere safe.**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 20 September	All day	Jeans for Genes Day
Thursday 26 September	7 – 8:30pm	Parents' Information Evening
Friday 27 September	6pm	PTA open air cinema 'The Greatest Showman'
Friday 4 October	9am	Harvest Festival in school hall. Parents welcome.
Friday 4 October	4.30 – 5.30pm 6 – 7.30pm	PTA Infant Disco PTA Junior Disco
Monday 14 October	AM	Individual school photos
Thursday 17 October	9am	Elm class assembly
Thursday 17 October	7-10pm	PTA Fashion swap at Junior School
Wednesday 23 October	8:40am-9am	Elm and Beech Celebration of Learning
Wednesday 23 October	2:50pm	Chestnut and Silver Birch Celebration of Learning
Friday 25 October	All day	School Closed – INSET day
<b>MONDAY 28 OCTOBER – FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER (SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM)</b>		
Saturday 9 November	5:30pm	PTA Fireworks
Monday 11 November	3.30 – 6pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 14 November	3.30 – 7pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 15 November	All day	Children in Need
Monday 18 – 22 November	12pm	Year 1 parents to lunch week
Thursday 21 November	9am	Beech class assembly
Monday 25 November	All day	Whole school Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 10 December	2pm	Christmas Play
Wednesday 11 December	9am	Christmas Play
Friday 13 December	After school	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 16 December	10am	Carol Service at St John's Church
Thursday 19 December	All day	Christmas jumpers and Christmas lunch
<b>Friday 20 December</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Break up</b>



### JEANS FOR GENES DAY

On Friday 20 September it is 'Jeans for Genes' day, which the infants and juniors will both be supporting. We would like to encourage everyone to wear jeans and make a donation of £1; the money raised will go towards supporting children with life-altering genetic disorders.

### REMINDERS

- Please can all parents/ carers talk through the lunch menus with the children so they know what to expect. The sandwich choice is very popular. So please be aware that your child may not be eating a hot dinner.
- Monday assembly is when we celebrate birthdays and achievements. If the children have received a certificate or medal outside of school, they can bring it in and share with the rest of the school what they have done.
- Please can you remove earrings on the days the children have PE. Otherwise, children will be asked to either remove them or cover with tape.

### THANK YOU TO MR GOOCH

A BIG thank you to Mr Gooch for coming in to school over the holidays to repair some of our classroom toilets. If any parents/ carers have any skills or expertise that you could offer the school, please get in touch with the office.

### FOUNDATION STAGE NEW FENCE

As you will have seen, we have a new fence around the FS outside area, which looks great. However, the old fence was propping up the shed and this is now falling down. We would love to have a new one so if you know of anyone we could approach to help us with this, please let us know.

### LUNCHTIME TOY DONATIONS

If anyone has any of the following toys that are no longer needed and that our children could play with at lunchtime we would be very grateful. Small cars, Barbie's and plastic animals.

### PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

On Thursday 26 September between 7.00 – 8.30pm we will be holding a Parent Information Evening. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and see your child's classroom.

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS BUNCE

If you don't know already, I am Mrs Bunce and I try to help children get any extra help and support they might need to make learning a positive and happy experience. If your child seems to be having any difficulties with their learning, whatever the cause, their class teacher is the first point of call. However, if more assistance is needed or you are still concerned, you can make an appointment to come a talk to me. Please phone or pop into the office to arrange a convenient time. Our website has information that may help you too.



### CENSUS DAY

Please note that Census Day will be on Thursday 3 October 2019, when dinner will be fish and chips and Friday 4 October 2019 will be Spaghetti Bolognese. A high uptake of school dinners is important as the numbers are used to inform the school meal funding from central government.

## PARKING

Please do not drive into the school grounds, especially at the beginning and end of the school day. The police have agreed that the most satisfactory way for parents to park cars along Ellis Road when bringing or collecting children is as follows:-



Park on the *school side* of Ellis Road in the morning when depositing the children

Park on the *opposite side* when collecting them after school

It is vitally important that the zigzag area is left clear in the morning and that parents collecting their children in the afternoon leave their cars in order to escort their children across the road. Furthermore, cars should not be parked opposite the zigzag lines in the evening. It is felt, however, that a complete satisfactory arrangement will never be arrived at because there are just too many cars in that small stretch of road. The situation could be relieved somewhat if the children were brought by car only when really necessary.

## SUMMER READING SPACE CHALLENGE

Summer Reading Challenge – Space Chase will be finishing on Sunday September 15 at all Wokingham Borough Libraries.

Around 2000 children in Wokingham area have taken part throughout the summer in the reading challenge. If they have completed the challenge they will receive a medal and certificate at school at a later date. If you haven't done so already please complete the challenge at: <https://wp.me/p5mHbU-46e>

## EARLY FINISH 20 DECEMBER 2019

Please note that our last day of the term on the  
**20 DECEMBER 2019** we will finish school at:

**1:30pm**

The governing body is a committee that is in place to steer the school's strategic direction and to make sure that the school remains accountable. If you have a concern about your child, normally it is best to speak to their teacher or Mrs O'Neill first as they know them well and will probably be able to deal with it quickly. However, do get in touch if you feel this isn't working or you have other things you wish to discuss - we are happy to hear from you! Thank you. Chris Rossiter (Chair of Governors)

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