



# Oaklands Infant School

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## Oak Tree News

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Dear Parents/Carers

Before the Easter holidays, I just wanted to touch base with you all.

The second week has now come to an end and it has continued to feel very unusual. I hope you enjoyed the lovely messages from the teachers, I know they are missing the children too. Over the last week, further learning and activity ideas have been sent home. For some of you, trying to engage the children in learning at home may become a bit of a challenge. If so, do not worry and save it for another time. We don't want to add any more stress to your households, remember you all need to be in the right mind-set, it can always wait for another day.

On Friday, I dropped some beautiful paintings by Ash class, to Pinehurst Care Home. I received a very grateful email saying how lovely they were and that they were going to make a display so all the residents could see them. As you can imagine, they are finding it very hard when they've had no family contact for over three-weeks. Some of the messages on them were to keep smiling!! As always, we are great at reaching out to our local community and I feel very proud of the children and staff that we make this a priority, even in these challenging times.



I hope you all have a lovely Easter, no doubt much chocolate will be consumed!! Even though you can't be with extended family, I am sure you are still in contact with them and they love hearing from you. We are closed over Easter but as always, you can get in touch if you need us.

Keep safe, keep well and keep in touch. Again, pass on my best wishes to the children and your families.

With best wishes,  
Hannah O'Neill





**Mentally Healthy Schools** have published a variety of resources that can be used to ensure pupil mental health and wellbeing is being maintained during this uncertain period. Below are links to those resources aimed at the parent / carer community. We hope you find them useful.

**Supporting Parents & Carers video - the Anna Freud Centre**

<https://youtu.be/ZnANLAcPRZ4>

**Self-care strategies - the Anna Freud Centre**

<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/>

**Helpful information to answer children's question about the coronavirus (Place2Be)**

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2020/march/coronavirus-information-for-children/>

**Calm Zone (Childline)**

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

**Coronavirus Comic Strip (NPR)**

<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2020/02/28/809580453/just-for-kids-a-comic-exploring-the-new-coronavirus?t=1584358951699&t=1584454700885&t=1585842214742>

**Coronavirus and your well-being (MIND)**

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/#collapse842d2>

**Tips for if you're worried about the Coronavirus (Newsround)**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51887051>

**How to cope when you can't go to school because of the Coronavirus (Newsround)**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51656718>

**PLEASE ALSO SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR HELPFUL ADVISE AND BOOKLETS.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

We would like to wish a belated birthday to: Isabelle in Ash, Phoebe in Silver Birch, Jack in Chestnut, Efren in Elm, Freddie in Ash, Harrison in Ash and Millie in Beech.

We hope you had a fun and happy day!

Over the Easter holidays we would like to wish a happy birthday to: Lilah in Beech, Amanda in Willow, Isla in Ash, Macie in Ash, Oliver in Ash, Poppy in Ash, Poppy in Silver Birch, Andrew in Silver Birch, Thea in Chestnut, Emily in Chestnut, Leo in Elm and Alice in Chestnut.

Have a wonderful day of celebration!



### CORONAVIRUS ADVICE + UPDATES

Please see the school website for all the latest Coronavirus advice.

<http://oaklandsinfants.org/>

### SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact the school if you are having any problems or need any support.

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**We're here  
to help!**

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)