



Oak Tree News

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Dear Parents / Carers

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of seeing the Harvest Festival activities happening around school. The children really enjoyed this event and I saw a variety of activities, from drawing pumpkins to singing songs to reciting poems. Thank you to you all for your very generous donations, which will be delivered to Crowthorne Foodbank.

I cannot believe how well the children have settled back into school and it feels a happy place to be learning. Recently, I have been completing school tours with prospective parents and all of them pass comments on how calm the school is and how happy the children are.

On another not, please can I ask all parents to consider how you approach staff and the manner in which you do so, whether it is via email or a conversation. I appreciate that we are living in very different times and emotions are running high but we are all human and we do need to show respect to one another. Please can I reassure that we are trying to do our best in this very difficult time.

With best wishes,
Hannah O'Neill

PTA Personal Challenge complete

Summer 2020 - Well done to Lara (SB) for helping around the house, Robin (SB) for cycling 10km, Thomas (Chestnut) for cycling 5km, Matilda (Chestnut) for learning to ride her bike, Iris (Chestnut) for reading 52 stories, Emily (Beech) for a marathon litter pick, Fletcher (Beech) for a marathon bike ride and Thea (Beech) for completing a duathlon - running and cycling. **Everyone received a certificate. Excellent job! You raised a superb £1,373 between you!**



THIS WILL RUN AGAIN OVER OCTOBER HALF TERM

Oaklands Tree: Children who have received a Goldie leaf

Ash: Amber, Hannah, Jia and Jaxon

Willow: Iris, Max, Maria and Amelia

Chestnut: Matilda, Arthur M, Ciana and Heidi

Silver Birch: Natalia, Lara, Beatrice and Poppy

Beech: Noah, Neve, Fletcher and Jack

Elm: Charlie, Luke, Hamish and Gracie



School photographs

**Please don't forget individual school photographs
on MONDAY 12 OCTOBER.**



A BIG 'Thank you'

Thank you for all your support of Census Day with the school meals. We went from 49% to 87%. This now protects our funding.

Autumn Term Dates

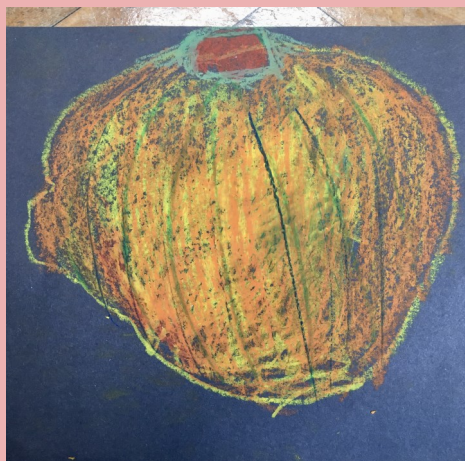
Inset Day: 23 October 2020

Half term: 26 to 30 October 2020

End of term: 18 December 2020



Harvest Festival



Thank you for all your wonderful and generous donations. The Governors are taking the items to the Food Bank in Crowthorne.

Well done Infants!

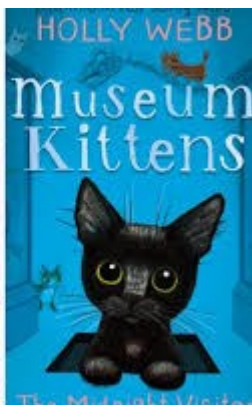
Reading News!

Over the last fortnight Wokingham library offered us the chance to meet some authors online. The children were lucky enough to have the authors read their books and ask the author some questions.



Chestnut class had the author Portia Mushambi read her story 'Who can save the Baobab tree?' The children had an interactive re-telling of the story. Will it be the elephant, rhino, buffalo, leopard or lion? With so many ideas to choose from will Tarirai's friends solve the puzzle and help save Baobab tree?

Elm class had the author Natascha Biebow read her story 'The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons'. Award-winning author Natascha Biebow shared the fascinating true story of how Crayola crayons were first invented. The children found out how Edwin Binney was inspired by colour and nature to invent one of the most enduring, best-loved childhood toys— empowering children around the world to imagine and draw **ANYTHING!**



Beech class had the author Holly Webb read her story 'Museum Kittens'. An introduction to Holly's new series, combining two of her favourite things, cats and museums! It's about Peter, Tasha, Boris and Bianca and their adventures trying to protect the museum from the dastardly rats (and Boris's unfortunate obsession with sandwiches...).



On Monday 28th September Year 2 launched their new topic “Panic in Pudding Lane” by stepping back in time to the year of 1666. The children looked at what life was like in 1666 and what jobs they might do. The children participated in a range of activities that included sewing, calligraphy and pottery. Since then, the children have learned more information about where, how and why the fire started and spread so quickly. They have written their own diaries as if they were there in 1666.

Please click [here](#) to see the photo gallery of the Year 2 mini-workshop.

It was a fun morning. I liked finding out about the different jobs.

Riley, Beech

I enjoyed writing letters with ink and a feather, it was squeaking as I wrote.

William, Elm

I liked looking at the different objects from 1666. There were no fire engines but they used leather buckets.

Elio, Beech

I enjoyed it when I made the pattern inside the clay pot. It was also fun when I had to make the outside circle but my hands got very messy!

Ethan, Elm

I liked knitting but it was tricky as the thread kept coming out of the needle.

Harriet, Elm

I liked making a button press out of clay. I wouldn't want to live in 1666, it was too dirty.

Noella, Beech

We would like to say have a wonderful happy birthday to:



Ruby in Ash, Arthur in Willow, Arthur in Chestnut, Emma in Willow, Oliver in Elm and Nyla in Willow.

Parents Evening

The week beginning Monday 2 November we will be holding parents evening via phone calls with the teachers. More information will follow shortly regarding how we can make this work.



Forum responses

Thank you to those parents who responded to the parent forum. The responses to your questions are now available on the school website in the Learning then Home Learning section of the website.

Year 1 – <http://oaklandsinfants.org/year-1-parent-information/>

Year 2 – <http://oaklandsinfants.org/year-2-parent-information/>

Playground Equipment

Please do NOT let your children play on the playground equipment before or after school. We have to use it in bubbles and ensure it is cleaned.



OAKLANDS INFANTS SCHOOL

Now 7 spaces left!

Every Thursday Term Time

7:45am to 8:40am

Book online using the link below:

<https://jwjudo-club.class4kids.co.uk/info/33>

For more info email:

jwoolertonjudo@gmail.com

Important message

Please could we remind parents about the staggered times for drop off and pick up. We ask that you only arrive at the requested time unless special arrangements have been granted by the school office.
Many thanks

Children in Need

Don't forget **Children in Need** on the 13 November 2020.



Local libraries

Bracknell Forest Libraries - October is an exciting month for libraries with Black History Month, National Poetry Day and Libraries Week. This week we celebrate Libraries Week. To celebrate we are launching two virtual library groups. Please see attachment and E-Newsletter for details.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKBRACKNELL/bulletins/2a3345d>

Wokingham Libraries - Wokingham Children's Book Festival will take place online on the weekend of 17 and 18 October. They have some top authors talking about their books, inspirations, illustrations and writing techniques.

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR

Parent Support Advisor Nikki Lenon:
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Neighbourhood Watch

Click here to read the latest October 'Our News' newsletter

<https://bit.ly/OurNewsOct2020>

SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

REMEMBER: please do let us know if there are changes in your health or that of your family, we feel it is important we know what is happening with our families and see if we can support you in any way.

Oaklands Infant School Office: 01344 774644 or email
admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk

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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Or via the school office.