



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Wednesday morning we held our Harvest assembly which was lovely. My thanks to all you who attended and for the very generous donations, which will be taken to Crowthorne Foodbank. A huge well done to all the staff and children for their hard work in preparing for it.

Now that we're a few weeks in, it is good to see the children settling into their new classes and lots of learning has been happening.

Best wishes

Mrs O'Neill

Headteacher

END OF HALF TERM



Don't forget that there is an Inset Day on Friday 22nd October.

Therefore the last day of this half term is:

THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER

3:10pm for Foundation stage and 3:15pm for Years 1&2.

FOUNDATION STAGE WORKSHOP

21st October 2021 1:45-3pm

Please follow the link on the original letter on the 30.9.21 and complete the form if you would like to come. If you need any further details please email the school office.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Monday 11th October - School Individual & Sibling Photos. Your child to be automatically photographed with their sibling/s (Infant or Junior).



LOST PROPERTY



If you recognise this stone please come to the school office. We are keen to return it to the owner. It looks very special.

AUTUMN CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING

Please come and see your child in their classroom.

Ash - 12th October 2:50pm
Willow - 18th October 2:50pm
Chestnut - 20th October 3pm
Silver Birch - 14th October 8:40am
Beech - 20th October 8:40am
Elm - 20th October 8:40am

ELM ASSEMBLY

Elm Class Assembly is on the 15th October at 9am in the school hall. Please come through the school office entrance.

Please be aware that it will not be possible to ensure social distancing while you are at this event. We do ask, however, that you wear a mask while in the school hall and hand sanitize on entering the school building. The hall will be ventilated as much as possible. If you have any symptoms, please can we ask that you do not attend.

GOLDIES

Children who have received a Goldie leaf (now on display on the Oak Tree in the hall):

Ash: Harper-Jane, Michael, Ella and Thea
Willow: Oliver, Kaitlin, Zack and Francesca
Chestnut: Lacey, Benji x 2 and Aiyra
Silver Birch: Emelia, Felix, Ophelia and Ruby
Beech: Jemima, Amanda, Bronwen and Albert
Elm: Eliza, Remi, Daniel and Oliver

To reward the children who receive a character leaf, I have re-instated afternoon tea. I collect the children from their classes and they come to the office for a drink and treat. It has been lovely to be able to do this again and celebrate their achievements.



HARVEST FESTIVAL OCTOBER 2021 IN PHOTOS - A wonderful event that was enjoyed by all. Thank you.





READING NEWS

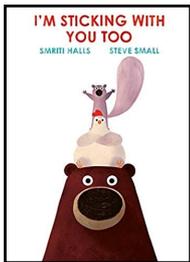


Over the last week Henley Literacy Festival offered us the chance to meet some authors online. The children were lucky enough to have the authors read and act out their books!

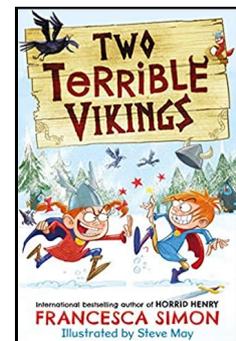
Ash and Willow classes had a reading from the author Kjartan Poskitt and illustrator Alex Willmore of the story 'The Runaway Pea Left Behind.' Disaster strikes when Pea falls out of the shopping bag . . . Is this the end? Is it ALL OVER FOR PEA?! Of course it's not! Follow Pea as he journeys across the city on a skateboard, and bus, and even on the wings of a passing-by bird and has the adventure OF A LIFETIME! Sometimes it pays to be small.



Chestnut and Silver Birch classes had a reading from the author Smriti Halls of 'I'm Sticking With You Too.' Much-loved characters Bear and Squirrel are back! And they've found the perfect rhythm for their friendship. Until, that is, Chicken turns up... She wants in! But how will Bear and Squirrel feel about accepting a new friend? Will they come to see that some things work out when we do them together. That two can be good...but three can be BETTER?



Beech and Elm classes had a reading from the author Francesca Simon 'Two Terrible Vikings'. Set in the snowy fjords of a Viking kingdom, the terrible twins, Hack and Whack, are proud to be the best worst vikings. Nothing stops the marauding pair as they steal boats, loot a birthday party, track a troll and sail off to raid Bad Island with their friends Twisty Pants and Dirty Ulf. Well, almost nothing . . . with whip-smart dialogue, and accompanied by Dennis the Menace style anarchic cartoon imagery, this series is as sharp, funny and compelling as you would expect from the reigning Queen of Comedy.



Miss Weston (Deputy Head and English Lead)

Would your child like to feature in the newsletter? Have you read a book you'd love to recommend to the school? Write a recommendation with the title, author, your name and a reason why you recommend it. Please email this to: elm@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk

What are we reading?

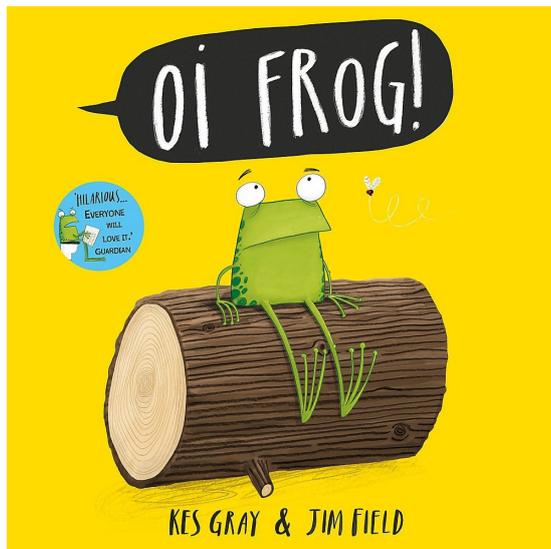


Ash and Willow Book Recommendation

Ash and Willow classes enjoyed reading *Oi Frog!* By Kes Gray & Jim Field. It was full of rhyming words and was very funny. It was a book we could read again and again and the children thoroughly recommend it for others to enjoy too. We can't wait to read the other books in the series now.

"The snake sat on a cake. That was funny"- Myles

"I love it when the animal sits on the muffin"- Rea



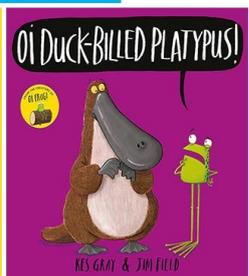
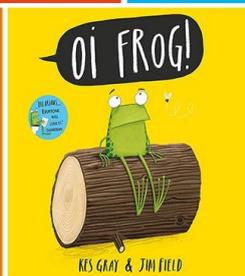
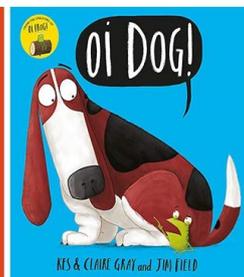
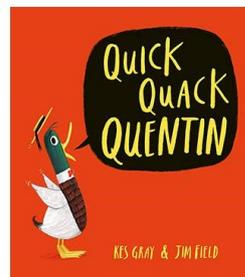
"I like the dog sat on the frog. It was funny"- George

"They were funny rhymes"- Charlotte B

"The dog sat on the frog. He had to ask for help"- Mia

"I laughed at the bit when the frog had to sit on a log and the frog said it gave me splinters. It made me laugh"- Ava S

Other books by the same author:



WOKINGHAM CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL OCTOBER 2021



Wokingham Children's Book Festival

October 16th and 17th 2021

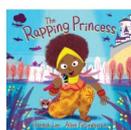
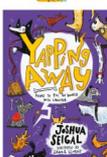


A wide variety of authors and illustrators joining us, eager to introduce you to their world!

For ages 3 - 12

Limited in person sessions
and all sessions available online

£3 a seat in person or
£3 a family pass online



If you have a bookworm in your house, then make sure they know about the Wokingham Children's Book Festival on October 16th/17th.

It's a weekend of fun with both in-person sessions in the Town Hall and live online. We have big names and local talent stopping by for fun, laughter, and storytelling. They'll be armed with advice and inspiration to get your young ones writing too. Looking forward to welcoming Keiran Larwood, Joshua Seigal, Holly Webb, Hannah Lee, David Melling, Anabelle Sami, Krina Patel- Sage, Benjamin Dean and Swapna Haddow live from New Zealand!

To book your sessions at

<https://wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest/>

Sign up now

www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest



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CORVUS LEARNING TRUST

Trust statement regarding COVID period of uncertainty – September -December 2021

As you will be aware, during this period of uncertainty, our schools within the Trust are working extremely hard to provide a safe environment for all our children and staff, whilst continuing to deliver a high standard of education. At present, the school, year groups and classes have been able to remain open, and the education has continued with limited disruption, but has on occasions, offered challenges regarding staffing. However, as COVID continues to be in our schools, our colleagues remain flexible and respond on a daily basis to the needs of the children and staff.

If in this period of time, the threshold is met whereby a significant number of staff are required to be at home due to testing positive and/or having to isolate, and no additional teaching support is available, there may well be the need to send children home and close classes. At this point, the school's Remote Learning Policy will be put in place and this will be communicated to parents. School provision will always be available for children of keyworkers and vulnerable children. These arrangements will be communicated to parents and would be for a limited amount of time before the school could welcome the children back. This decision to close a class will be as a final resort and the Headteacher will have discussed this action with their school governors and colleagues from the Trust, and will therefore be fully supported.

Of course, it is the priority of all schools, teachers and colleagues to keep our schools open, safe and available for all our children.

FLU VACCINES - 5TH NOVEMBER

Please note this date for your child's annual flu vaccine. The school Immunisations team are sorting out the permission forms. More details to follow.

PTA FIREWORKS

20TH NOVEMBER



PTA School Fireworks will be on school field.

More details to follow.

URGENT REQUEST

Please could we ask for any spare boys and girls socks, boys and girls underwear. Sizes 4-5, 5-6 and 6-7. All donations would be very welcome at the school office.



CONTACT US

FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR - Nikki Lenon
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SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS
Oaklands Infant School Office: 01344 774644 or email
admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk

GOVERNING BODY

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.

Mat Parker (Chair of Governors)
governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk
Or via the school office

CHILDREN IN NEED - 12TH NOVEMBER

Both Oaklands Infant and Junior Schools will both be supporting Children in Need this year.

We would like to encourage everyone to wear **non-uniform** and make a donation of £1.

BBC Children in Need is a charity that provides grants and funding to projects based in the UK that have the aim of helping disadvantaged young people. This help comes in a variety of forms. For example, a lot of Children in Need's work involves supporting charities that help children with their mental health.

Children in Need currently supports over 3,000 projects, in communities across the UK, that aim to improve the lives of children.



BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Kaitlin in Willow, Ruby in Silver Birch,
Stephanie in Willow, Arthur in Silver Birch,
Arthur in Beech and Emma in Silver Birch.



Please let us know if you have a **POSITIVE** COVID-19 case in your family.

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If you have any feedback about our newsletter, please email

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