



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge welcome back to all our families, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! I'd also like to say welcome to two new families who have joined Oaklands Infants this half term.

Another busy term ahead, please find the dates for the spring term included in this newsletter, these have also been added to the WEDUC calendar, including celebration of learning dates.

In assembly last week I spoke to the children about new year resolutions, I've enjoyed them coming up to me around school and sharing what their new year resolutions are; learning the keyboard, a new sport, helping more at home, moving up stages in swimming are just some they shared with me.

On Tuesday 16th January we will be hosting another Reading for Pleasure morning. Please enter via the hall door (through the playground) from 8.15am—8.40am, younger and older siblings are more than welcome to join you too.

Best wishes

Miss E Weston

Acting Headteacher



Children who have received a Solo leaf

(now on display on the Oak Tree in the hall):

Ash: Eden and Joshua

Willow: Teddy and Henry

Chestnut: Mikayla and Ella

Silver Birch: Sophie C and Hugo

Beech: Alfie and Milly

Elm: Jenson and Ava

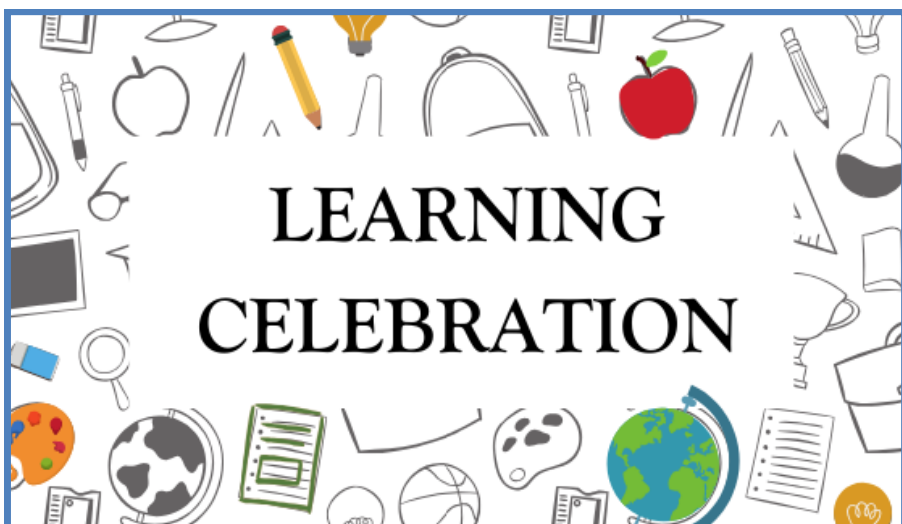


Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Williams who is going on maternity. We wish her and her family well and we can't wait to meet the new addition.

Voluntary Contribution

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who have donated to our voluntary contribution so far; your support means so much to us. This link is also available on our homepage on the school website.

[Just Giving Link](#)



Celebration of Learning

Each half term, we invite parents/ carers to each class to celebrate the children’s learning. Please find listed below the dates and times for this half term. Come directly to the classroom for the time stated. Yr2 will be hosting a class assembly showcasing their learning. Please line up at the main entrance, we will open the hall door from 8.50am.

Class	Date	Time
Ash	Friday 2nd February	2:50pm
Willow	Friday 2nd February	2:50pm
Chestnut	Friday 2nd February	9.00am: class assembly in the hall
Silver Birch	Friday 9th February	3:00pm
Beech	Thursday 8th February	8:40am
Elm	Thursday 8th February	8:40am

Reminders!

- Year 1 only, if you haven't done so already please can you pay for the up coming trip to Windsor Castle.
- Hair must be tied back if it can be tied back, this is for health and safety reasons. Please no hairbands with ‘ears’.
- We have noticed some children coming into school in trainers. Children should be wearing school shoes. <http://oaklandsinfants.org/school-uniform/>
- If your child is unable to attend school for any reason please contact the office via telephone or email admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk



DROP OFF REMINDER

Please could we just remind you that school drop-off is

8:40am-8:50am

At 8:50am the class doors will be shut and you will need to come through the school office, this is recorded as a late in the register.

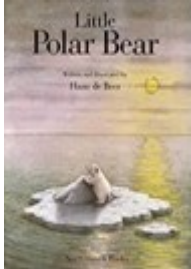


Clothes Labelling

Please could you 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.



Foundation Stage



This term's topic is Snow & Ice and as if by magic the day we did our topic introduction it snowed! The children were very excited and enjoyed playing out in it trying to catch snowflakes on their hands and tongues. We will be investigating how to melt ice and how ice is made. We will also focus on animals from the two polar regions and how they are suited to living in such cold climates. Animals will be named and sorted by habitat. The book 'The Little Polar bear' will be shared and we will be doing some writing activities linked to the story. In Art we will be colour mixing primary colours to make secondary colours and using white paint to make cool colours. In Maths we will be continuing to develop our subitising skills and looking at doubles.

Year 1

We are sure the children are going to love our Lower the Drawbridge topic this half term, which has both a history and geography focus. Earlier in the year, the children's history focused upon their own lives; this half term we will be thinking about the past and how it differs from the way we live now. The children will learn a little about William the Conqueror, King Harold, and the Battle of Hastings. We will think about how and why castles were built so differently to the houses we live in now. Midway through the topic, there is bound to be great excitement as all of Year 1 spend a day at Windsor Castle! This trip never fails to deliver the awe and wonder that will create memories and learning that last a lifetime.

As part of Geography, we will be looking at maps of the United Kingdom and learning the countries and capitals cities that are comprised within it and the seas that surround it. The children will begin to think about whether the features they see in the world around them are human features or physical features.

In science, we will be thinking more about the seasons, particularly how winter is different to autumn. Thinking like scientists, the children will regularly record the temperature and rainfall as well as noticing other changes over the coming term. This might vary from the clothes we wear outside, the time it gets light in the morning to the changes in the trees.

We are looking forward to watching the children learn and grow over this busy half term!

Year 2

On Thursday 11th January 2024, Year 2 packed their bags, had their passports stamped and boarded Oaklands Air on a flight to Kenya. After a safety briefing the flight took off and the children enjoyed some in-flight entertainment and a snack. Fortunately, it was a smooth flight, there was little turbulence and after a successful landing the children touched down in Nairobi to begin this half term's topic 'Home and Away'.



During this topic the children will compare life in Kenya to life in the UK. They will go on a 'safari' and find out about the animals of Kenya and focus on writing a coherent, descriptive story opening based on the book 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. They will end their topic with an African workshop, experiencing African dancing and drumming and Adinkra printing.



NSPCC Number Day

Once again we are going to be participating in this years NSPCC number day on **Friday 2nd February**. On this day the children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a digit/number and bring in a minimum donation of £1. The money raised will go directly to the NSPCC.

Dressing up ideas:

- * Dress up as a digit- Wear a onesie to represent 1, a tutu to represent 2, or a three piece suit to represent 3.
- * Dress up as a dice.
- * Wear something with a number on it like a football kit
- * Dress up as a playing card
- * Decorate an old t-shirt with numbers or number representations
- * Dress up as a clock
- * Dress up as a piece of Numicon

Get as creative as you want!



Our Oaklands Tree in the hall

Well done to all the children who received a Holly and Goldie leaf last half term. You should feel very proud of yourselves!



Oaklands Infants Character

This half term our character focus is: Solo

Solo would say:

- Use your own ideas to be creative.
- Encourage others.
- Be independent.
- Be brave and try it on your own.
- Be your own person.



When at home encourage your child to be like Solo and do things such as...

- tie up shoe laces
- zip up your coat
- tidy your bedroom
- complete a puzzle
- look through a picture book





Oaklands Infant School Spring Term Dates 2024

Date	Activities in January
Spring 1	Character Focus: Solo
Thursday 18th	School Census – change of menu
Monday 22nd	All day: Yr1 Windsor Castle trip
Saturday 27th – Sunday 4th Feb	National Storytelling Week
Date	Activities in February
Friday 2nd	NSPCC Number day 9am: Chestnut class assembly
Monday 5th	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6th	Safer Internet Day 3.30pm - 6.00pm: Parents Evening
Wednesday 7th	Yr2 African workshop PM: Yr2 parents invited to African dance/drumming assembly
Thursday 8th	3.30pm – 7.00pm: Parents Evening
Friday 9th	3.15pm: End of half term
HALF-TERM Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February	
Spring 2	Character Focus: Ivy
Monday 19th	Children return to school
Tuesday 20th	100 days in school
Tuesday 27th	AM: Yr2 Pizza Express trip
Wednesday 28th	Whole school Kaplan workshop: lunch in classrooms
27th Feb till the 12th March	Book Fair
Date	Activities in March
Tuesday 5th	8.15am: Reading for pleasure in the hall
Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Friday 8th	PTA Disco
Friday 15th	Red Nose Day
Thursday 21st	PM: Maths workshop
Friday 22nd	9am: Silver Birch class assembly
Thursday 28th	1.30pm: End of term
EASTER HOLIDAYS Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	
Date	Activities in April
Monday 15th	Children return to school



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We are currently consulting on our updated Local Transport Plan (LTP4) before adopting a finalised version. LTP4 is a strategic document that sets out how we aim to improve our walking, cycling and public transport facilities in the coming years.

We would like to get feedback from residents on the proposed document and we would be grateful if you could share the following link with your parents, staff and pupils (if over 13). <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/a-new-local-transport-plan-for-wokingham-borough>

The consultation is now live and running until 23rd February 2024.



We wanted to update you on some changes to our food bank offer that may benefit some families and individuals.

Crowthorne Foodbank is run by the Vineyard Church based in Crowthorne and as a church our community support called 'Olive Branch' encompasses our foodbank and other services such as our growbaby (mums and toddler group) and Kids matter (parenting course).

We are very aware that our venue in Crowthorne isn't accessible to everyone and in particular we know that there are many people in Sandhurst who would benefit from our olive branch support (including foodbank) closer to home.

As of the 15th Jan our Olive Branch team will be heading to Sandhurst.

Mondays 1-2pm Owlsmoor Community Centre

Thursdays 1-2pm Sandhurst Baptist Church

We will be offering a welcoming environment with free refreshments (including very nice coffee) to anyone who fancies some company or a free drink. We just want to be there to meet the locals and build some relationships with the people of Sandhurst. If we can support people we will and this isn't exclusive to those in need of Food bank. We will also be bringing Food bank packs to anyone who needs essential food toiletries and cleaning items.

If you are in need of a little help and support with feeding your family then please email Nikki Lenon at nlenon@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk. Nikki is able to issue foodbank vouchers to families in crisis. This service is confidential.



Exciting Adventures at...
Half-Term Holiday Clubs

12-16 February 2024

Drama Workshop
Bubble Entertainer
Sublime Science Show*
Valentine's Crafts
Face Painting
Reptile Handling
...and much more!

10% Sibling Discount!

Times & Prices
8am-1pm £22
8am-6pm £38
Activities marked with * incur an additional £5
Open to all children aged 3-11 years

www.beehiveclub.co.uk

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