



# Oak Tree News

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**Dear Parents / Carers**

Firstly, I would like to say a huge welcome back to all of you and I hope you had an enjoyable summer. We have had an excellent start to the year and as always, the children amaze me in how quickly they settle and adjust to new routines and organisation. Children in Ash and Willow and new pupils in other year groups, have been super in starting school and there have been lots of happy faces. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and parents, for their support in making this transition as smooth as possible. I appreciate that it has been difficult co-ordinating drop-off and pick-ups between siblings but thank you for bearing with us.

The start of term is an anxious time for many, but this year has been particularly challenging. I know for many of you, it has been difficult making the right decision to send your child back to school and anxieties around COVID-19. However, I am pleased to say that our attendance figure for the past week has been 95%, and any children absent are following Government guidance on isolating following a visit abroad.

With best wishes,  
Hannah O'Neill

## **Autumn Term Dates**

**Inset Day: 1 September 2020**

**Children start: 2 September 2020**

**Inset Day: 23 October 2020**

**Half term: 26 to 30 October 2020**

**End of term: 18 December 2020**

# COVID-19



## Coronavirus in children

Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it's usually less serious.

### Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

### What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

➔ **Get a test to check for coronavirus**

► [What is a support bubble?](#)

#### Important

Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do.

- For children aged 5 or over – use the [NHS 111 online coronavirus service](#).
- For children under 5 – call 111.

### Home Test Kit Supplies

Should parents wish for or require a test or test kit, please try this address:  
<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/name>

If someone is showing symptoms please ask them to use the following link  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> to request a test.

### Test Centres

**Guildford (Onslow Park & Ride) 0300 303 2713**  
**Mon-Sun 8am-8pm**  
**Appointments required**  
**Testing all patients**

**Newbury (Newbury Show) Thatcham 0300 303 2713**  
**Appointment required**  
**Testing all patients**

**Montem Leisure Centre Slough**  
**Remote Test Site**  
**drive-through only**  
**Park at the ice rink car park and walk to the test centre**

## **Jeans for Genes Day**

On **Friday 18 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.



### **Clothes labelling**

Please make sure that your child's clothes and belongings are all labelled.

### **Lunch**

Please talk to your child about the lunch menus so that they know what to expect.

### **Census Day** **Thursday 1 October**

Please note that this date is school census day. Please could we encourage to have a school lunch that day. A high uptake of school dinners is important as the numbers are used to inform the school meal funding from central government.

# School Calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 18 September	All day	Jeans for Genes Day
Monday 12 October	AM	Individual school photos
Friday 23 October	All day	School Closed – INSET day
<b>26 OCTOBER – FRIDAY 30 (SCHOOL CLOSED HALF TERM)</b>		
Friday 6 November	All day	Whole school Nasal Flu Vaccines
Friday 13 November	All day	Children in Need
Thursday 17 December	All day	Christmas jumper day
Friday 18 December	1.30pm	Break up early

## **PLEASE BE AWARE - TIKTOK/SNAPCHAT/WHATSAPP/TWITTER/INSTAGRAM/YOUTUBE**

There is an extremely upsetting and highly graphic video currently trending on TikTok of a man live-streaming his suicide. Whilst TikTok have stated that they are doing their best to remove the video, it has been shared across many social media platforms hundreds of thousands of times including under fake captions.

Some captions on TikTok are as trivial as 'look at the pasta I cooked tonight' before the video then plays; therefore children can come across the video without even searching for it. This video is extremely distressing and schools have been asked to pass this message to parents and carers so they can avoid the app whilst this video is in such high circulation. We urge everyone to be vigilant and to supervise very closely what children are accessing online.



## Parking



Please do not drive into the school grounds, especially at the beginning and end of the school day without prior consent. 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 dropping off 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.

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



**Alexi K in SB, Kiran B in Ash, Isaac H in Elm, Oliver C in Chestnut, Chloe in Willow, Leon in Willow, Riley in Beech, Charlie in Elm, Jemima in SB, Francesca and Isabella in Elm, Isobel in Beech, Poppy in Ash and Poppy in Willow.**

**REMEMBER:**

Please be considerate when coming on and off school site, can you all try to adhere to social distancing, don't stand around to chat with others, ensure you follow the arrows and be mindful out on the pavement and local area, to avoid congregating in larger groups.

**REMEMBER:**

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.

**REMEMBER:**

Some of our children have nut allergies so please ensure that children do **NOT** have these products in their lunch box. This also includes hummus (sesame seed).

**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.

**ATTENTION:**

On Monday we will be sending out new Year 1 and Year 2 contact forms. Please could you update them promptly and return them to school.

**PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR**

Parent Support Advisor Nikki Lenon: 07748 415285 or email [nlenon@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:nlenon@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk)

**SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS**

Please contact the school if you are having anything changes or you have problems or need any support **Oaklands Infant School Office: 01344 774644** or email [admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto: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) [governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk) Or via the school office.