



# OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

## OAK TREE NEWS

*Deep roots for future growth*



Dear Parents/Carers

Today was very 'spotty' in school, with everyone dressed differently, to raise money for Children in Need. As always, thank you for continuing to support these national events.

I know we continue to live in unprecedented times and I hope that all our families are managing under another lockdown. If we can help in any way, please do let us know.

We are starting to make plans for Christmas as best we can under the continuing restrictions and guidance and will keep you informed of how this will look.

Best wishes

*Mrs O'Neill, Head teacher*

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Under Government guidance, we ventilate the school as much as possible, with doors and windows being open. However, with this increase in ventilation, the school may feel cooler than usual over the winter months. In addition to our school uniform, the children are allowed to wear suitable indoor items of clothing during this time.

### FAMILY SUPPORT FACEBOOK PAGE

Nikki Lenon our Parent Support Advisor has set up a Facebook page for parents at the Infant and Junior Schools. The purpose of this page is to sign post parents/carers to support services available within our local area.

[www.facebook.com/Oaklands-Schools-Family-Support](https://www.facebook.com/Oaklands-Schools-Family-Support)



From everyone at Crowthorne Fire Station we would like to say a huge thank you to the children in Year 2 in Miss Weston's class for the fantastic artwork they provided for our display of 'London's Burning'. We are delighted to tell you that we won the best display for the Crowthorne Trail.



Thank you very much for supporting a non-uniform day for the PTA, it is very much appreciated. We can confirm that the Infants raised a fantastic total of £155.00.

### TERM DATES 2020/2021

Last day of term: 22 October 2020

Inset Day: 23 October 2020

Half term: 26 to 30 October 2020

**End of term: 18 December 2020 (From 1:30pm)**

Inset Day: 4 January 2021

Spring term starts: 5 January 2021

Half term: 15 - 19 February 2021

**End of term: 31 March 2021 (From 1:30pm)**

Inset Day: 1 April 2021

Summer term starts: 19 April 2021

Bank holiday: 3 May 2021

Half term: 31 May - 4 June 2021

**End of term: 20 July 2021 (From 1:30pm)**

Inset Day: 21 July 2021

### OAKLANDS TREE

Children who have received a Goldie leaf:

Arthur M in Chestnut  
Ciana in Chestnut  
Eliza in Silver Birch



## FOUNDATION STAGE



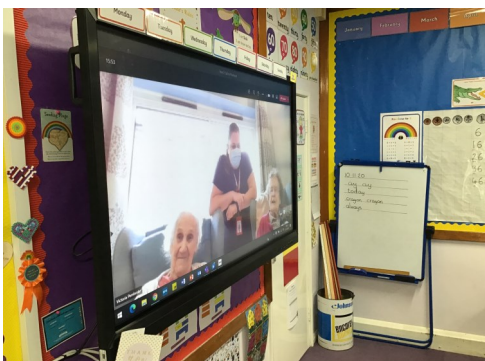
The children have really impressed us all with how well they have all settled into school life. Before half term we learnt a lot about Autumn and the seasonal changes we could see. We enjoyed making finger print trees and cutting out leaves to make an Autumn display. It was lovely to welcome everyone back after the half term break and to see their happy, enthusiastic faces. This half term we have been looking at Traditional Tales. We started by looking at The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children really enjoyed acting out and retelling the story using puppets, masks and props. One of their favourite activities has been writing a troll menu because they liked thinking of some really disgusting things! The children then looked at the story of The Three Little Pigs. They have sequenced pictures and written about part of the story.

The children have been working really hard in phonics and this can be seen in their great writing. What 'Have a go Hollies' they have all been!



## REMEMBERANCE DAY

Thank you to our Governor Mat and his daughter Thea for taking Oaklands Schools wreath to the Lych Gate on Sunday. Year 2 also enjoyed video calls with Pinehurst Care Home. The children got the opportunity to perform their Poppy poem, read their thank you letters to the soldiers and ask the residents questions about their time during the war.

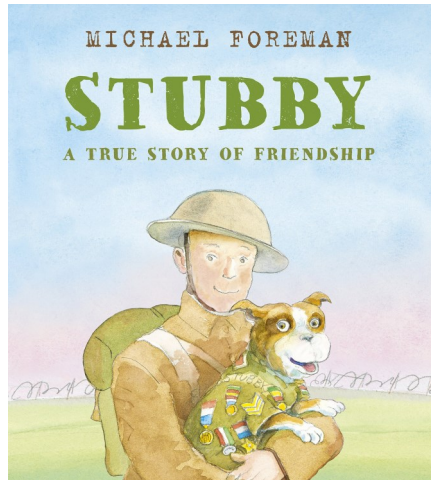




# Elm Class Book Recommendation

We have been reading **Stubby** by Michael Foreman

courage  
bravery  
loyalty  
friendship  
helpful



heart warming  
fascinating  
beautiful  
amazing  
interesting

A true story of friendship! Stubby was a brave soldier, a loyal friend and a dog. From an army training camp to the trenches in France, this is the incredible true story of Sergeant Stubby, the dog who served bravely in the First World War, sniffing out gas attacks, catching spies and winning the hearts of his fellow soldiers

I thought it was an interesting book because I didn't know what was going to happen next! **Isaac**

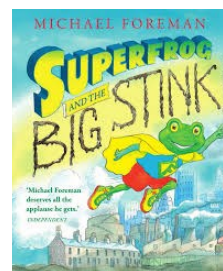
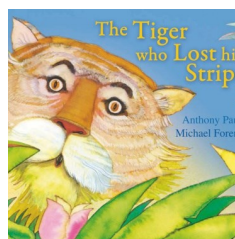
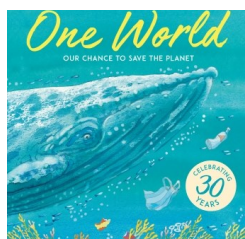
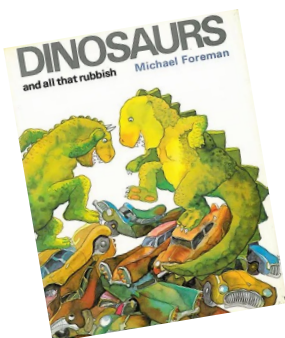
I liked that Stubby was loyal to the soldier. **Jack P**

I thought it was funny when Stubby saluted the soldiers. **Samuel**

I thought Stubby was really brave! **Harriet G**

It amazed me that a dog could help people. **Poppy**

## Other Books by Michael Foreman



## Oakland Infants Character: HOLLY

This half term our character focus is Holly.

*Holly was on her own feeling lonely. She decided to 'have a go' at making friends.*

*Before she knew it she was surrounded by lots of other holly leaves and berries.*

*Now she'll always have a go.*

Already we are seeing children throughout the school:

- not giving up when an activity gets tricky.
- having a go at changing behaviours to make good choices.
- trying to be more independent e.g. getting changed for PE.
  - not giving up when it gets challenging in maths.
- remembering to use their phonics in reading and writing.

**Well done Infants, keep on 'having a go' like Holly!**

We are really proud of the children for 'having a go' like Holly and it has been wonderful to hear that this is happening at home too.

### HOLLY LEAF

Children who have received a Holly leaf:

Ash: Luca and Ruby

Willow: Rowan and Billy

Chestnut: Florence and Toby

Silver Birch: Noah and Teddy

Beech: Vanessa and Bow

Elm: Jacob and Jack P



### PARKING

A small number of parents are, daily, putting children's lives at risk by parking illegally near the school. I am very concerned that one day soon there will be an accident involving one of our pupils or their younger siblings. I would like to point out the following, all of which increase the likelihood of an accident if you do not obey the law.

- Parking, stopping or dropping off on the zig-zag lines is illegal.
- The yellow lines near the school mean parking is illegal during drop off and pick up.

In addition, some parents are being very inconsiderate of our neighbours and parking illegally in front of drives. Do not park here. Please park a little further away and walk to school so that we can keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your help.

Mrs O'Neill.

### HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

As I am sure you can imagine, it has been quite a challenge to have hot school lunches return to school. We are all doing the best we can but we have a very tight timetable, due to not mixing the year group bubbles at lunchtimes and cleaning down in between each bubble sitting. Please can I ask again that you support us by doing the following:

Talk through the lunch menu with the children so they know what to expect. Encourage children to eat promptly. Remind the children about how to use cutlery.

We have already tried to make adjustments to ensure every minute is spent getting the children to eat e.g. caterers already cutting up food in the kitchens, children seated and not queuing up for food and served by the Lunchtime Controllers and food being in containers packaged ready to eat.

### PINCH POINT

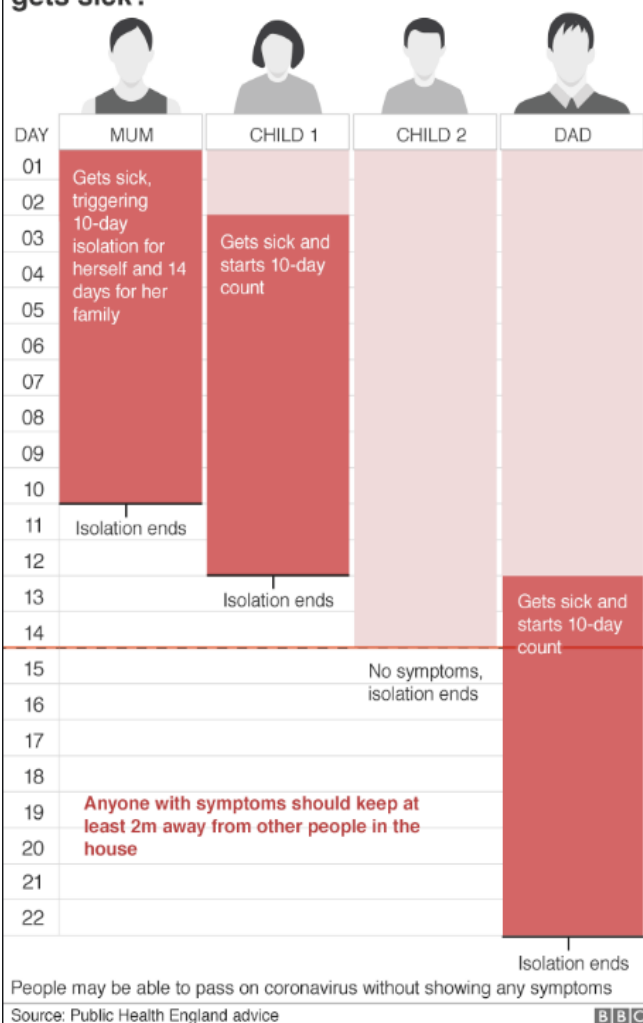
Please could we remind parents not to linger at the top of Ellis Road Gate. It gets very tight around the tree.

If you have any feedback about our newsletter please email

[admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk)

### COVID-19

#### What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



### BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a terrific birthday to:



Jia in Ash, Sophia in Willow and Samuel in Elm.

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**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. Chris Rossiter (Chair of Governors) [governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk) Or via the school office.