



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, it has been good to see everyone again.

I hope you all had a lovely, relaxing Easter and you managed to start seeing loved ones again. The weather was certainly temperamental, but it was good to have some dry dog walks.

Currently, there are no plans to make any changes to our procedures in school, which I feel everyone is continuing to adhere to and remain safe. I am hopeful that if we continue as we are, the summer should be more positive.

Best wishes

Mrs O'Neill, Headteacher

LOCAL ELECTIONS

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Please note that the school
will be **CLOSED** on Thursday

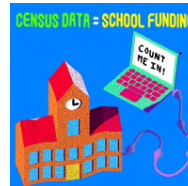
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MAY BANK HOLIDAY

Please note that the May bank holiday date as
Oaklands Infant school will be closed.

3 May 2021

CENSUS DAY - THURSDAY 20 MAY



Please note this date for Census
Day and the menu swap.

Thursday 20 May - Fish and chips
Friday 21 May - BBQ chicken

IVY LEAF

Children who have received an Ivy leaf:

Ash: Jack and Jaxon
Willow: Maya and Leon
Chestnut: Sophia and Albert
Silver Birch: Mason and Ethan
Beech: Willow and Elio
Elm: Faray and Flynn



TERM DATES 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

Inset Day: 1 September 2021

Start of Term: 2 September 2021

Inset Day: 22 October 2021

Half Term: 25 – 29 October 2021

End of term: 17 December 2021 (From 1:30pm)



Bags2School Collection Dates

Every Friday from 23 April
(today) to 21 May at school
drop off, next to classroom
doors.

Thanks for your support.

This term our focus for the school character is Laurie.

In the first Olympics in Greece, the winner needed to have a crown to wear. They couldn't use gold or silver so they chose laurel. Laurie was very proud to be used to make the first wreath that was worn on the heads of the winners.

Laurie often says....

- Be proud of yourself and be proud of others.
- You're the best!
- I'm so proud of my achievements.
- Be proud of who you are.
- Are you proud of your work today?
- What have you done to be proud of yourself today?



"Take Pride" like Laurie

HOME -LEARNING GRIDS

The home-learning sheets are a range of activities and ideas that are linked to the learning your child will be doing in class this half term. These are not compulsory but they will supplement your child's learning. The children may bring in any of their home-learning tasks to show to their class.

VOCABULARY VICTOR

Last term we introduced you to the Pawsome Gang. This is a group of clever canines who each help with one of the reading skills the children need to use. One of the skills children need when reading is to understand the vocabulary in the text. Vocabulary Victor helps draw on knowledge of **vocabulary** to understand texts.



This means that he is there to help you think about the **words** the author uses. He might help you to work out **what words mean**, ask you to **find words** the author has used or give another word that **means the same** as one of the author's choices.

But understanding vocabulary within texts isn't the only reason we are encouraging the children to develop a rich vocabulary. Research shows that vocabulary at this young age is a strong indicator of later academic achievement and employment prospects, so now is the time to expose them to a wide range of useful words.

The home learning sheets, that you will receive this week, will now include a vocabulary sheet with a range of words linked to maths and the topic that the children will be learning about this half term. Children love learning new words, so have fun with new vocabulary whilst expanding your child's mental thesaurus.

'WORLD BOOK DAY' DRESSING UP—FRIDAY 28TH MAY

As the children were not able to take part in dressing up for World Book Day, we have arranged with the Juniors to have a 'World Book Day' dressing up day on Friday 28th May. The children can dress up as a character of their choice from a book.

VEG POWER / 60 SECOND LUNCHBOX HACKS

We have joined up with Veg Power to promote the consumption of vegetables in schools.

As part of Veg Power's on-going mission to encourage the UK to eat more veg, they would like to make it easier for parents and carers to add more veg to children's lunchboxes. Recent research from Leeds University found that only one in five children had any vegetables or salad in their packed lunch.

To support parents, Veg Power has developed a '60 Second Lunchbox Hacks' PDF. It features easy-to-implement ideas and serves to make this task as simple as possible. Please see email attachment.



KEEP CROWTHORNE CLEAN

As part of the C.R.O.W initiative in Crowthorne to reduce waste, a small group in our community is working towards achieving Litter Free Status for Crowthorne, with the aim of having a new sign (or signs) installed on the way into Crowthorne to demonstrate that we are a Litter Free Village.

Our aim is to encourage both residents and visitors to either bin or take their litter with them, so we can continue to live in a clean and pleasant environment. We also want to raise awareness of litter in our village through our #KeepCrowthorneClean campaign and would like to encourage all members of our community to:

[Help us capture and report where we see litter problems \(via Littergram\)](#)

[Talk to our young people and lead by example so behaviours change long term](#)

Therefore, we are asking as many people as possible to download the Littergram app to help us monitor where litter problems exist. It's easy to use - you just install the app on your phone, take a picture of the litter and it will automatically be tagged in the location where the litter is. Some lovely members of our community are busy helping us clear any litter that is found! If you also wanted to get involved and could help clean up litter where you see it e.g. on your regular walking routes or in your local street, then that would be amazing too.

Thanks for helping us #KeepCrowthorneClean



PARKING / TRAFFIC ISSUES

We are aware that there are parking restrictions, diversions and traffic lights everywhere at the moment.

Should you be late for school at drop off and pick up, please walk down Ellis Road gate pathway and come in through the office.

Also, if it is safe to do so, call the office on 01344 774644.

BRACKNELL FOREST LIBRARIES

Bracknell Forest Libraries are fortunate enough to welcome (virtually!) local author Fiona Barker to our libraries.

Join Fiona for a virtual storytime- Saturday 24th April at 10.30am. She will be promoting her new book 'Setsuko and the Song of the Sea.'

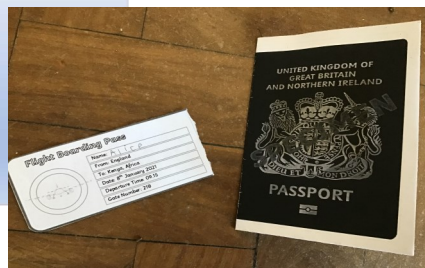
Fiona is positively potty about picture books; reading them, writing them and talking about them. She self-published her first picture book 'Amelie and the Great Outdoors' in April 2016 with Matador Books.

Her second book 'Danny and the Dream Dog' was published in October 2018 by Tiny Tree Children's Books and went on to become their best-selling title that year. She is currently working on a new title for the same publisher.

This session is suitable for children 4-7 years. Please book your place via Eventbrite:

[Storytime with Fiona Barker Tickets, Sat, Apr 24, 2021 at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

YEAR 2



On Tuesday 20th April, 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 inflight 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 'Amazing Africa'. 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 Big Five Animals and write their own stories based on the book 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. The children will also make their own African masks and print Kente cloth.



Helping Wokingham Families Find Local Fun

Wokingham Rocks is a lockdown project by local mum, Hannah. A free local resource especially designed to help families in the Wokingham area find activities, parks, walks and things to do together.



www.wokinghamrocks.co.uk

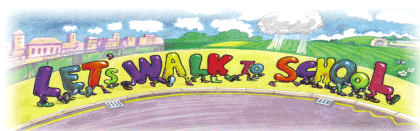
It has been put together over a few months by the mum of two, who wanted to create an online resource for families to find things to do to help make life easier during lockdown and beyond. It's searchable by day, category, age and more and aims to support parents with suggestions, inspiration, and the information they need without having to trawl the internet.

There are lots of ideas for families to do. The website is split into categories such as Parks and Walks, and there are rainy day suggestions, craft activities and online classes listed too.

You can visit Wokingham Rocks via www.wokinghamrocks.co.uk and follow us on Instagram and Facebook @wokinghamrocks

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 17– 21 MAY

During this week we will be encouraging the children to walk/scoot to school and leave the car at home! Each child who walks/scoots to school will receive a sticker. Coming to school under 'body power' is a great start to the day – the exercise wakes us all up and gets the blood pumping around our bodies so that we are ready to learn once we arrive at school. It is a great time to notice things in the local environment and gives time to chat to people and your family and friends as you walk. Pollution is also reduced so it has a positive impact on Planet Earth as well as our bodies. For those of you who are unable to walk to school, for whatever reason, may we encourage you to park the car a bit further away from school so the children walk a little – this will earn a sticker too! Please join us in encouraging your child to exercise and enjoy their local environment by walking to school!



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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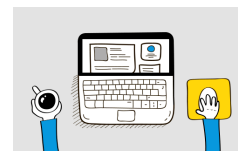
SPARE SOCKS/TIGHTS DONATIONS

Please could we put out a plea for donations of socks, tights (4/5 and 5/6) and boys trousers (5-6) as we are finding that we are short of these.

WEBSITE NOTICES

Oaklands Infant School has regular communications uploaded onto our website. Please look out for local community events and school holiday camps & clubs.

You will also find term dates and Cucina menus.



BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Isaac in Chestnut, Daniel in Silver Birch, Jojo in Chestnut, Florence in Chestnut, Alice in Beech, James in Beech, Luke in Elm and Priya in Beech



CONTACT US

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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
Or via the school office