



# OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

## OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope all our families remain well and had a lovely half-term. It was so nice to have some great weather, it certainly started to feel like summer.

On Friday before half-term, we had our World Book Day which was a really positive event. The school had a great buzz about it and all the children loved seeing all the fantastic costumes of other children and staff.

Best wishes

*Mrs O'Neill, Head teacher*

### STAFFING

It's that time of year in schools when staffing changes are inevitable and we have to make plans for September. It is with sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Cooke, one of our teachers in Ash class. She has been at the Infants for 17 years and has been a very dedicated member of the team. Mrs Cooke will be sadly missed by the whole school community. I would like to thank her for many years of continued support and it has been an absolute pleasure working with her. I wish her all the best for the future. We have recruited and I am sure you will join me in welcoming Miss S Pike to the Infants, who will be starting with us in September.

### KEEP OFF THE GRASS



Please remember to keep off the grass in front of the offices. We have plants and flowers growing. Children should not play in this area too.

### PTA BAGS2SCHOOL

Many thanks to the PTA for all their efforts for Bags2school. As a collective, Oaklands Schools donations total weight was 957kg and raised a grand total of £287.10. A fantastic effort!

### LAURIE LEAF

Children who have received a Laurie leaf:

**Ash:** Alex and Patrick.

**Willow:** Iris and Abigail.

**Chestnut:** Heidi and Amelie.

**Silver Birch:** Harrison D and Tessa.

**Beech:** Jasper and Dhriti.

**Elm:** Samuel and Isabella.



### GOLDIES



Joseph in Elm class.

### LUNCHTIME CONTROLLER VACANCY - START: SEPT 21

We have a vacancy for a LTC Monday - Friday. To apply please contact [finance@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:finance@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk)

### FOR THE ATTENTION OF YEAR 2 PARENTS

Dates for your diary:

Provisional date for a Year 3 Information Evening: 8th July at 7pm (TBC)

Year 2 celebration assembly Elm—Monday 12th July in the afternoon

Year 2 celebration assembly Beech—Tuesday 13th July in the afternoon

**Please see the email dated 10.6.21**



## WORLD BOOK DAY



# IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



On 28<sup>th</sup> May, the children finally celebrated World Book Day 2021! All the children (and grown-ups) made an amazing effort to dress up as a range of book characters. The children spent the morning having a fun drama workshop led by Perform drama company. Throughout the day the children participated in a range reading activities which included a whole school video call where all the children joined in reading the amazing story The Gruffalo. It was lovely to see all the children with big smiles on their faces all day. Some photos have been loaded to the school website for you to see.

COVID restrictions will never stop us having fun!



## WEBSITE PHOTOS GALLERY

Please check out the website for photos of World Book Day and Woolly Firs trips.

**World Book Day** <http://oaklandsinfants.org/photo-gallery/world-book-day/>

**Year 1** <https://oaklandsinfants.org/photo-gallery/woolly-firs-year-1/>

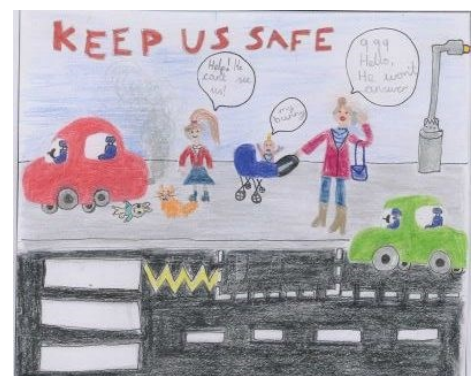
Year 2 <http://oaklandsinfants.org/photo-gallery/woolley-firs-june-2021/>

## ELLIS ROAD GATE AND ENTRANCE

There are concerns surrounding the safety on the pavement and road before and after school at the Ellis Road entrance. Please could you be extremely careful. The road is very busy particularly at school times.

Simple actions on road will keep you safe:

- Walk with care and with all sense.
- Look towards oncoming traffic.
- Never assume driver has seen you when you are about to cross the road, its your responsibility to save yourself.
- Avoid crossing road where drivers may not be able to see you.
- Wait for suitable gap in the traffic flow before crossing the road.





### YEAR 2 VISIT WOOLLY FIRS 9TH JUNE 2021



Year 2's last topic of the year is The Great Outdoors. We started our topic with a fantastic, informative day at Woolley Firs Environmental Education Centre. The weather was beautiful and the children impeccably behaved. We met our guides for the day Lynn and Claire who led us through a series of activities to find out all about habitats and the plants and animals that live there. We got to have a go at pond dipping, a habitat safari, a minibeast safari and net sweeping in the meadow. Then being nature detectives, we used field guides and keys to identify and classify our creatures. We found lots of different animals and thought about why they chose to live in that particular habitat. Did you know there are 30 species of woodlouse in the UK in an array of colours from brown and grey to pink?

This was a great introduction to our Science led topic this half term and we are keen to find out more about how plants and animals adapt to their environment and investigate food chains and webs. You can see more photos of our brilliant day out on the website.



### YEAR 1 VISIT WOOLLY FIRS 10TH JUNE 2021

Year 1 had a delightful day in the picturesque woodland of Woolley Firs Environmental Education Centre. There was great excitement from all as the children took part in a number of fun learning activities that linked with our 'And It Grew' topic. The two classes identified trees, created beautiful pictures with natural materials, planted seeds, played the parts of flowers and bees in an exciting pollen collection game and so much more! It was a special day for the children and the perfect location for their first experience of a school trip.





## This term our focus for the school character is Casey.

Casey was a tiny conker on the horse chestnut tree. He was worried about the day when he had to fall to the ground. The horse chestnut tree made him a special case which protected and cared for him. On the day he fell, it kept him safe.

### Casey often says....

- Listen and laugh together.
- Are you okay?
- Look after each other.
- Protect each other.
- Come and play with us!



## “Caring Casey”

### PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

For Health and Safety reason please DO NOT allow your children to go on the playground equipment before or after school.

The tables are also not to climb on.

Thank you.



### PERFORM

We were very pleased to receive a visit from [Perform](#), a drama group, a few weeks ago. The children had a wonderfully energetic time exploring the theme of Under The Sea, using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

[Perform](#) run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Oaklands Infants School if they come along for a free trial session before Friday 18th June - i.e. Friday next week.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **OAKQ180621** or visit [perform.org.uk](http://perform.org.uk) to find out more.



### **COVID ON SITE - REMINDER**

Please continue to support us by following our school protocols to make the site as safe as possible for everyone and to reduce the likelihood of COVID-19.

#### **While you are on the school site:**

Maintain social distance (please try to stay 2 metres apart)

Wear a mask, unless you are exempt, and keep it on when talking to staff

Follow the arrows, stay to the left when walking on the pathways and encourage your children to do the same, keeping them with you at all times

Only 1 parent per household to drop off and pick up at staggered times. Please arrive at your child's allocated drop off and pick up times.

Stay behind the yellow line outside your child's classroom door

Avoid talking to teachers at the door – please use email or phone calls for messages or enquiries  
[admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk) or 01344 774644

**PLEASE** do not linger on site or chat in groups on site or on the pavement outside the school gate



### **M&S - YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM**

M&S have had a high level of disruption over the last year but hopefully things are now starting to look more positive. M&S have launched a 'Back to School 2021' campaign with a forthcoming 20% off promotion, which they hope all parents will take advantage of when purchasing their uniform. The good news is, that unlike last year, they are not experiencing any delays as all the stock they have ordered is now in the UK and in their warehouses, so they are busy stocking the shelves ready for the key months of June, July and August.

Here is the hyperlink to their website:

[www.mandsyourschooluniform.com](http://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com)

**Summer Promotion** - They will be offering a fantastic **20% off all uniform** on the M&S Your School Uniform website. This will run from **29<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021**. All orders over £30 will receive free standard delivery. The PTA receives 5% of the spend.

Also, second-hand uniform is still available from the PTA. Please visit their Facebook page.



### **TERM DATES 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)

### **NO NAIL POLISH RULE**

We have noticed that more children are wearing nail varnish. Please could we remind you that we have a NO NAIL VARNISH RULE at Oaklands Schools.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Aria in Willow, Lacey in Ash, Zurielle in Ash, Matilda in Chestnut, Natalia in Silver Birch, Eliza in Silver Birch, Toby in Chestnut, Jack in Elm and Vanessa in Beech.



### **HAIRBANDS, HAIR UP AND EARRINGS**

Please could girls with long hair tie their hair back.

Here are a few reasons why:

Head lice - It is much more difficult for the lice to grab hold of the hair.

Eyes / vision - Up to the age of seven, it is crucial for children's eye development that nothing blocks their sight.

Chewing - Hair chewing habits can be prevented if the hair is tied away from the face.

**REMINDER:** Please could we ask that girls only wear plain hairbands. No cat ears, deely boppers etc.

**REMINDER:** Please could we ask that girls with pierced ears wear stud earrings. NO HOOPS. They can easily catch.

### **CONTACT US**

**FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR** - Nikki Lenon  
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**SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS**  
Oaklands Infant School Office: 01344 774644 or email  
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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

### **WORMS AND NAILS**

We have had a few cases of threadworm reported to the school. This can be very contagious, but the families concerned have been treated. We are being extra vigilant with personal hygiene and disinfecting surface areas.

**In addition all children should:**

**Keep fingernails short**

**Wash hands and under the nails everyday**

**Avoid thumb sucking**

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

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