



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday, we were really pleased to be able to hold transition visits for all the children, including those joining us in September. This was very complicated to plan to ensure Covid safety, but we know the positive impact this day has on our children, in preparing them for next year. I hope they enjoyed their visits to their new classes and meeting their new teachers and staff.

Best wishes

Mrs O'Neill, Head teacher

CASEY LEAF

Children who have received a Casey leaf:



Ash: Ruby, Jaxon, Zurielle and Ophelia

Willow: Adrielle, Amelia, Max and Aria

Chestnut: Harrison, JoJo, Theo and Florence

Silver Birch: Macie, Natalia, Kian and India

Beech: Riley, Nathan, Frankie and Vanessa

Elm: Francesca, Megan, Phoebe and Polly

READING SHED



We just wanted to say a MASSIVE 'Thank you' to the PTA for our brand new reading shed, located in the playground. It is absolutely brilliant and we cannot wait to unveil it in September. We're sure our pupils will enjoy this for years to come!

PTA CRAZY HAIR DAY—20TH JULY 2021

Let's celebrate the end of term with non-uniform and CRAZY HAIR! Gel, hair chalk, ribbons, bows, clips, scrunchies...anything goes!

Suggested donation of £1 or whatever you can afford, which raises funds for the schools via Oaklands Schools PTA.



COVID GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES



STEP 4 (CURRENTLY MONDAY THE 19TH JULY 2021)

From Monday 19th July, schools no longer have to keep children in consistent groups or bubbles. However, as the rule about close contacts needing to isolate does not change until the 16th August, we have decided to keep bubbles for the last two days of term.

If we do have a positive test after the 19th July we no longer have to undertake contact tracing and close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace.

In line with step 4, we will no longer require parents to wear face masks on the school premises from the 19th July, but we would encourage you to continue to wear them for the last two days of the school term.

We will also keep to the social distancing in place and staggered start and finish times until the end of term.

FOUNDATION STAGE

Ash and Willow had a visit from Quirks Animal Roadshow this week. The children were very excited to meet lots of different animals including a giant African millipede, a Chillan rose tarantula, a python and a bearded dragon. Miss Devereaux preferred the fluffy rabbit!! The morning was finished off with a visit from Al's ice cream van. The children got to chose an ice cream and from the silence that followed we think they enjoyed eating them!



END OF TERM TIMES FOR PICK UP

Year 2 - 1:30pm
Foundation Stage - 1:40pm
Year 1 - 1:50pm

FAMILY FIRST MAGAZINE

Here is your free e-copy of the UK's best family magazine, packed full of information to help keep your children busy & entertained during the school summer holidays - Enjoy! Please click on the link below:

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_8_final010721

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HENLEY LITERARY FESTIVAL

CREATIVE COMPETITIONS



WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION PROGRAMMES

In September, each class will be taking part in the Henley Literary Festival by joining a range of schools for live author readings. Please see message below and information attached for some exciting summer holiday competitions your child/ren could take part in.

In the run up to the summer holidays, why not take part in the **Creative Competitions**, designed to get your imaginative brains whirring. Budding writers are encouraged to write a story or a poem of up to 500 words and for all the artists out there, they have an illustration competition too!

The competitions will be judged in three categories: 4+, 6+ and 9+, with the shortlisted entries being judged by former Children's Laureate, **Chris Riddell**.

For the chance to win £50 worth of books for your school library, a signed copy of Chris Riddell's book, and a Bell Bookshop voucher, please send your entries back to us by **1st August**. You can find the application form and further details about the competitions attached.

Please find the link to the page on our website here: <https://henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk/whats-on-2/competition/>

CAN NETWORK



Please find some information below about local holiday activity clubs in the Wokingham area that will be useful to you. As always - check out the activities and how they are operating via their web pages, or give them a call to find out more up to date information - how they can support your child or young person, and make the booking! The Holiday Activities and Food Programme is a new initiative funded by the Department for Education which provides free places for children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals at organised holiday activity sessions over the Summer and Christmas holidays in 2021. For further information and to register go to the [Holiday Activities Programme registration web page HERE](#) (online only)

[Merlin's Magic Wand - make an application for complimentary tickets for 2022! HERE](#) (online and post only)

Merlin's Magic wand charity provide complimentary tickets to enjoy a day at a Merlin Entertainments' attraction such as LEGOLAND Resort® Chessington, Thorpe Park theme parks, SEA LIFE Centres, and Madame Tussauds. Applications for magical days out are open, and response time is taking longer than usual to process – which might mean that some tickets to some theme parks will be for 2022! Nothing like planning ahead!

[What's on guide at Dinton Pastures HERE](#) 01189 342016. There are lots of activities happening at Dinton Pastures Country Park, as well as California Country Park – have a look at what is on offer!

[Ultimate Activity - Luckley House, Wokingham HERE](#) 03301 117077. Age 4-14. 8.30-4.30. £49 daily. Discounts available multiple sports, arts, crafts, dance, and many more activities. Contact to discuss support your child or young person may need.

[Just Play Sports - St Pauls Junior School, Wokingham HERE](#) 07957 423083. Age 5-11. 8.30-3.30 (£28). 8.30-5.30 (£37). Discounts available multi-sporting activities. Contact to discuss support your child or young person may need.

[Get Active Sports local holidays camps HERE](#) 01344 860868. Age 5-16. Varied timings and costs depending on location and length of day. Discounts available multi-activities Contact to discuss support your child or young person may need.

[Super Camps venues in Berkshire HERE](#) 01235 467300. Age 4-12. 9am-5pm. £47 daily. Discounts available multi-activities. Contact to discuss support your child or young person may need.

[The Beehive club at Nine Mile Ride school HERE](#) 07769 881946. Age 3-11. Full day. Costs vary according to length of day. Discounts available multi-activities. Contact to discuss support your child may need.

[Barracudas summer camp - Reddam House School, Wokingham HERE](#) 01480 467567. Age 4 ½ -12. Long and short days. Costs vary according to length of day. Discounts offered . Multi-activities. Contact to discuss support your child or young person may need.

[Thames Valley Adventure Playground \(TVAP\) HERE](#) Taplow, Nr. Maidenhead 01628 628599. Age 0-16. 2 hour family sessions. £10 per child. Registration required to make bookings Tuesdays Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays are family days.

[Our House - Building for the Future HERE](#) 07771 870223. Two stay and play sessions per week are being planned but no confirmed dates yet - so get in touch to find out more information!

[Reading Borough Council SEND services newsletter HERE](#) Lots of information about activities and organisations in the Reading area specifically for children and young people with special educational needs and disability (SEND).

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 (Finish at 1:30pm)

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBLIEE

Please note that there is an extra Bank holiday next year to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee on the 6th June 2022.

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to. All our children who have a Birthday before next term.

Ash - Philly and Jack.

Willow - Imogen, Miles, Abi, Max, Rowan and Aiyla.

Chestnut - Jacob, Darcey, David, Heidi and Nia.

Silver Birch - Beatrice, Isaac and Teddy.

Beech - Noah, George, Dhriti, Jamie, Oliver C and Sara.

Elm - Grace, Harriet, Megan, Harriet, Dexter and Harry.



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

admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk

LUNCHTIME CONTROLLERS

We Need Lunchtime Controllers!

We have immediate vacancies for Lunchtime Controllers. The hours are 12 – 1.30pm, and the enhanced holiday rate is £11.40. Please contact the school office for further information:

finance@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk
OR call the office on 01344 774644



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)
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Or via the school office

If you have any feedback about our newsletter, please email

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