



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

When we come to the end of a school year, you can't help but reflect on the year we've experienced. For this year, I can summarise it in one word.... turbulent! When the pandemic started in March 2019, I knew we were all in for a difficult journey but 2020-21 has been far more challenging. Another lockdown caused much more anxiety compared to before and our lives and families were hit very hard. The increased restrictions and procedures have meant so many changes in how we normally function – distancing, restricted contact, mask wearing, constant handwashing and endless amounts of cleaning. The saddest outcome is that our children have not experienced being together as a whole school, or knowing what exists outside of their year group bubbles or had the opportunity to get to know other members of staff. However, it is now starting to feel like we can start planning for some form of normality and positive plans are already underway for September.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for their continued support and understanding. They have all worked exceptionally hard, gone above and beyond and have adapted to each situation as it arose. Thank you to all the children for being themselves and never once questioning what we are doing. They have persevered with their work, accepted the changes and always had a smile on their faces. Next, thank you to all parents/ carers for your support. I appreciate how hard this year has been and how frustrating you may have found it. I have had to make decisions that have pushed me to my limit, which I know may have caused upset. However, the only way we have pulled through is by being together as a community, which I know is one of our strengths – working in partnership for the best for our children. Thank you to our Governors who give their time to the school, to help keep moving us forward. Finally, much gratitude to all the members of the PTA, who all give up so much of their own time to organise great events and fundraising activities, to benefit both schools.

I would like to wish our Year Two children all the best for the future, I know you will all continue to do well. Goodbye to our families who will be moving on, it has been a pleasure. For those who are remaining with us, I look forward to seeing you return in September.

I wish you all a wonderful summer break, I hope we have good weather! No doubt many of you will be experiencing staycations and time with families – enjoy. Keep safe and well.

Best wishes

Mrs O'Neill, Head teacher

CASEY LEAF

Children who have received a Casey leaf:

Ash: Thea, Libby, Emilia and Zerrin
Willow: Archie, Imogen, Nathan and Lottie
Chestnut: Emerson, David, Isaac and Toby
Silver Birch: Phoebe, Macie, Edgar and Lara
Beech: George, Riley,
Elm: Jack B, Joey, Charlie and Luke
Joey also received a Laurie leaf



GOLDIES

Children who have received a Goldie leaf:

Isabella in Elm



STAFFING

We are also having to say goodbye to Mrs Ho, a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in Year 2, who has been with us for 13 years. Mrs Howard, our School Business Manager, will be leaving us in September.

We wish them both good luck in their new roles.

To all the staff leaving us, I would like to say a big thank you for being part of our team. All the best for the future and I wish you much happiness, you will be missed.



GOVERNOR AWARDS

At our year group Celebration Assemblies on Monday, I presented six children with a Governor Award, based on our school characters. The teachers nominated different children across the classes for these awards and all of them were so pleased and proud when they received them. As always, it is difficult choosing as they have all done amazingly.

Character	Name of pupil	Class
Ivy – rising to challenges	Emilia	Ash
Holly – not afraid to fail	Iris	Willow
Laurie – pride in achievement	Lilly	Silver Birch
Solo – encouraging independence	Jasper	Beech
Goldie – respect for all	Joshua	Chestnut
Casey – being happy, cared for and cared about	Flynn	Elm

GOVERNORS

I would like to say a huge thank you to Chris Rossiter, who is stepping down from his role as Chair of Governors. He, like all our Governors, is a volunteer and has given his time freely and generously. I am pleased to say that he is remaining as part of our Governing Body. I am delighted to welcome Mat Parker as our new Chair and we're looking forward to working with him over the coming years.

JUDO

Well done to the Judo Club.

The pupils were presented with their belts and grading.

A huge achievement and we are proud of you all.

We look forward welcoming the club back for the w/b:

13th September 2021



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)

PTA THANK YOU

Last weekend the PTA had a stall at the Crowthorne Market selling the toys and books kindly donated by parents/ carers.

We are pleased to say it exceeded all our expectations and we raised a brilliant **£280.97!**



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

PTA YEAR 2 EVENT

Thank you so much to the PTA for organising the Year 2 event last Thursday.

It was a wonderful way to mark their ending at the Infants.

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

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