



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is lovely to see you all back and I hope you had a happy, safe summer. A huge welcome to our new families and a special welcome to our new members of staff - I hope you have a happy time here, we are really pleased to have you join our Infant team.

The children have settled very well, especially our new pupils in Ash and Willow and others across the school. I am confident that all our families will make everyone feel very welcome. It has been lovely seeing happy faces around school and hearing laughter, the children look very smart in their uniforms.

Last week we sent out dates for the autumn term, please be aware that they are provisional and could change at any point. As always, we keep everything under review as we are guided by Government guidance. I am hopeful that the way we have returned will remain in place and will be the start of a very positive year. Please can I remind you that if you wish to keep protective measures in place such as wearing masks and maintaining a social distance, then you will not be judged – we all need to keep as safe as possible and do what we are most comfortable with. In school we continue to implement safety measures such as increased ventilation, hand and face hygiene, additional cleaning during the school day and tracking visitors to the school. We ask that parents contact us if there is a positive case in your family and if anyone develops any symptoms, they do not come onto the school site.

I would like to thank all the staff and parent/carer community for making this a really good start to the school year.

Best wishes

Mrs O'Neill

Headteacher

WELCOME BACK!

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

Our new members of staff are as follows:

Mrs L Shrieve – Teacher in Elm
Miss S Pike – Teacher in Ash
Mrs S Lewis – Teaching assistant in Willow
Mrs M Presland – Finance Officer
Mrs V Christopher – Lunchtime controller
Mrs K Williams – Lunchtime controller
Miss G Irwin – Teaching Assistant

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

On a Monday, we have Celebration Assembly. This includes celebrating our school character awards, birthdays and achievements from outside of school. If children have received an award, they are welcome to share it in assembly and explain to the rest for the school why they received it.

BIRTHDAYS

When it is your child's birthday, they have the option to wear their own clothes to school - please can they make sensible choices e.g. footwear. If their birthday falls during a school holiday or at a weekend, they can wear it on a Monday or Friday. If they have already had a birthday since 1st September 2021, they can come in their own clothes anytime from next week. Please can we ask that no sweets are shared out to the children, as we have an increasing number of children with allergies and it is proving very complicated in class. We would also like to try and promote healthy eating.

GOLDIES

Well done to Natalia and Elodie in Beech, who received a Goldie Leaf.





READING NEWS



Welcome new and current families to the reading section of the newsletter. Each fortnight you will hear from a year group about the text they are reading in class and any reading events happening throughout the school.

On the school website you will find information regarding supporting your child reading including using the Pawsome Gang to develop reading skills: <http://oaklandsinfants.org/learning/english/reading/>.

I am extremely excited to share with you our newly decorated library. Last term children voted on what storybook characters they would like to feature in the library and some very talented parents offered their time to create an amazing stimulating environment for our children. Myself and all the staff want to pass on a massive thank you to Mrs Croxford, Mrs Martin, Mrs Balague and Ms Stsepantsava for your time, dedication and skills. What you have created is beyond what I imagined the library would look like. During my pupil voice the children asked for more places to read...we have certainly achieved this! It's been so rewarding seeing children spending time in the library and talking about the different characters they can see. For more photos of the progress of the artistic work please see the website gallery.

Miss Weston (Deputy Head and English Lead)





Our Core Values

“Deep Roots for Future Growth”

Here at Oaklands Infant School, we have six key characters: Goldie, Holly, Ivy, Solo, Laurie and Casey. Each of these characters represent a value and behaviour that will create an environment for your child/ren to grow and develop the skills they need to embrace modern education. The characters support the children to show respect, try their best, have a go, challenge themselves, show independence, take pride in their learning and achievements and feel safe in school.

Each term we focus on one of these characters and look for children demonstrating the values they represent. Children can receive them as an achievement in our weekly celebration assembly, look out for the achievers from each class in our fortnightly newsletter.

Please click on the link below for the school vision booklet to read more about each character:

<http://oaklandsinfants.org/vision-booklet/>



Ivy
Rising to challenges



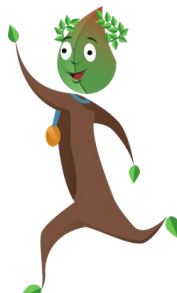
Goldie
Respect for all



Casey
Being happy, cared for and cared about



Solo
Encouraging independence



Laurie
Pride in achievement



Holly
Not afraid to fail

This term our character focus is Goldie.

At Oaklands Infant School, Oak Tree is the most important tree, so Goldie knows he is the most important leaf.

He is really proud that he is given to the children when they show respect for someone or something in our school.

We expect all children to follow Goldie's rules but each week two children who are showing exceptional behaviour will be awarded a Goldie leaf in our Celebration assembly.



Goldie's Rules



- **Remember your manners**
- **Listen to others**
- **Use kind words**
- **Use kind hands**
- **Show respect to everyone and everything**

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 - 2022

Date	Autumn term 2021
Wednesday 1st September	Inset day
Thursday 2nd September	Return to school
Thursday 21st October	Finish for half term
Friday 22nd October	Inset day
Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October	Half term
Monday 1st November	Return to school
Friday 17th December	Finish for Christmas holidays (1.30pm)
Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January	Christmas holidays
Date	Spring term 2022
Tuesday 4th January	Inset day
Wednesday 5th January	Return to school
Friday 11th February	Finish for half term
Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February	Half term
Monday 21st February	Return to school
Friday 1st April	Finish for Easter holidays (1.30pm)
Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April	Easter holidays
Date	Summer term 2022
Tuesday 19th April	Return to school
Thursday 5th May	Election day
Thursday 26th May	Finish for half term
Friday 27th May	Inset day
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June	Half term
Monday 6th June	Extra day for Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Tuesday 7th June	Return to school
Wednesday 20th July	Finish for summer holidays (1.30pm)
Thursday 21st July	Inset day
Inset days: Wednesday 1st September 2021 Friday 22nd October 2021 Tuesday 4th January 2022 Friday 27th May 2022 Thursday 21st July 2022	

PARKING

Please do not drive into the school grounds, especially at the beginning and end of the school day. The police have agreed that the most satisfactory way for parents to park cars along Ellis Road when bringing or collecting children is as follows:-

Park on the school side of Ellis Road in the morning when depositing the children

Park on the opposite side when collecting them after school

It is vitally important that the zigzag area is left clear in the morning and that parents collecting their children in the afternoon leave their cars in order to escort their children across the road. Furthermore, cars should not be parked opposite the zigzag lines in the evening. It is felt, however, that a complete satisfactory arrangement will never be arrived at because there are just too many cars in that small stretch of road. The situation could be relieved somewhat if the children were brought by car only when really necessary.



PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

On Thursday 23rd September from 7pm we will be holding a Parent Information Evening. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and see your child's classroom. Information to follow.

CENSUS DAY

Please note that Census Day will be on Thursday 7th October, when dinner will be fish and chips. This is swapped from Friday. A high uptake of school dinners is important as the numbers are used to inform the school meal funding from central government.

CHRISTMAS FINISH

**Please note that our last day
of the term on the
17th December 2021
we will finish school at
1:30pm**

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England, encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help prevent the summer reading 'dip'. Bracknell Forest Libraries present the reading challenge every year to encourage children to read regularly and build their skills and confidence.

Thanks for everyone for taking on the challenge. It was lovely to see so many families returning to the libraries.

The reading challenge finishes on Saturday 11th September in Bracknell Forest and - so children still have time to complete their goals. Wokingham Libraries finished their challenge on the 28th August.

Bracknell Forest certificates will be sent into all schools during October 2021.

SENCO



A message from Mrs Bunce:

If you don't know already, I am Mrs Bunce and I try to help children get any extra help and support they might need to make learning a positive and happy experience.

If your child seems to be having any difficulties with their learning, whatever the cause, their class teacher is the first point of call. However, if more assistance is needed or you are still concerned, you can make an appointment to come a talk to me. Please phone or pop into the office to arrange a convenient time. Our website has information that may help you too.

DROP OFF REMINDER

Please could we just remind you that school drop-off is now **8:40am-8:50am**.

At 8:50am the class doors will be shut and you will need to come through the school office, where it is marked as a lateness.



BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Alexi in Elm, Kiran in Chestnut, Oliver in Beech, Ava in Ash, Chloe in Silver Birch, Leon in Chestnut, Jemima in Beech, Oscar in Willow, Michael in Ash, Thea in Ash, Poppy in Silver Birch and Poppy in Chestnut.



JEANS FOR GENES



On Friday 17th September it is 'Jeans for Genes' day, which the Infants and Juniors will both be supporting.

We would like to encourage everyone to wear **non-uniform and jeans** (or tracksuit bottoms) and make a donation of £1; the money raised will go towards supporting children with life-altering genetic disorders.

REMINDERS

- Please can all parents/ carers talk through the lunch menus with the children so they know what to expect on the day.
- Please can you remove earrings on the days the children have PE. Otherwise, children will be asked to either remove them or cover with tape.

CONTACT US

FAMILY SUPPORT ADVISOR - Nikki Lenon
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Oaklands Infant School Office: 01344 774644 or email
admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk

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.

Mat Parker (Chair of Governors)
governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk
Or via the school office

CLOTHES LABELLING

Please could you name label all of your child's clothing.

If an item has been bought second hand please could you cross out the old name and re-write the new name. This ensures that we return all lost property to the right child.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year our harvest festival will be on **Wednesday 6 October at 9am**. Items most needed for the Foodbank are: Tinned potatoes, sponge puddings, cartons of juice, squash, bars of soap, men's toiletries, custard, kitchen roll, hand wash, anti-bac, adult toothpaste and shower gel. Information to follow.

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

admin@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk

If you have any feedback about our newsletter, please email

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VACANCY

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**Lunchtime Controller
Immediate Start
Monday, Tuesday and Friday 12- 1:30pm
£11.40 per hour including holiday pay**

Oaklands Infant School is looking to appoint an enthusiastic Lunchtime Controller to join our supportive and friendly team. We want to develop “Deep roots for future growth” – and that includes you! Look at our bright website [Oaklands Infant School](http://www.oaklandsinfants.org) to develop an idea of what we value.

Please contact the office manager for job specification and application form or anything else you would like to know.

Suitable applicants will be invited to interview on receipt, therefore please take the opportunity to apply as soon as possible.

Oaklands Infant School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This position requires an enhanced DBS disclosure.