OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth

WELCOME BACK!

Dear parents/ carers,
It did not feel appropriate to send out my first newsletter at the end of last week due to recent circumstances so my apologies for the slight delay.

It is lovely to see everyone back in school. A huge welcome to our new families and a special welcome to new members of staff - 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 who started full-time on Friday.

Thank you to everyone for making it such a positive start to the school year.

With best wishes,
Hannah O'Neill
Headteacher

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.

GOODBYE!

During the summer holidays, I am sorry to say that Mrs Hutchinson resigned from her role as School Secretary to take on a new role outside of education. Miss Naylor will be joining us on Monday 12th September.

Mrs MacDonald (Office Manager) will also be leaving us soon to start her role as HR Manager at another school. We wish them both all the best for the future and thank them for their support to the school.

Our new members of staff:
Miss M Naylor – School Secretary
Mrs S Hammersley – Office Manager
Ms L Moore - teacher in Elm
Miss A Perescu-teaching assistant in Silver Birch
Mrs N Bennett - lunchtime controller
Mrs K Cannons- lunchtime controller

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 2022, 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.

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/

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 2022 - 2023

Date	Autumn term 2022
Friday 2nd September	Inset day
Monday 5th September	Return to school
Thursday 20th October	Finish for half term
Friday 21st October	Inset day
Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October	Half term
Monday 31st October	Return to school
Tuesday 20th December	Finish for Christmas holidays (1.30pm)
Wednesday 21st December – Tuesday 3rd January	Christmas holidays
Date	**Spring term 2023**
Wednesday 4th January	Return to school
Friday 10th February	Finish for half term
Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February	Half term
Monday 20th February	Inset day
Tuesday 21st February	Return to school
Friday 31st March	Finish for Easter holidays (1.30pm)
Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April	Easter holidays
Date	**Summer term 2023**
Monday 17th April	Return to school
Thursday 4th May	TBC Election day
Friday 26th May	Finish for half term
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	Half term
Monday 5th June	Return to school
Wednesday 19th July	Finish for summer holidays (1.30pm)
Thursday 20th July	Inset day
Friday 21st July	Inset day

Inset days:

Friday 2nd September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

Monday 20th February 2023

Thursday 20th July 2023

Friday 21st July 2023

Dates for Parents Autumn Term 2022

Date	Activities in September
Autumn 1	Character Focus: **Goldie**
Thursday 15th	7.45am: Judo starts
Thursday 22nd	7.00 – 8.00pm: Parent Information Evening
Friday 23rd	Jeans for Genes day
Date	**Activities in October**
Wednesday 5th	9.00am: Harvest Festival
Thursday 6th	CENSUS
Monday 10th	School photos
Friday 14th	Elm class assembly
Tuesday 18th	3.30 – 6.00pm: Parents Evening
Thursday 20th	3.30 – 7.00pm: Parents Evening Break – up for half-term
Friday 21st	Inset Day
HALF-TERM **Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2022**	
Autumn 2	Character Focus: **Holly**
Monday 31st	Back to School
Date	**Activities in November**
Monday 14th	Odd Sock Day – launch of anti-bullying week
Friday 18th	Children in Need Beech class assembly
Date	**Activities in December**
Monday 12th	9.30am: Carol service at the church
Week beginning Monday 12th	Christmas plays. Dates and times to follow.
Tuesday 20th	1.30pm: Break-up for Christmas holidays
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS **Wednesday 21st December 2022 – Tuesday 3rd January 2023**	
Date	**Activities in January**
Wednesday 4th	Return to school

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.

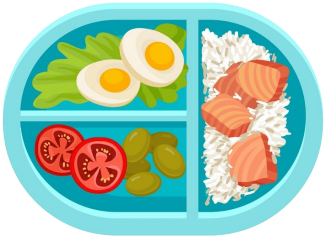
Furthermore, cars should not be parked opposite the zigzag lines in the evening. It is felt, however, that a complete satisfactory arrangement will never be arrived at because there are just too many cars in that small stretch of road. The situation could be relieved somewhat if the children were brought by car only when really necessary.

On Thursday 22nd 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 6th October. 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

20th December 2022

we will finish school at

1:30pm

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.

JEANS FOR GENES

On Friday 23rd 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.

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.

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