



# OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

## OAK TREE NEWS

*Deep roots for future growth*



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break. We had a busy inset day, looking at our school values and what 'Deep Roots for Future Growth' really means for our children. We also looked at what top 10 experiences we would like our children to have had by the time they leave the Infants, we look forward to sharing these with you...once we narrow them down from 100!

I would like to welcome a new member of staff; Miss L James who will be supporting pupils in Year 1.

We returned to school for a special 'Maths' week; launching with Museum of Mystery. A huge thank you to our Maths leads Miss Davies and Miss Devereaux and the teachers for making it a fun week back for the children.

*Miss E Weston*

Acting Headteacher

### Reminders!

- No dogs allowed on site. Only Guide dogs or Nurture dogs (with school permission) are allowed on site.
- Remember to visit The Book Fair which is located in the Year 2 library after school.
- World Book Day dress-up date has moved to Friday 3rd March.

## Congratulations!

We are extremely pleased to announce that Mrs Bunce has graduated with Distinction for her Special Educational Needs Coordination with Reading University. She has worked extremely hard and we couldn't be more proud.



On 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 I graduated after completing to distinction level the National Award for Special Educational Needs Coordination with Reading University. The course entailed three modules; Policies and Procedures, Overcoming Barriers to Learning and Learners with Difficulties and Disabilities. During these modules, I chose to specialise in Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Dyslexia and Transition between key stages. The assignments entailed studying legislation, researching, planning and delivering training and working with pupils and parents. The course concluded with the submission of a detailed portfolio presenting evidence that ten objectives were thoroughly met. I am proud that I was brave enough to go back to University after nearly thirty years, and am enjoying applying my extended knowledge to support our children at Oaklands.



**Children who have received a Solo leaf last half term:**

**Ash:** Ethan and Charlotte

**Willow:** Tanveer and Laurie

**Chestnut:** Lucas and Alexander

**Silver Birch:** Jenson and Michael

**Beech:** Poppy and Kairi

**Elm:** Arthur and Hannah

Our Oaklands Tree is looking very full of Goldie and Solo leaves. Well done to all the children who have received a leaf last half term! The leaves will be coming home with you soon.



### **This term our focus for the school character is Ivy**

*Ivy was fed up with being at the bottom of the tree. She wanted to see more. She worked hard to grow over the obstacles in her way. When she reached the top she could see the whole wood.*

**Ivy often says....**

- ♦ challenge yourself!
- ♦ keep trying! Stretch and reach for your goals!
- ♦ how are you going to challenge yourself today?
- ♦ keep trying, can you do even better?
- ♦ keep trying; reach the next branch like me.



**What things can you do at home to be like Ivy?**

**Could you....?**

- ♦ read more books
- ♦ try new food
- ♦ make your bed everyday without being reminded
- ♦ create a new family tradition
- ♦ give your family a new challenge





## World Book Day Competition



On **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, we are very excited to be celebrating World Book Day as a school. We are looking forward to immersing ourselves in the wonderful world of books and seeing the children in their costumes.

As part of the celebrations, we will be holding a competition for pupils to design and create a bedroom for their favourite book character! This could be created in a shoebox, a model made from playdoh or Lego, a picture using images cut from magazines, or a drawing or painting. You can also take a photo of your model made at home if you'd prefer.

Here are a few ideas to inspire you. Which characters might these bedrooms belong to?



Children can bring their creations into school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and during the following week. A winning entry from each class will be chosen on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March** with wonderful book prizes from the Scholastic Book Fair to be won.



Please find attached the January Parent Newsletter from Berkshire Maestros including updates and their fantastic event for children and families to try as many different instruments as they'd like and to chat to their teachers at their music centres.



# Marvellous Maths

## Maths Week

This week we have had a fantastic week celebrating all things mathematical. We started the week with a caveman on the loose in school with a visit from Subject Revolution. The children entered the Museum of Mystery and had to solve a variety of puzzles and problems to help unlock the time machine to send the caveman back home.



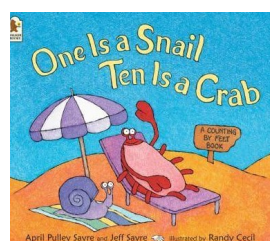
## Maths through Stories

Each class choose a focus book to enjoy.

Foundation Stage—One is a Snail. Ten is a Crab

Year 1—The Perfect Fit

Year 2—365 Penguins



On Thursday the children swapped classes and carried out fun activities linked to the different focus books from the week. Lots of fun was had by all!

## 100 Days of School

On Friday 24th February, we celebrated being in school for 100 days this academic year. The children enjoyed activities and challenges linked to the number 100 and we even got to see what we might look like when we reach 100!



***Please see the website for photos from the week.***

A huge thank you to all staff and pupils for their enthusiasm and engagement this week.

Miss Davies and Miss Devereaux

Maths Leads







## Dates for Parents Spring Term 2023

Date	Activities in February
<b>Spring 2</b>	Character Focus: <b>Ivy</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Children return to school Start of Maths Week
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Mon 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	3.05pm until 3.50pm: Book Fair in the Year 2 library
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Celebrating 100 days in school
Date	Activities in March
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	World Book Day
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	6.30pm: PTA AGM
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Red Nose Day
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Year 2 trip to Pizza Express
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am: Silver Birch class assembly in the hall 4.30pm PTA Disco
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 1 Reading and Writing parent workshop details to follow
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	1.30pm: finish for Easter holidays
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 3rd April — Friday 14th April</b>	
Date	Activities in April
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Return to school



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### **Invitation to the PTA AGM** **6th March 2023**

We will be holding a PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 6th March 2023 at 6.30pm in the Infants' School Hall.

This is an opportunity to hear about fundraising from the past year and activities planned for the year ahead.

If you would like to put yourself forward to join the PTA Committee, please email [oaklandschoolspta@gmail.com](mailto:oaklandschoolspta@gmail.com) before the AGM

### **The Butler Road / Ellis Road Gates**





All parents / carers are reminded that if either the Butler Road gate or Ellis Road gate is closed they should not open it and leave it on the latch to allow other people to access the school.


If you are visiting during school hours and are buzzed in by staff, please ensure that the gate is firmly shut behind you when entering and exiting the school premises. As you can fully appreciate this is for safeguarding reasons.

### **Driving on to the School Site**

Under no circumstances should anyone be driving on to our school site for reasons of lateness or delivering children's lunchboxes etc. Parking is available in nearby roads where you can then walk into school. If the pedestrian gates are closed, please press the buzzer to reach either the Infant or the Junior Office. If, however, you have a disabled badge, you would be very welcome to drive on to site. If you intend to do this, we would need to have confirmation of your blue badge, if you could bring this into the School Office so that this can be noted. Thank you.

## Chess Club: For Year 1 and Year 2 children:

Oaklands Infant School Chess Club		
	<b>My Background</b> My name is Rob Willmoth. I have played chess for 35 years. I am currently ranked in the top 100 players in the UK and have played in 17 consecutive British championships. I run chess coaching services which provides expert chess tuition to schools	
	<b>What can Chess offer to Children.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for better performance in academic studies</li> <li>• Enhanced problem solving</li> <li>• Enhanced strategic thinking</li> <li>• Enhanced self esteem</li> <li>• Friendly forum for making friends</li> <li>• Healthy competition in a safe environment</li> </ul>	<b>Chess Club Lesson.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structured lesson plan by term, from basic play to advanced play</li> <li>• Regular grading system to assess performance.</li> <li>• Weekly coaching on demonstration board</li> <li>• Graded weekly games against other children</li> <li>• Weekly recap on knowledge learnt.</li> </ul>
	<b>Sign up For Chess Club</b> The club will take place Thursday afterschool from 3.15pm to 4.15pm from Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr to Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July..... <b>Cost £7.50 per lesson. Total Cost Thursday (10 weeks)- £75.....</b> Online payment Only. If you cannot pay online please contact me on the email below..... Online Payment <a href="https://chesscoachingservices.co.uk/online-payments/school-club">https://chesscoachingservices.co.uk/online-payments/school-club</a> ..... First Lesson to start on Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr.....	
	Email: <a href="mailto:robwillmoth@hotmail.co.uk">robwillmoth@hotmail.co.uk</a> Mobile 07956 297329 website <a href="http://chesscoachingservices.co.uk">chesscoachingservices.co.uk</a>	



## Dodgeball and Games at Oaklands!

**Tuesday After School: 3:30pm - 4:30pm**

**Who Can Attend:**  
Boys and Girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

**Dates:**  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
(Excluding Half Term)

Please visit [www.justplaysports.co.uk](http://www.justplaysports.co.uk)

You can then book on to the course from there!

All details will be visible on the website.

Any issues, give me a call/text or email!

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