



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge welcome back to all our families. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and we'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year! On behalf of myself and the staff, we want to say thank you for all your wonderful cards and presents last term.

Thank you to those who have given me your best wishes for my new role for the next two terms. I was hoping for a quiet first term but after collating the term dates it looks like it will be a busy one. Luckily I have an amazing team supporting me in this role. Over the page you will find some information introducing my Senior Leadership team (all people you know) plus Amy Chapman and Suzanne Higgins who work for Corvus Learning Trust and have worked with us for some years now. You will see them from time to time on the school gate so please do say hello.

Miss E Weston

Acting Headteacher

Reminders!

Children should not be playing on the playground equipment before or after school in case of any accidents, as they will be unsupervised.

Ensure earrings are removed or taped up on PE days.

For alternative pick-up arrangements for your child, please provide a note for the class teacher or call/email admin.

On Mondays, 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 of the school why they received it. For example, this award could be related to a club such as football, swimming, dance etc.



CLOTHES LABELLING

Please could you 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.



DROP OFF REMINDER

Please could we just remind you that school drop-off is **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.

Miss E Weston: Acting Headteacher



I joined Oaklands Infant School in September 2017 as Deputy Headteacher and Year 2 class teacher in Elm. Prior to joining Oaklands, I taught in a primary school in Bracknell Forest for 10 years. I was the KS1 Phase Leader, staff governor and I taught across the infant year groups. The values of the staff, parents and pupils at Oaklands Infant School are something to nurture and sustain. I am committed to upholding, modelling and promoting those values and being a positive and enthusiastic voice for the staff, and therefore pupils, of the school. I am passionate about supporting the school to be the best it can be for all of our pupils and our families.

Miss M Davies: Acting Deputy Headteacher

I have been a teacher for over twenty years across the primary phase and am passionate about ensuring all children have access to rich learning experiences to help develop a lifelong love of learning. I believe it is important to get to know each pupil and build strong supportive relationships with parents. I joined Oaklands in September 2017; first of all working in Year 1 and then moving to Year 2 where I have been for the last four years. I am also the lead for Maths, Art and Design Technology. I love working at Oaklands and look forward to supporting the school as it moves forward.



Miss G Devereaux: Acting Deputy Headteacher



I have been the class teacher of Willow class since joining Oaklands Infant School in 2013. As well as class teacher I am the lead for PSHE & RSE, Maths and English as an Additional Language. Prior to being at Oaklands I was at a primary school in Winnersh for 10 years where I taught Reception and Year 1. I am passionate about the importance of the Early Years in building a strong foundation for future learning and I believe that a nurturing, happy environment can contribute to this. I am looking forward to being able to help support the SLT to continue to provide the best education and experiences for our children.

Mrs S Bunce: SENCO

As many of you know, I am Mrs Bunce and as Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, have the privilege of specialising in supporting the children with barriers to their learning. This may be difficulties with: acquiring the skills and knowledge they need in any or all subjects of the curriculum, accessing the class teaching or problems with their social and emotional development. All the staff are fully committed to ensure that "deep roots for future growth" is our aim for *all* our children, no matter what their barriers may be. As I begin my twenty-ninth year of teaching, I still thoroughly enjoy working with the children and parents within our very special school community.



Mrs A Chapman



For the last few years, I have been fortunate to work as part of the central team at Corvus Learning Trust as the Primary School Development Lead. It has been a joy getting to know the schools, working alongside the Headteachers and Leaders and seeing the dedication with which they work to achieve the best outcomes and care for all children. Largely, my experience is supporting leadership development and embedding whole school improvement priorities and documentation. It is a privilege to work in schools, daily seeing the impact of learning.

Mrs S Higgins

I am really looking forward to being a part of the Senior Leadership Team at Oaklands Infants School. I joined Corvus Learning Trust at the start of 2019 as the Primary English Development Lead, working with the wonderful staff and pupils across all of our primary schools. My focus is to support in the continued development of high-quality teaching and learning in phonics, reading and writing across the primary phase, as well as with working with our secondary schools to ensure our pupils are well prepared for this next phase in their education. In September 2022, I also took on the role of Primary Teaching and Learning Lead where I now help develop subjects across the whole curriculum. This year, I will be working more closely with Oaklands Infants to support with the embedding of the 'Sounds Write' phonics programme, ensuring this helps to enhance our pupils' wider English skills, as well as continuing the great work the team have made to further develop the school's whole curriculum.



Our Oaklands Tree in the hall

Well done to all the children who received a Holly and Goldie leaf last half term. You should feel very proud of yourselves!



Oakland Infants Character

This half term our character focus is: Solo

Solo would say:

- Use your own ideas to be creative.
- Encourage others.
- Be independent.
- Be brave and try it on your own.
- Be your own person.



When at home encourage your child to be like Solo and do things such as...

- tie up shoe laces
- zip up your coat
- tidy your bedroom
- complete a puzzle
- look through a picture book





Dates for Parents Spring Term 2023

Date	Activities in January
Spring 1	Character Focus: Solo
Wednesday 4 th	Return to school
Friday 13 th	Non-uniform day
Monday 23 rd	Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle
Monday 30 th – Mon 6 th Feb	National Storytelling Week
Date	Activities in February
Wednesday 1 st	Foundation Stage Early Reading/Writing parent workshop – Details to follow
Friday 3 rd	Chestnut class assembly 9am in the hall NSPCC Number Day
Monday 6 th – 12 th February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 7 th	Safer Internet Day Parent Afternoon with Family Support Adviser – details to follow 3.30 – 6.00pm: Parents Evening
Thursday 9 th	3.30 – 7.00pm: Parents Evening
Friday 10 th	Break-up for half-term
HALF-TERM Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2023	
Spring 2	Character Focus: Ivy
Monday 20 th	Inset day
Tuesday 21 st	Children return to school Start of Maths Week
Tuesday 21 st – Tues 7 th March	Book Fair
Friday 24 th	Celebrating 100 days in school
Date	Activities in March
Thursday 2 nd	World Book Day
Week beginning 13 th	TBC Science day
Friday 17 th	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 21 st	Year 2 trip to Pizza Express
Friday 24 th	Silver Birch class assembly 9am in the hall
Wednesday 29 th	Year 1 Reading and Writing parent workshop details to follow
Friday 31 st	1.30pm: finish for Easter holidays
EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April	
Date	Activities in April
Monday 17 th	Return to school

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 - 2023



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

Parking Reminders



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.



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.

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.

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