



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. Often people say that we must be on the wind down to the summer holidays, but for the Infants summer term 2 is one of our busiest terms with the transition of all the new Foundation Stage pupils, transition visits for the other classes, reports, sports day, trips and end of year celebrations with Year 2. Please do note all the dates for the summer term in this newsletter, they are also on Weduc.

Miss E Weston

Well done to everyone who received a Laurie or Goldie leaf last half term.



You may have noticed the new yellow zig zag lines on Ellis Road, Please observe this new restriction and refrain from parking during the times stated otherwise you will be breaking the law as per the Road Traffic Act 1984.



This term our focus for the school character is Casey.

Casey was a tiny conker on the horse chestnut tree. He was worried about the day when he had to fall to the ground. The horse chestnut tree made him a special case which protected and cared for him. On the day he fell it kept him safe.

Casey often says....

- Listen and laugh together.
- Are you okay?
- Look after each other.
- Protect each other.
- Come and play with us!



“Caring Casey”



LEARNING CELEBRATION

Celebration of Learning

Each half term, we invite parents/ carers to each class to celebrate the children's learning. Please find listed below the dates and times for this half term. Come directly to the classroom for the time stated. Ash class will be hosting a class assembly showcasing their learning. Please line up at the main entrance, we will open the hall door from 8.50am.

Class	Date	Time
Ash	Friday 21st June	9.00am: class assembly in the hall
Willow	Thursday 4th July	2:50pm
Chestnut	Thursday 11th July	3pm
Silver Birch	Friday 12th July	3pm
Beech	Wednesday 17th July	1:45pm leavers play in the hall
Elm	Wednesday 17th July	1:45pm leavers play in the hall

The Noticeboard

- ◆ Monday is class photos, please ensure children are neatly presented in summer uniform.
- ◆ Reminder to pay for the up coming trips for Reception and Year 2 to Birdworld and Windsor Environmental Centre if you haven't done so already.
- ◆ If the water bottles in the photo belong to your child please collect them from the school office before they are disposed off.
- ◆ Please can you donate any child friendly current music CD's for the children to listen to during Friday lunchtimes.
- ◆ Well done to the whole school who received a Goldie from Miss McWhinnie our Lunchtime Supervisor. She gave everyone a leaf for amazing manners in the hall before the half term.





Foundation Stage

This term our topic is Splash! We are starting by learning about ponds before moving onto under the sea. To launch our new topic we had a delivery of 5 duck eggs which we have been eagerly watching. There has been much excitement watching the ducklings hatch and we can't wait to give them their first swim and to hold them when they are a bit bigger and stronger. We will be learning about lots different pond and sea creatures, their



features and their habitats. This half term we will also be doing lots of reflecting on our busy but amazing year in Ash and Willow and preparing for the transition to year 1. As well as all of this learning be will also be going on our school trip to Birdworld and having our first sports day.



Year 1

We are at the beginning of our final half term of the year. Time has flown by so quickly and we are proud of all the children and the progress they have made throughout the year. Well done Year One! Our learning adventure for this half term is 'Toy Story'. To further develop our oracy skills, we will be giving all the children the opportunity to share a photograph of one of their treasured toys and to explain why the toy is such a special one. We will also encourage the children to talk to their older family members and our school staff about the toys they enjoyed playing with when they were young. We will have lots of opportunities to look at and handle toys from the past and to discuss how toys have changed over time. We are all keen scientists in Year One, and this half term we will be having lots of fun exploring, naming and describing the properties of everyday materials. You may like to chat with your children about the materials that everyday objects and toys around the home are made from and why. In PSHE, we will be celebrating all the things we have learned, and ways in which we have grown, during our time in Year One. We will discuss how all living things, including ourselves, are always changing. In addition to all the above, we will be reading lots of stories and poems, singing songs, dancing and playing outdoor games, practising for sports day, sewing, gardening and investigating multiplication and division in maths. It looks to be a very busy and exciting half term ahead!

Year 2

Our final topic this year is 'The Great Outdoors,' a Science led topic where we will look at different habitats and how animals and plants have adapted to survive. We will be visiting Windsor Environmental Centre, as part of this topic and carrying out some fieldwork. In Geography we will be considering both local and international environmental issues and thinking about what we can all do to help. Our Maths lessons this half term will concentrate on fractions, time and position and movement. There will also be time to recap previous learning. Using the books Rang-Tan by James Sellick and Tidy by Emily Gravett we will write descriptions, postcards, fact files and even a letter to the Prime Minister. Finally in Art, we will study the paintings of Henri Rousseau and use them as a stimulus to create our own collage jungle pictures.





Ahoy Mateys! Don't Miss the Crowthorne Carnival - Fun for All Ages!

Get ready to set sail for a swashbuckling adventure! The **Crowthorne Carnival** is returning this year, taking place from **July 6th – 14th, 2024**, and we're bringing a week of fun for the whole family!

This year's theme is *Surfing the Seven Seas* and we've got a fantastic program lined up, including:

- **Ahoy there!** - The week kicks off with the Carnival day itself and a **vibrant procession** on **July 6th**, winding its way through the streets of Crowthorne.
- **Shiver me timbers!** - Join us at the **fantastic fete** at the **Morgan Recreation Ground**, also on **July 6th**. There'll be thrilling rides, delicious treats, dazzling performances, and engaging activities for all ages.
- **Land ho for little scallywags!** Calling all mini pirates and mermaids! We've got a special **children's disco** planned on **July 12th** at Pinewood Bar and Cafe, sure to keep them grooving on the high seas!

More reasons to join the fun:

Throughout the week, there will be a variety of **exciting events** happening across Crowthorne including a scarecrow competition, darts, zumba, Scottish dancing and so much more – visit our [website](#) for details!

We're looking for a ship full of fantastic **volunteers** to help us make the Carnival a success. If you're interested in lending a hand, contact our [Chairman](#)

We can't wait to see you and your little crew at the Crowthorne Carnival! It's going to be an unforgettable adventure.

For more information:

Visit our website: <https://www.crowthornecarnival.org/>

- Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/crowthornecarnival

Yo ho ho, and see you there!

The Crowthorne Carnival Committee





Oaklands Infant School

Summer Term Dates 2024

HALF-TERM Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024

Date	Activities in June
Summer 2	Character Focus: Casey
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th	Y1 phonic screening check and Y2 retakes
Monday 10 th	School photos
Friday 14 th	Foundation Stage school trip
Tuesday 18 th	8.15am: Reading for Pleasure morning in the hall
Friday 21 st	9am: Ash class assembly
Wednesday 26 th	Sports Day
Thursday 27 th	Year 2 school trip
Date	Activities in July
Wednesday 3 rd	12.05pm – 1.15pm: Yr2 lunch at OJS
Thursday 4 th	10.15am: Yr2 assembly/playtime at OJS
Saturday 6 th	Crowthorne Carnival
Thursday 11 th	9.05am – 11.20am: Whole school transition including OJS
Friday 12 th	Reports out to parents
Saturday 13 th	Crowthorne Flower Festival
Wednesday 17 th	1.45pm: Yr2 Leavers Play to parents
Thursday 18 th	Pm: Yr2 PTA Leavers afternoon
Friday 19 th	PTA: Crazy Hair Day 1.30pm: end of term
Monday 22 nd	INSET day
Tuesday 23 rd	INSET day



If you haven't done so already please complete the parent/carer questionnaire .

The deadline for completion is **3pm Friday 21st June**.

To access the questionnaire please click on this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=k9-U8cxAHESzZ3GJMpa0GuuG5i5wyAhCs--gWvFzfxVUM;ijjWkY3MklaUFQ0NTBJNUxMWFVMSkNGRi4u>



‘Daniel in the Lion’s Den’

Sunday 9th June 2024
3pm – 4.30pm

Family activity session including crafts, games, music, story and refreshments.
Suggested donation: £1 per child. Please book places at shine.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com

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