

Weekly Newsletter 13th September 2021



**Right of the Fortnight: Article 12:
Your right to say what you think
should happen, and be listened to.**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great summer break. To those parents/carers who are new to the school, we extend a warm welcome to you. The term started for staff on Thursday, 2 September where we spent two days focusing on curriculum development and looking back and celebrating our successes from the previous years. We also spent time focusing on safeguarding, PREVENT, personal development, behaviour and welfare. It was also a good opportunity during these two days to update staff on our safe return to school plans and risk assessments.

It has been really fantastic to welcome the children back to school. Seeing happy and excited parents/carers and children walking through the gates was a wonderful experience. As I walked around school each day, it was brilliant to see our children actively engaged in their learning and generally delighted to be back to business. Children always amaze me with their resilience and the way in which they adapt to situations.

It was also lovely to see our children enjoying safe social time together at breaks and lunchtime. It also reminded me, being back amongst staff and children, what an amazing school I have the privilege to lead. Our Early Years team were meeting with new parents and children and the whole of our school was complete on Thursday of this week when all our Reception pupils had started. We have been so impressed with how well they have settled into school-life and we are excited to equip them all with the skills to be able to live remarkable lives.

Communication Thank you for being so understanding about the continued staggered start and finish times. **To keep everyone safe we ask that you do not arrive on the school site early at the start and end of the day. To reduce congestion, KS1 have been opening their doors early which means that at the end of the day the children are missing valuable learning time. We will keep this under review.** Thank you for being so respectful by following the one-way system and for not entering the school building. Please continue to communicate with us if you need to. You can email or phone the school office—email class teachers directly or arrange to speak to your child's teacher by phone.

Weekly Newsletter will continue to be uploaded to the Newsletter section of the website. Paper copies will not be routinely sent home. **Please keep your phone details up-to-date and please be available should we need to contact you.** This is now more important than ever in case your child is unwell or develops symptoms of Coronavirus whilst in school.

Finally, Y6s had an amazing send off during their last week with a Shakespeare Festival Day, pizza and Ice cream treats and the grand finale dance workshops with Urban Kaos and a Colour Run. We hope they all make a smooth transition to their new schools.

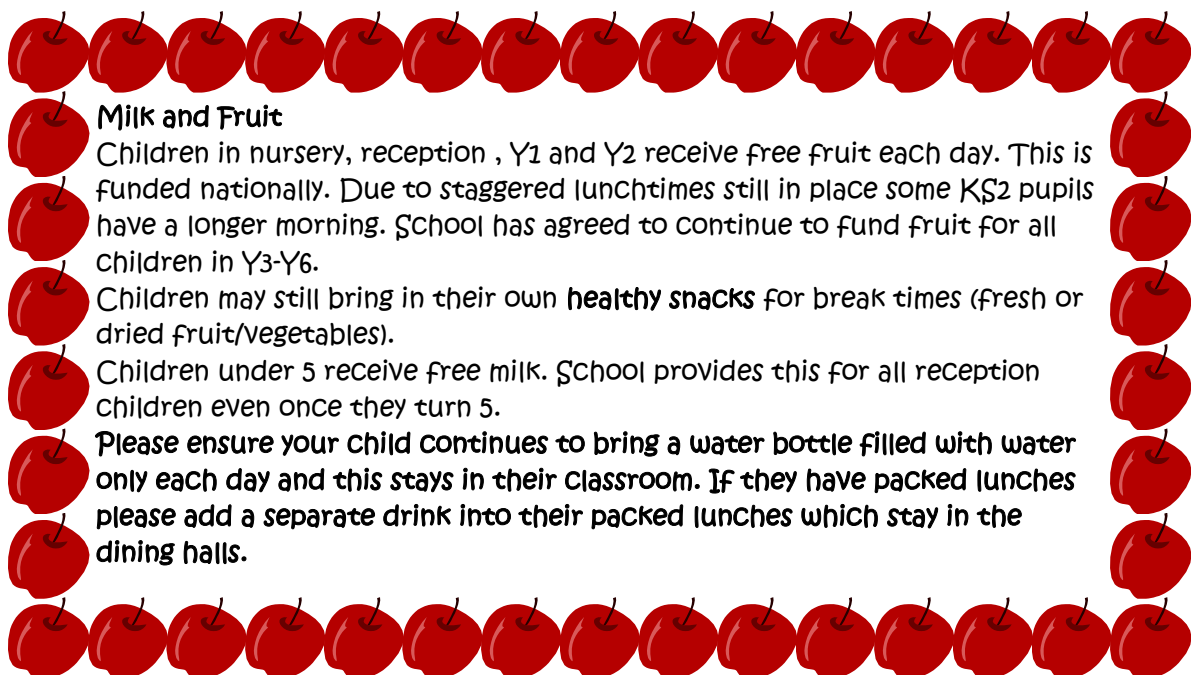
Have a lovely week!

Mrs E Bramley and Miss C Champion



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

Tues 14th Sept	Lingotots recommences for Y3 to Y6 Pupils
18 th -26 th September	Big Green Week
Mon 27th Sept Tues 28th Sept	European Day of Languages Y4 Roman Visit to Housesteads 6 children (Yr5/6) attending Primary Leaders Academy
OCTOBER	Black History Month
Fri 1st Oct Mon 4th Oct	Last day for Foodbank Harvest appeal Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament @ Northfield 12:45pm - 2:45pm.
Thursday 7th Oct	National Poetry Day Y3 Pedestrian Training
Fri 8th Oct	KS2 Global enrichment activities
W/c 11th Oct pils	Telephone Consultation Eves for Parent/Carers of EYFS & KS1 pu-
Tues 12th Oct Thurs 14th Oct	PD Day 3 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils) Greek workshop Y5
W/c 18th Oct Thurs 21st Oct Fri 22nd Oct	Telephone Consultation Eves for Parent/Carers of KS2 pupils Y5 Black History Month author workshop Children break up for half term
Mon 25th Oct - Fri 29th Oct October Half-Term Break	
Fri 17th Dec	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Mon 20th Dec - Mon 3rd Jan inclusive Christmas Holidays	
Tues 4th Jan	PD Day 4 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)
Wed 5th Jan	Spring term commences





The Oak Academy Online Teaching and Learning resource

Should you ever need to access our **home learning offer** there is a high quality range of online resources available to you.

You will be able to access a wide range of subjects and lessons. Each lesson is an hour long. They are delivered by a teacher, with a pre-recorded video as well as quizzes, worksheets and creative activities. It's all easy to use, there's no login or password required, you can access the lessons on any device, and pupils only need materials they can find at home. We will be adding a link for each year group onto our school website in the next few days.

This is a national resource produced by the DfE. <https://www.thenational.academy/>
Have fun exploring the activities.

Throughout the last academic year, Pupil Voice was extremely strong and we'd like to build on those achievements, for example, school council, eco-council, play leaders, community bankers, digital leaders, rights respecting steering group members etc.

Last week we held elections for new members to join Pupil Voice groups. The representatives are selected by the pupils for the pupils. It is important that our children are involved with decision making and initiatives aimed at improving school life for all pupils throughout the school community.

Young people develop their confidence through their experience of an inclusive rights respecting school community, play an active role in their own learning and speak and act for the rights of all to be respected locally and globally.



Oakdene Primary School

*The Rights
Respecting Group
needs you!*

*Please donate to the
food bank!*

*Friday 1st October last
day for donations.*

Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 10th September 2021		Weekly Awards - week-ending Friday, 10th September 2021	
Congratulations to each of our Star Pupils:		Congratulations to each of our Star Readers:	
Nursery	- Callum Hall & Issac McCarthy	Little Willows	- Eliza Copland & Harley Black
Reception	- Lilly Dixon	Y1L	- Lily Mullin
Little Willows	- Alyza Bateman	Y2F	- Lily Daniel
Y1L	- Daisy Thompson	Y20	- Ben Bainbridge
Y2F	- Leighton Harvey	Y3R	- Jack Wesmoreland
Y20	- Finley Orley	Y4SW	- Isaac Dobson
Y3R	- Morgan Tittlestad	Y4L	- Lucy Macklam
Y4SW	- Olly Harris	Y5B	- Ben Carmichael
Y4L	- Meghan Dyson	Y6G	- Kadie Boulton
Y5B	- Amelia Kelly	Y6S	- Emilie Haley
Y6G	- Lily Donkin		
Y6S	- Harry Prout		

Mrs Thompson (Y2 Teaching assistant) had just started maternity leave following our PD days. She safely delivered Mylah Rose Thompson early, on Wednesday 8th September, weighing 6lbs 15 oz.

Incredibly, Mrs Thompson walked to school on Thursday 9th November - Mylah is absolutely beautiful.

We send huge congratulations to the family and know that Daisy will be a wonderful big sister.



A Warm welcome from Family Support Officer Mrs Hayley Elsherif

Working with and supporting parents/carers is a key aspect of my role. I am able to signpost parents/carers for community learning as well as carrying out home visits to support you and your family. I can offer advice on a range of topics including finances, smoking cessation, behaviour and routines, bereavement, healthy lifestyles, sleep routines, toilet training and many more topics!

Please call the main office on 01642 560768 to ask for confidential advice or to make an appointment.

