Weekly Newsletter 27th June 2022



Right of the Fortnight: Article 22: You have the right to special protection if you are a refugee.





Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, our feet haven't touched the ground this week as there has been so many events and activities taking place... But, we wouldn't have it any other way at Oakdene! **It's really important that children are in school everyday** to enjoy the visits, visitors and experiences on offer.

Attendance has been really poor over the last few weeks as families have been taking unapproved holidays. Attendance will remain a huge focus until the end of term - please make sure children are in school on time, every day! The attendance officer has been conducting home visits to ensure that children who have attendance below 90% improve their attendance. There are only 19 more school days left – please ensure your child is in school everyday as each day really does count. At the beginning of the next academic year, as we did prior to the pandemic, we will be **reintroducing our weekly, termly and annual attendance prizes** to incentivize attendance.

Enjoy your week!

Mrs Bramley and Miss Champion

All families from reception to Y6 will receive a **free commemorative book to mark Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.** Designed as an official once-in-a-lifetime commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee, and written in collaboration with royal experts and historians, the book will tell the story of a young girl, Isabella, visiting her Great Granny Joyce who tells her about the Queen and this year's Jubilee.

In the story, Isabella sifts through Great Granny Joyce's treasure box of souvenirs, which act as introductions to the contents of the book. These include **recent** and **historical events** across the United Kingdom and Commonwealth, inspirational people, landmark innovations and inventions, and a selection of the best art, design, and culture. The book will also include famous quotes from the Queen, **facts** on the coronation ceremony, **content** on the lives of famous Commonwealth figures such as Nelson Mandela, notable kings and queens and a **timeline** of Queen Elizabeth's life.

Children will be invited to personalise their copies of the illustrated reference book, by signing a 'this book belongs to' section at the beginning of the book. The page reads: 'During [the Queen's] reign, the world has changed in so many ways... [This book] will help you understand the amazing life and times of our Queen and the magic of the unique, unshakable bond she shares with the people she serves.'

'Brilliant bookmarks' from the Reading Agency are to be distributed with every book, to support and encourage reading for pleasure amongst children at school and over the summer. The book is also featured within the National Literacy Trust's Platinum Jubilee Royal Reading Challenge.



On Saturday, 25th June, the Department for Education published a new policy paper: **The power of music to change lives: a national plan for music education.** It sets out it's vision for music education and how this can be achieved through partnerships with schools, music hubs, the music and creative sector, and others.

Oakdene is an **Artsmark Platinum School** and welcomes the opportunity to be able to reintroduce the full programme of arts again. We are already ahead of the curve and have agreed a contract with **Sing Education** for the next academic year so that your children will receive specialist teaching in music. Alongside our music lead, Miss Robinson, I observed an amazing sample lesson delivered to Y3. In addition, an after-school club to promote music will also be offered.



Dates For Your Diary - Summer Term				
June	PRIDE Month			
Wed 29th June Thurs 30th June	Y2F & Y2/30 Visit The Lost Words, Danby Athletics event			
Mon 4th July Tues 5th July Wed 6th July Thurs 7th July Fri 8th July	Summer Reading Challenge Launch Assemblies Y4SW Independence Day Celebrations Y4H Independence Day Celebrations 2pm KS2 Sports Day Y1 Visit Saltburn-by-the Sea 2pm KS1 Sports Day			
Mon 11th July Tues 12th July Fri 15th July	Academy Hub Music Events for some Y3 Pupils 4.30pm Meeting for New Reception Children Parents & Carers Y5 Visit Eden Camp Meet My New Teacher Event Community Pantry—Bright Minds Big Futures			
Tues 19th July Thurs 21st July	Little Sycamores and Nursery AM and PM Teddy Bears Picnic Reception Visit Middlesbrough Sports Village 6pm Y6 Leavers' Performance (tickets only) Last day of the Summer Term			

School Year September 2022 - August 2023

PD Days

Thursday 1 September 2022 Friday 2 September 2022 Monday 31 October 2022 Friday 17 February 2023 Monday 13 March 2023



Autumn term 2022

The Autumn term runs from: Thursday 1 September to Tuesday 20 December 2022. Thursday 1 and Friday 2 September are PD days so <u>children will return</u> to school on Monday 5 September.

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022 inclusive. The children will break up on Friday 21 October. As there is a PD day on Monday 31 October 2022 <u>the children will return to school on Tuesday</u> <u>1 November 2022</u>.

Christmas holidays run from: Wednesday 21 December 2022 to Tuesday 3 January 2023 inclusive. The children break up on Tuesday 20 December 2022 and <u>will return to school on Wednesday 4 January 2023</u>.

Spring term 2023

The Spring term runs from: Wednesday 4 January to Friday 31 March 2023. Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2023 inclusive. As there is a PD day on Friday 17 February, <u>the children will</u> <u>break up on Thursday 16 February</u> and <u>will return to school on Monday 27</u> <u>February 2023</u>.

<u>Please note that the school is closed for a PD day on Monday 13 March 2023</u>. Easter holidays run from: Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023 inclusive. The children will break up on Friday 31 March 2023 and <u>will return to school</u> <u>on Monday 17 April 2023</u>.

Summer term 2023

The Summer term runs from: Monday 17 April to Thursday 20 July 2023. Bank holiday (school closed): Monday 1 May 2023

Half-term holiday runs from: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023 inclusive. The children <u>will return to school on Monday 5 June 2023</u>.

The children's last day at school before the summer holidays will be Thursday 20 July 2023.

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Recommended Read This week's recommended read is from Miss Ward "Dear Zoo" by Rod Campbell



Rod Campbell is a key author for the Little Sycamores class.

Dear Zoo is a 'lift the flap' book about a child who sends a letter to the zoo asking the zoo to send a pet. Various letters are sent, 'pets' arrive and each animal is returned to the zoo until finally the zoo sends the perfect pet. During World Refugee Week the children further explored what it means to be a refugee. Sharing texts and real life experiences of seeking asylum from 'Safe Passage' provided the opportunity to help dispel some of the myths and perceptions around asylum seekers and refugees.

Here are some recommendations: **Shine** by Sarah Asuquo, **The Journey** by Francesca Sanna & **Dia's Story Cloth** by Dia Cha.



It is really important for the children to see why rights are so important for society.