

Update...

22nd March 2022

Dear Parents,

Finally, it feels like Spring and with it a tangible sense of positivity and optimism!

New Appointments

We've been busy recruiting and have made some great appointments to the Oakfield family. We have two new Assistant Head teachers starting in April and September and a new member of the reception team starting soon. Please look out in our newsletters for introductions and also employment opportunities.

Red Nose Day/Ukraine

A fantastic time was had on Friday with staff and pupils raising over £600 for Red Nose Day. Fortunately, the interesting red hair options and face painting all washed off by Monday! Our thoughts remain with the people of Ukraine at this terrible time. A huge thank you to Mrs. Hill and all of you who brought donations to our collection stations. The main centre had to close it's doors eventually as they received so much!

MND Fundraising

Many of you will be aware of the sad passing of a member of our parent community. It was heartwarming to see so many come out to participate at Parkrun in his memory at the Old Showfield on Saturday. I know the family are continuing to raise funds for research into Motor Neurone Disease. Here is the link if you would like to donate:

<https://www.mndassociation.org/alex>

Living with COVID-19

Numbers of cases amongst pupils has remained fairly stable and relatively low. We have had significant levels of staff absence however, across both teaching and support staff roles. This has hugely impacted on staff needing to cover other roles and lessons and I would like to thank the whole team for making sure we are able to stay open to all pupils. Thank you for your patience at this particularly busy time.

Bingo!

Sadly, it isn't only our staff being hit by attendance levels and it is with great sadness that we have had to reschedule this Friday's Bingo evening to April 29th. Please sign up to the Friends of Oakfield facebook page and any offers of help will be gratefully received. We have some fabulous hamper prizes and raffle prizes already donated that we'll keep for the new date.

What to do if you have Covid symptoms

Whilst there is no longer a *legal* requirement for people with Covid-19 to self-isolate, if you have any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, **the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.**

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Anyone with a positive test should stay at home until they test negative for 2 consecutive days, starting on day 5.

Yours sincerely,



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