

Oakfield Primary School Newsletter

September 2018



Happy new school year at Oakfield! It has been lovely to welcome friends old and new and the children have made a fantastic start in their new classes. Everybody is excited, eager to learn and keen to be the best that they can be!

Partnership with our families is incredibly important to us and we are keen to work with you to ensure the best outcomes for your child. Should you have any worries or concerns regarding your child, please do come and have a chat with us.

Mrs Farrell

Uniform

The children are all looking super-smart in their new uniform at the start of the year. Uniform is important to us; it gives our children a sense of belonging and promotes the high standards that we expect. Please could I remind parents and carers that all children are expected to wear uniform to school, and this includes flat, black shoes. Trainers are NOT acceptable footwear and should not be worn for school. Our School Prospectus also outlines our expectations regarding hairstyles; hair should be moderately styled, with no colouring or shaven etchings. Nail varnish and jewellery, with the exception of stud earrings and watches, must not be worn. Thank you.

Parent/carer Classroom Drop-In Session

On Monday 10th September we will be having an informal after-school 'Classroom Drop-In' session from 3.15-4.30pm for parents/carers of pupils in Years 1 to 6. The session will give parents/carers an opportunity to visit their child's classroom, meet their child's new class teacher and receive additional information regarding class routines and timetable.

Please come along and meet our team!

Contact forms

Please ensure that you return your child's contact form to school as soon as possible. It is vitally important that we have up-to-date information for every child, so that we are able to contact you in case of emergency.

Please also ensure that you inform Mrs Boyle in the office if mobile phone numbers change. If we do not have up-to-date numbers, you may not get important information via our text messaging service.

Some dates for your diary!

We hope that you will be able to join us on our *Learning Together Afternoons*' this year. The dates for the classes are as follows:

Wednesday 3rd October – Resource Provision

Wednesday 10th October – Year 6

Wednesday 17th October – Year 5

Wednesday 24th October – Year 4

Wednesday 14th November – Year 3

Wednesday 29th November – Year 2

Wednesday 5th December – Year 1

*Please note: these dates are **PROVISIONAL** and may be subject to change.*

Home School Planners

This year, we have taken the decision not to buy our usual Home School Planners. Originally, the planners were provided to give parents/carers information about school dates, routines and ways in which to support children with learning, as well as a record for home reading. As our school website has developed, we have ensured that much of the information from the planner is available online. Therefore, this year, your child will be provided with a reading record book where you can record and comment on your child's reading at home. These books will be checked **ONLY** on book changing days, so please **DO NOT** use them for important messages into school. If you need to pass a message to your child's teacher, please contact Mrs Boyle in the office, or speak to Mrs Worthington or Miss Chadwick who are always available at the playground doors in the morning.

By supplying reading records rather than planners, we will save a significant amount of money which will be spent on enhancing the children's learning experiences.

This is the only 'paper' newsletter that we will be sending out from school this year. When subsequent newsletters are posted on the school website, we will send a text alert to let parents/carers know. This helps to reduce costs and also ensures that parents/carers have access to the letters (rather than discovering that they have been left in trays, dropped on the way home or made into a paper aeroplane!)

Should you require a paper copy of the newsletter at any time, please contact Mrs Boyle in the office and she will be happy to print one off for you.

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