



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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## 23rd October 2020

# Meet the Oakwood Team

## Reception and Year 1 Team



### Reception and Year 1 Team Leader – Mrs O'Carroll – Robin Class

I would like to introduce you to our Reception and Year 1 Team. We have had a busy start to the year and I am delighted by the way that the children have settled into school life. Please ring or email if you have any queries or concerns so that we can get back to you, it's important we continue to develop the relationship between home and school so that we can work together positively to support the children. I have shared a photo of one of our Reception Welly Walks.



### Mrs Watson – Owl Class

Hello, my name is Mrs Watson and I live locally with my family and two mischievous guinea pigs called Speedy and Rodney. We love spending time as a family going to the park, the beach, and the local nature reserve. I am new to Oakwood Primary and I am really looking forward to getting to know the families of the children in my class. We have had a great term so far, I have shared an action photo of a recent PE session, all the children really enjoyed it!



### Miss Crocker – Wren Class

Hello! I am Miss Crocker and I am one of the KS1 team. I have been working within the Discovery Mat Academy since it was formed. I have been leading the Read Write Inc, our early reading programme and I am also the English Co-ordinator for the school. This is an area of teaching I especially enjoy. I have shared a photo of an outdoor noun hunt; all the children were brilliant English detectives!



In Reception and Year 1, we are supported by our dedicated Teaching Assistant team of Mrs Harris (HLTA), Mrs Jackson, Mrs Eglinton and Mrs Widnell.



After half term meet our Year 2 and 3 Team.

## Celebration Shout Out!

Please feel free to email the school with any pupil achievements you'd like celebrated!  
We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter.



## Newsletter Ideas

If you have any ideas about information or updates that you would find useful additions to our newsletter, please email your suggestions to [oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk)



# October Half Term Challenge 2020



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| <p><b>Pumpkin Carving!</b></p> <p>Ask an adult to help you draw a face or picture onto a pumpkin and carve it out. See how it looks with a light or candle inside!</p> | <p><b>Shake it up!</b></p> <p>See how many words you can make with the letters from:</p> <p><b>TRICK OR TREAT</b></p>         | <p><b>Get Decorating!</b></p> <p>Make some Halloween decorations using materials found in the house! See what you can do with items that would have gone in the bin!</p>           | <p><b>Explore outside!</b></p> <p>Go exploring outside on an Autumnal walk – make a note of things you find or see that are unique to Autumn.</p>   |
|   | <p><b>Get Drawing!</b></p> <p>Draw a picture of what you can see outside. Try to include the Autumnal colours and leaves!</p> | <p><b>Film Fun!</b></p> <p>Watch a Halloween themed film and write a review of it. What happened in the film? What did you think? Would you recommend it? Send it to a friend.</p> | <p><b>Get Experimenting!</b></p> <p>Choose and complete a science experiment from <a href="https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/">https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/</a></p> |

Collect extra Children's University credits during your half term break by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or local Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did! To get a stamp code for Children's University Online email [contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk](mailto:contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk)

## Attendance For Week Ending 9th October 2020

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%.

**Well done to  
Dove KS1 and Peregrine KS2  
for the highest  
attendance!**



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| Robin            | 95.5%        |
| Owl              | 97.6%        |
| Wren             | 97.2%        |
| <b>Dove</b>      | <b>99.6%</b> |
| Puffin           | 95.0%        |
|                  |              |
| Jay              | 97.2%        |
| Starling         | 96.9%        |
| Skylark          | 97.8%        |
| Goldcrest        | 96.4%        |
| Osprey           | 94.8%        |
| Kestrel          | 97.9%        |
| <b>Peregrine</b> | <b>99.3%</b> |



**If your child has:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of  
coronavirus**

**Book a test**

**If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or  
feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste**

**These are  
not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP**

### NHS App

The new NHS Covid19 app is available download. This app is available for anyone **aged 16 years and above**. Please follow the link for further information.

<https://covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/introducing-the-app.pdf>

### Social Distancing Reminders

**Please remember only one adult when dropping off or picking up your child, this helps to reduce the number of adults on the premises. Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.**

Parents are reminded to follow Social Distancing guidelines whilst on the school premises. Please ensure that younger children stay with parents in the morning, so that pathways and blue hatched areas are kept clear for children and parents arriving and leaving the school grounds. Playgrounds are out-of-bounds before school starts.

HM Government

**WASH COVER MAKE**

**HANDS FACE SPACE**

NHS

**CATCH IT**  
Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

**BIN IT**  
Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

**KILL IT**  
Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.

NHS



### **Carparking reminder**

The carpark is **closed** so that it is a safe place for children and parents to wait at the start of the day and when it is pick up time. Many children in KS2 walk to school on their own and will not have an adult with them to remind them of road safety.

**Please do not put convenience above the safety of our children.**

### **Breakfast Club**

We still require bookings via ParentPay for Breakfast Club which will continue to run from 7.45am Monday to Friday. **The price from 2nd November will change to £1.50 per day for all children.** Please ensure that **all** children are escorted by a parent/carer and dropped at the Community Entrance gate to ensure your child is registered. We also ask that parents remain a social distance from the staff welcoming the children in the morning.

### **Secondary School Applications**

Year 6 parents are reminded that the closing date for applications for secondary school places is fast approaching. **Applications must be submitted via the School Admissions website by 31st October 2020.**

### **Contacting School**

If you are contacting school to report an absence or you have a query, please leave a message on the answer phone with your child's name and class and we will get back to you. Thank you.

### **REMINDER - PE Kit**

As we are well into Autumn weather, please ensure that children wear appropriate clothing for PE which will take place outside, weather permitting. **PE days are not mufti days.** Jogging bottoms should be navy blue or black, the PE T-shirt is plain yellow and the school sweatshirt can be worn on top. If another sweatshirt is used for PE days then it should be a plain navy or black.

### **Message from Naval Children's Charity**

The Naval Children's Charity offers help to children up to the age of 25, of parents or those in the guardianship of serving or ex-serving members of any part of the Royal Navy including the Reserves and Royal Fleet Auxiliary.

Working closely with the other Naval charities offering financial support we give grants to help in times of need. Families can come to us directly for help either through our website [www.navalchildrenscharity.org.uk](http://www.navalchildrenscharity.org.uk) or by emailing [caseworkers@navalchildrenscharity.org.uk](mailto:caseworkers@navalchildrenscharity.org.uk) or phone 023 9263 9534. They can also go through NS FPS, SSAFA or other agencies who will refer on to us.



A large part of our support falls into our Emergency Essentials Grants scheme. For some children and young people their need is immediate, and we respond quickly and directly. The scheme helps those children where their families are struggling financially, often facing times of crisis such as stresses caused by COVID-19, unemployment or redundancy, illness, bereavement, injury, or disability. Our caseworkers work with families to identify more longer-term issues and challenges and help prevent more serious problems such as debt and relationship issues and help with their stress and anxiety. We can help with funding for therapies, specialist equipment for illness and disability, expenses for hospital visits or separated families.

We also have some books which we send out free of charge to help families and younger children with separation and long absences. Further information about these books can be found on our website. If you would like a copy please email [book@navalchildrenscharity.org.uk](mailto:book@navalchildrenscharity.org.uk)

## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



Please note the addition of the non-pupil days for this year.

### 2020/2021 TERM DATES

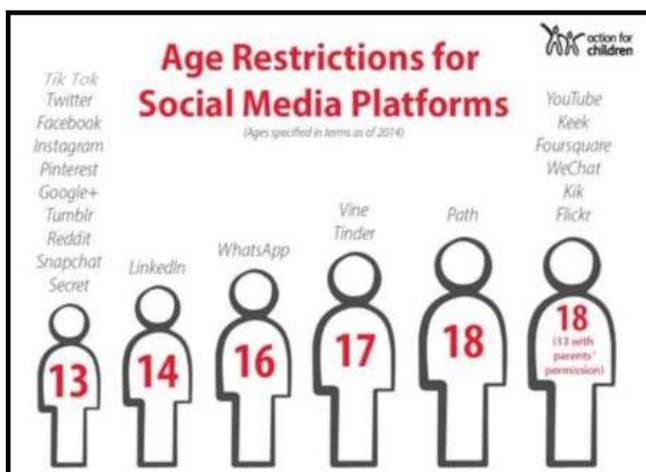
Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct  
Mon 9th Nov  
Fri 27th Nov  
Fri 18th Dec  
Mon 21st Dec - Fri 1st Jan 2021  
Mon 4th Jan  
Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb  
Fri 22nd Feb  
Thu 1st Apr  
Fri 2nd Apr - Fri 16th Apr  
Mon 3rd May  
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun  
Fri 23rd Jul  
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

**HALF TERM**  
Flu Immunisations  
Non-Pupil Day  
School finishes 3:15pm  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
School opens 8:45am  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
Non-Pupil Day  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
May Bank Holiday  
**HALF TERM**  
School finishes 3:15pm  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

### 2021/2022 TERM DATES

Wed 8th Sep  
Mon 25th-29th Oct  
Fri 26th Nov  
Fri 17th Dec  
Mon 20th Dec-Mon 3rd Jan  
Mon 21st Feb-Mon 28th Feb  
Fri 8th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr  
Mon 2nd May  
Monday 30th May-Fri 3rd Jun  
Wed 27th Jul  
Wed 27th July-Wed 31st Aug

School opens 8:45am  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
School Finishes  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
**HALF TERM**  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
May Bank Holiday  
**HALF TERM**  
School finishes at 3.15 pm  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**



### **National Online Safety Platform**

Please take time to look at the E-safety information sent out in the letter this week. The platform offers a wide range of resources to support the safe use of social media and games.

Please find the link below that you need to visit to register your account.

<http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/oakwood-primary-academy-pl6-6qs>



*Be safe and have a great half term!*

*Jackie Sparrow  
Head of School*