



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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Sustrans Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. Now in its 11th year, Sustrans Big Pedal has inspired hundreds of thousands of pupils, staff and parents to take active journeys to school.

It's more important than ever to travel actively. The school run is an easy way to build regular exercise into your child's daily routines. Sustrans Big Pedal has always been about helping children enjoy the physical and wellbeing benefits

of active travel. Active travel is not only great for your physical health and mental wellbeing, but also helps to reduce congestion outside the school gate, and can easily be done in a COVID-19 safe way.

How can you take part?

Take an active journey to school, this includes – **walking, cycling, wheeling or scooting**. If you have to drive due to the distance you live from school or you are on your way to work, you can still take part by parking further away and doing a **Park and Stride!**

Parents and carers – your journey counts this year too!

Supporter journeys are made by adults who accompany a participating child to school by bike, foot, wheelchair or scooter. Help boost our participation numbers by taking an active journey to school with your child.

There is also a **Big Pedal family competition** which gives you the chance to win one of three amazing prize bundles for your family. All you need to do is take a photo or a short video of your child(ren) taking part in Big Pedal between 19-30 April. Post it to Instagram, Facebook or Twitter, tag @Sustrans and use #BigPedalWin.

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/uk-wide/schools/sustrans-big-pedal-family-competition>

We have made a really positive start with the Big Pedal this week but I'm sure we could increase our numbers taking part next week!

Attendance For Week Ending 1st April 2021

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

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



Robin	95.6%
Owl	94.6%
Wren	96.0%
Dove	97.2%
Puffin	94.8%
Jay	99.1%
Starling	94.0%
Skylark	98.8%
Goldcrest	96.7%
Osprey	94.7%
Kestrel	94.0%
Peregrine	100%

Celebration Shout Out!

We like to celebrate the achievements of our children. Please email the school with your child's special moments. We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter!



Elena learnt to ride her and her sister's bike all in one day!
Well done Elena!

Wellbeing Day

All the children had an amazing Wellbeing Day at the end of last term. Here is a photo of Year 1 enjoying their picnic lunch in the sunshine! Look out for more photos in next week's newsletter!



Shout Out Awards

These awards go to children who have demonstrated that they are Ready, Respectful and Safe Superstars. Well done for being such brilliant role models this week!

Reception Bubble - Danika and Ona

Year 1 Bubble - Millie and Noah W

Year 2 Bubble - Oliver C and Scarlett J

Year 3 Bubble - Thomas C and Phoebe

Year 4 Bubble - Isabel and Chloe A

Year 5 Bubble - Kelsey and Summer

Year 6 Bubble - Harry S-J and Ava

School Uniform Reminder

Please continue to send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings.**

PE kit should only be worn on PE days.

Please remember that flat sensible safe black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

Thank you



Parent Meetings - May

Please return your Parent Meeting slip for each child so that appointments can be arranged for your selected meeting day. We will send out a reminder about the organisation regarding social-distancing nearer the time. Thank you.



Covid Reminders

No child should come to school if they, **or anyone they live with**, has symptoms of Covid-19. These are:

- A new persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A change in their normal sense of taste or smell.

Please ensure that you contact the school **immediately** to inform us if your child or a member of your household becomes unwell and requires a Covid-19 test, or if you are advised to self-isolate or have outcome of tests. Please leave a message on the school answerphone if this is before or after school hours. Children who are required to isolate at home can continue to work using their eSchools account. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Reporting absences for children

Please contact the school by 9:15am to let us know if your child will be absent, providing details of the reason for the absence. This ongoing communication will enable us to ensure that we continue to keep children safe and follow all necessary government guidelines. We appreciate your continued assistance.

Social Distancing Reminders

- Please remember only one adult when dropping off or picking up your child, which helps to reduce the number of adults on the premises.
- Wear a mask or face covering when on the school grounds (unless you are medically exempt).
- Please make sure you keep a social distance from all other adults on the school grounds when dropping off or waiting for your child.
- Please ensure that younger children remain with you at all times.

Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.

Department for Education - HELPLINE FOR EDUCATION

The DfE have set up a helpline for education advice regarding the Covid-19 virus for staff and parents.

Phone : 0800 046 8687

Email : DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours : 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

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.



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**

WELL BEING

This website has resources for parents and children to support with mental health particularly regarding Coronavirus which you may find useful.

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/risks-and-protective-factors/coronavirus-supporting-childrens-mental-health/>



HOUSE CLEARANCE SERVICE

Clearing a house is never an easy task. We can help by offering an efficient, sympathetic, full or part house clearance service.

FIGHT FOR EVERY HEARTBEAT
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Full or part house clearance

Your items will help fund vital research and fight back against heart disease.

- Sofas, beds, tables, chairs
- TVs, Hi-Fis
- Washing machines, fridges
- Small electrical items
- Games consoles, docking stations

Call your Plymouth store 01752 520 626 or book online at bhf.org.uk/collection

Please don't be disappointed if we are unable to accept items for reasons of safety or quality.
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PE Days

Please send children to school wearing school PE kit on the following days as outlined below:

Monday - Osprey

Tuesday - Goldcrest

Wednesday - Jay, Kestrel, Peregrine

Thursday - Dove, Puffin, Starling

Friday - Robin, Owl, Wren, Skylark

Please ensure that the kit is weather appropriate.

Thank you!



ChatHealth

NEW Health Visiting and School Nursing TEXT SERVICE

PARENTS. CARERS. YOUNG PEOPLE.

If you'd like some health advice or support, but are a bit worried about seeing or talking to a professional, our new ChatHealth is perfect for you!

Simply text one of the numbers below and one of our team will text you back

 <p>0-5 years Parents Service 07480 635188</p>	 <p>6-19 years Parents Service 07480 635189</p>	 <p>11-19 years Young People's Service 07480 635198</p>
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Livewell



Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms
(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)

<p>Tik Tok Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google+ Tumblr Reddit Snapchat Secret</p> <p>13</p>	<p>LinkedIn</p> <p>14</p>	<p>WhatsApp</p> <p>16</p>	<p>Vine Tinder</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Path</p> <p>18</p>	<p>YouTube Keek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr</p> <p>18 (13 with parents' permission)</p>
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action for children

Plymouth Dads Project



Sat 24th Apr, 1-4pm, Bridge-building & Bread-baking

We are making campfire bread and building a bridge across the stream. Dads don't need to bring anything. It's free. For over 5s and their dads.
@ Ham Woods, PL2 2HP

Tue 27th Apr, 7pm– Dads' Conversation Café

We are back face to face, which means free pizza...
Dads /male carers only @ the Cabin, Barne Barton, PL5 1EJ and ONLINE

Sat 17th Apr, 2-3.30pm Interactive storytelling session of The Gruffalo

Using salt dough and other natural materials
@ Just Imagine, Christian Mill Business Park, Crownhill, Plymouth. PL6 5DS

SAVE THE DATE 2021

Events for Over 5s and their dads:

- Sat 8th May trip to Mt Edgecumbe 1-4pm (Meet at Cremyll Ferry at 1pm)
- Sat 12th June – TBC
- Summer Camp, 26th to 27th AND 3rd to 4th July

Events for 0-5 years and their dads:

- Sat 15th May, Sat 19th Jun, Sat 17th Jul

Dads' Conversation Cafés:

- Tue 25th May and Tue 29th Jun 7-8.30pm, the Cabin, Barne Barton, PL5 1EJ And ONLINE (open to dads anywhere)

Calling all dads and male carers (step dads, uncles, grandads...) come meet other dads, make new friends, enjoy fun FREE activities with your children on Saturdays and discuss the challenges and successes of being a dad at our Tuesday Conversation Cafés— a safe space to talk all things dad & eat pizza...

Please book your FREE place through

**Bookings@
dangerousdads.org.uk**

Limited places to ensure we can provide safe, socially distanced events and the right amount of refreshments so booking is essential...

FREE Events for Dads- April Series 2021

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2020/2021 TERM DATES

Mon 3rd May
Mon 17th - Fri 28th May
Tues 18th May
Wed 19th May
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun
Fri 23rd Jul
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

May Bank Holiday
Year 5 Swimming Sessions
Parent Meetings
Parent Meetings
HALF TERM
School finishes 3:15pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

2021/2022 TERM DATES

Wed 8th Sep
Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct
Fri 26th Nov
Fri 17th Dec
Mon 20th Dec - Mon 3rd Jan 2022
Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb
Mon 28th Feb
Fri 8th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr
Mon 2nd May
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun
Wed 27th Jul

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

Changes to End of Day Collections

Parents are reminded that teachers will not let a pupil leave with another adult unless we have received instruction from the parent in advance. Parents should ring the office on 01752 775478 to inform the school if somebody else is collecting their child. Thank you.

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 (& reason for absence, if applicable) and we will get back to you. Thank you.

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



Have a good weekend, be safe!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School