



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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**6th November 2020**

## Meet the Oakwood Team

### Year 2 & 3 Team



#### **Year 2 and 3 Team Leader – Mr Kelleher - Puffin Class -Year 2**

I would like to introduce you to the Year 2 and 3 Team. The children have settled really well into their new classes and continue to impress us all with their resilience. We are really looking forward to the rest of the term as we continue our learning through our topic themes. Please ring or email if you have any queries or concerns about year 2 or 3 so that either I or someone in my team can get back to you. We all believe that it is really important that home and school work together positively together to support our amazing children.



#### **Miss Brocklesby and Mrs O'Brien – Dove Class - Year 2**

Hello, I am Miss Brocklesby. I love reading stories and can't wait to help you with your reading and writing. I also really love art and crafts and hopefully we can create some fantastic projects in year 2. I grew up in Plymouth and love spending weekends walking on the moors and beaches with my chihuahua Milo and paddle boarding with my little boy!

Hi, my name is Mrs O'Brien. I share Dove Class with Miss Brocklesby and I am very excited to be joining Oakwood Primary Academy. I am also the Inclusion Coordinator (INCO) for the school. When I am not in school I enjoy spending time with my family and our 2 small dogs. We like to have days at the beach or in the woods, I love to be outdoors! I also spend a lot of time reading, this helps me to relax and learn new things.



#### **Miss Glynn – Jay Class – Year 3**

Hello, my name is Miss Glynn. I lead STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Technology) at school and enjoy doing fun experiments and teaching lessons outdoors in nature. I also love reading, singing and being creative. I grew up in Plymouth and on the weekends, I like to visit the beach and go swimming, when it is sunny! I love cats and have a huge fluffy kitten called Bertie who always gets into mischief!



#### **Miss Sherrell – Starling Class – Year 3**

Hello, my name is Miss Sherrell. My favourite subject is Science because of all the fun experiments you can do. I cannot wait to show you some of these experiments over the year. I enjoy being active at the weekend with my daughter with activities such as surfing, paddle boarding and camping. In Year 2 and 3, we are supported by our dedicated Teaching Assistant team of Mrs Vowden (HLTA), Miss Salt and Mr Winsor.



**Next week meet our Year 4, 5 and 6 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.



Congratulations to Alfie T for being awarded a Proficiency Certificate for doing a handstand in Gymnastics.

Year 2 - with decorated pebbles



Year 3 ...say hello to you all!



## 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)


## Attendance For Week Ending 23rd October 2020

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

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



Robin	97.7%
Owl	96.1%
Wren	96.4%
Dove	94.9%
<b>Puffin</b>	<b>98.5%</b>
Jay	97.9%
Starling	89.6%
Skylark	95.6%
Goldcrest	98.2%
Osprey	97.8%
Kestrel	96.0%
<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. Don't forget to wear your face covering when on the school site please.

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



HM Government

**WASH**  
HANDS

**COVER**  
FACE

**MAKE**  
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.**

### Reminders

Please only send in a named water bottle, packed lunch (if applicable), reading book and reading diary in a book bag or small ruck sack with your child. Please don't send in anything else during this term including birthday cake or birthday sweets. We look forward to the time when we can share celebrations together normally!

### Breakfast Club

If you want to use our Breakfast Club provision then you need to place a booking via ParentPay. This runs from 7.45am Monday to Friday. **The price from 2nd November has changed 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. 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 and we will get back to you. Thank you.

### Head Lice

Our most unwelcome visitors are back, so we would urge you to be highly vigilant and check children's hair every night for live lice and nits (head louse eggs). Remember to check and treat the whole family; wash bed linen, combs and brushes as an extra precaution. Please let your child's class teacher know if you find evidence of head lice so that we can warn parents as appropriate. Your ongoing assistance is appreciated.

### Magic Breakfast Delivery

Breakfast delivery will commence again next week.

### Information from the British Legion about this year's Poppy Appeal.



*'Every poppy makes a difference to the lives of our Armed Forces community. Like so many things this year, the Poppy Appeal has had to adapt to Covid-19. This Poppy Appeal, we want to ensure that everyone can still get their poppy, so we've developed an A4 poster of the iconic Remembrance Poppy that you can download, print, and display at home, perhaps in your front window. Make your donation to the 2020 Poppy Appeal, whether it is a one-off donation or a regular gift, and you'll receive a link to download your Remembrance Poppy poster. Poppies are also available to buy in many supermarkets including Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Tesco, Asda, and Aldi.'* Go to the link below for further information about how you can donate.  
<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



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

### 2020/2021 TERM DATES

Mon 9th Nov  
Mon 16th 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

Flu Immunisations  
Odd Sock Day (Normal uniform day)  
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 weekend!*  
*Jackie Sparrow*  
*Head of School*