



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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Return to school on Monday 8th March 2021

We are very much looking forward to welcoming back all our children on **Monday 8th March at 8:45am**. Whether children have been attending school or learning from home during lockdown it has been a very different start to 2021 for us all! We appreciate how hard everyone has worked to support our children and families during this challenging time.

While we are optimistic about the gradual return to normality, we still need to follow measures to continue to keep children and adults safe when schools reopen to all children. With this in mind, please take time to read the letter sent out by Mrs. Nettleship yesterday about the continued safety measures in place. We have also included reminders about the start and end of day organisation in this newsletter and will update you with any additional information next week. Please check your emails and the school website to keep informed.

Carpark

Please be aware that the carpark remains **CLOSED** and should not be used by parents. Children and parents will be waiting in this area in the morning and parents will be waiting for children to leave at the end of the day.

Dropping off and picking up organisation

Please use the white arrows to follow the direction for parents and children when entering the grounds. Please remember that the red lines indicate out-of-bounds areas for parents/carers.

Please do not cross any red lines. All adults need to continue to wear a **mask/face covering** when on the school grounds (unless medically exempt) and we ask that **only 1 adult** drops off and picks up children to keep the numbers on site at a minimum.

Bubble entrances

Reception and Year 1 (Robin, Owl and Wren Classes) - Children will enter through the **main reception entrance** via the school car park.



Year 2 (Dove and Puffin Classes) - Children and parents will enter the school grounds via the **bottom gate on the car park** and walk along the path to the year 2 pods. The gate will open at 8.30am.

Year 3 and 4 (Jay, Starling, Skylark and Goldcrest) - Children and parents will enter the school grounds via the **Butler Close gate and along the pathway besides Little Acorns** and walk along the path to the year 3 and 4 pods. The gate will open at 8.30 am.

Year 5 and 6 (Osprey, Kestrel and Peregrine) - Children will enter the school via the **Community Entrance**.

Breakfast Club is available if booked through ParentPay 48 hours in advance – please refer to the Breakfast Club information on the school website in the 'Parent' section.

We are confident that we have put in place the measures to support our children and staff on our return and are prepared for changes as they arise. Thank you for taking the time to read this and in supporting us and your children during this transition back to school. We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 8th March.

Celebration Shout Out!

We would like to continue to celebrate achievements from all our children whether they are attending school or learning from home. Please email the school with your child's special moments. We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter!



Year 1 are learning about British Wildlife and they made their own Bug Hotel this week using recycled materials and natural materials from the school site to attract local bugs and minibeasts.



Shout Out Awards

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

Reception Bubble - Loveday and Lily

Year 1 Bubble - Noah R and Tala

Year 2 Bubble - Hollie and Skylar

Year 3 Bubble - James and Zara

Year 4 Bubble - Bella and William

Year 5 Bubble - Daisy and Sophia

Year 6 Bubble - Ty and Archie

Times Table Rock Stars Update

Congratulations to Peregrine, Kestral and Skylark! You are the first winners of Term 4.

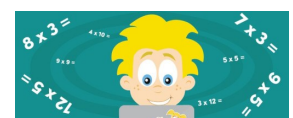
The Battle of the Bands fixtures for next week are:

Peregrine v Jay
Skylark v Osprey
Starling v Goldcrest v Kestral

Remember, you can play any game mode to earn points for your class.

Good luck!

Mr S Ticehurst
Maths Lead



Covid Reminders

It is essential that if you are a key worker, and you are sending your child to school, that you DO NOT send them when you are at home. We have been asked to limit the numbers of children in school, and this will support us in being able to maintain this.

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.

Covid-19 - Reminder for parents of children attending school

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. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Reporting absence for children attending school

Please contact the school by 9:15am to let us know if your child does not require a place in school on a day that was expected. 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 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

Upcoming event - World Book Day Thursday 4th March 2021

World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March this year. We will be holding our usual Book Character Mufti day so that your children can dress up as their favourite book character. Your child can take part whether they are at home or at school. This would be a brilliant way to come together virtually in one of the live sessions taking place during the day to celebrate the magic of reading! You do not need to buy a costume, there are lots of really imaginative ideas on the world book day website, go to this link for inspiration! There will not be a charge for this mufti day. www.worldbookday.com/ideas/dressing-up-gallery

Websites for ideas, events and fun activities

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/world-book-day>

We are looking forward to seeing your brilliant and imaginative book character costumes and hope to share some photos later in the term!



Mental Health

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/>



SEND & Celebration Part 1

Virtual Conference
8th - 12th March
2021
Evening Sessions

COME JOIN US



KEY SPEAKERS

Luke Jackson



Well renowned author and public speaker, Luke has written several books including *Franks, Deeks and Asperger's Syndrome*
Tuesday 9 March @ 6.15pm

Dr Carrie Grant MBE



Carrie has a passion for all of whom have SEND, she is a keen campaigner and contributes to many forms of media on health and education
Tuesday 9 March @ 8.00pm

Samantha Renke



Actress, presenter, speaker, writer and disability rights campaigner. Samantha was named 3rd most influential disabled people in the UK in 2019.
Wednesday 10 March @ 8.00pm

Join us on Monday 8th March for a Round Table discussion with organisations, MPs and Councillors starting at 7.00pm

Local Heros Thursday at 6.15 celebrating the achievements of local young people

with Plymouth Parent Carers Voice 

In order to attend you must register as a member with PPCV, sign up today!


JUNIOR BAKE OFF

...IS LOOKING FOR THE UK'S
BEST YOUNG BAKERS
AGED 9 - 15

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 28TH MARCH 2021**

Enquiries:
applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk

Routeways Centre has been allocated funding through the COVID Winter Grant Scheme to support vulnerable families with children and other vulnerable households who are most in need with the cost of food, energy (heating, cooking, lighting), water bills (including sewerage) and other essentials.

If you, or a vulnerable household you are aware of, are experiencing financial hardship and would like support then please contact Routeways for further information:

Ali on 01752 856725 aroberts@routeways.org.uk
or
Mark on 01752 856705 mcollings@routeways.org.uk

The COVID Winter Grant Scheme provided by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and Plymouth City Council

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2020/2021 TERM DATES

Thu 4th Mar
Mon 8th Mar
Fri 2nd Apr - Fri 16th Apr
Mon 3rd May
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun
Fri 23rd Jul
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

World Book Day Mufti -costume can be worn (no charge)

School opens to all pupils 8:45am

EASTER HOLIDAYS

May Bank Holiday

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
Wed 27th July - Wed 31st Aug

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

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

PE reminder

If your child is attending school, please send them wearing school PE kit on the following days as outlined per year group, thank you:

Foundation - Friday

Year 1 - Friday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - Monday

Year 6 - Friday

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



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



**0-5 years
Parents Service
07480 635188**



**5-19 years
Parents Service
07480 635189**



**11-19 years
Young People's Service
07480 635198**

Livewell
Local Partnership



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