



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021!

It has been a very strange start to the year, one which has presented many challenges to all of us. There are numerous changes to our daily lives and new restrictions to get used to which include a return to home schooling for many of our families.

We just wanted to say a huge **thank you** to all the parents and carers for your patience and understanding while we have all responded to the National Lockdown announced on Monday 4th January.

Children accessing remote learning at home have reacted very positively to our daily live teaching sessions. It has been wonderful to see the children and for them to be able to see their friends. We know that at times there are technical glitches, we understand that some aspects will take a little getting used to, however as each day goes by, it becomes a little more familiar and it will get easier! We know that you are all trying to do your very best!

The children attending school have re-adjusted to the changes of routines and are really pleased that so many of their friends are part of the live sessions. Keeping that communication going while we are in lockdown will go a long way to support the well-being of all our children whether they are learning at home or in school. If your child has not accessed the live teaching sessions yet please contact your child's class teacher via **eSchools** or email the school office for their Teams login information. It has really made such a difference to home learning and the teachers have appreciated hearing the positive feedback and thanks from children and parents this week.

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.

Our Pastoral Team are working hard in school to support families and maintaining contact with children at home. We appreciate that circumstances change rapidly so if you need any support please email or call the school and we will do our very best to help.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all our staff who are working tirelessly to support children and families during these challenging times. In following government advice to keep safe, we know that we will get through this together and look forward to brighter times ahead! Take care and be safe.



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!



Congratulations!

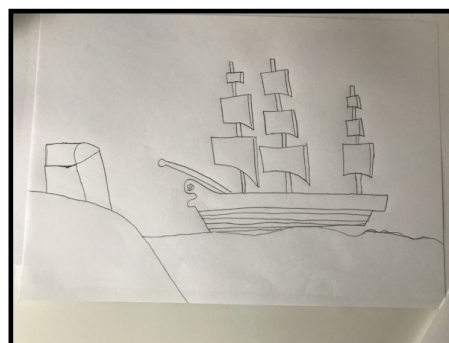


Well done to Georgina and Lewis for both being awarded 'Best Newcomer' awards at their Mixed Martial Arts Club.

Excellent work and play!



Soraya wearing a fabulous hat that she has knitted !



Aleksander's interpretation of Shackleton's ship The Endurance.



Luca enjoying being a snow angel!



Covid Reminders

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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
- Please make sure you keep a social distance from all other adults on the school grounds and when waiting for your child.

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

Updates

Fruit & Vegetable Scheme

We have been advised that the Fruit & Veg Scheme has been suspended until further notice. Children attending school are allowed to bring a piece of fruit in a clear food bag for morning break.



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**

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

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2020/2021 TERM DATES

Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb 2021
Mon 22nd Feb
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
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 - 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

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:

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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



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