



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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Meet the Oakwood Team

The start of this term has been very different in a number of ways and the opportunities for parents to meet and to get to know the staff in school has been restricted due to the Covid measures in place. We appreciate that for parents new to the school, that you will not have met many of the school staff. Over the next few weeks we include a **'Meet the Oakwood Team'** feature in the newsletter so that you are introduced to our staff, this will also include photographs so that you can put a face to a name if you are talking with any of us via the phone or communicating by email. We hope you find it useful.

Head of School and Assistant Head of School

Our Senior Leadership Team at Oakwood is Mrs Jackie Sparrow, the Head of School and Mrs Kathryn Catherwood, our Assistant Head of School; she has just joined Oakwood this term. We are here to support you and your child through their primary school journey. We are the Designated Leads for Safeguarding in the school and are responsible for supporting vulnerable children and families through targeted school intervention, through signposting to other services or engaging agencies with specialist training. This term I will be supporting the drop off and pick up times at the designated entrances around the school at the start and the end of the day. This is a great opportunity for me to meet and start to get to know our new parents and re-engage with existing parents after such a long break from March. We know that communication with parents is important and being able to share worries or concerns early or have the opportunity to ask questions really does help to ensure that we work together so that children are reaching their potential not only for learning but also for their emotional well-being, this has never been so important than now.



My name is Mrs Catherwood and I am Assistant Head of School at Oakwood. I am also teaching in Kestrel Class (Year 5/6) every Monday and Tuesday and every other Wednesday as a job share with Mrs Collier. I am pleased to have joined the team and very much looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming year. Although I am new to Oakwood, I have worked within our MAT for 6 years and taught across both KS1 and 2. My favourite subject to teach in school is maths because I enjoy solving problems and using different strategies to help me too. In my spare time, I enjoy musicals and singing. I studied Musical Theatre at University and have been in many musical productions. For the past 5 years, I have been a member of Plymouth Military Wives Choir. I really enjoy singing as part of a choir and having the opportunity to sing in some wonderful places. I am really looking forward to the coming year and having the opportunity to work with you all.

Next week the Pastoral Team will be the 'Meet the Oakwood Team' feature.



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 from Thursday 24th September. 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>

How are you feeling today?



 happy  anxious  sad  angry  excited  calm

6 things you can do to help you feel good

Talk to someone you trust about how you're feeling



Go outside and get some fresh air



Listen to your favourite music



Keep active - run around or play games



Eat lots of healthy food



Have a good night's sleep



Need someone to talk to?

Call Childline for free
0800 1111



In an emergency, text SHOUT
85258

Catch it! Bin it! Kill it!

We are entering the cold and flu season and with the current situation regarding Covid 19, it is even more important that children remember the Catch it! Bin It! Kill it! routine. This, along with regular handwashing throughout the day is a vital way to reduce the transmission of infection, not only for Covid but also colds and flu during these challenging times. Please reinforce the Catch it! Bin It! Kill it! routine with your children at home. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

Please see the information emailed out with this newsletter regarding flu vaccinations being offered to Primary-aged children. An email has also today been sent to parents with links to further information and booking.



National School Breakfast Programme

You may remember that children are due their next breakfast pack this week. Unfortunately we have, so far, only received the delivery of cereals from the suppliers. These will be distributed to pupils today and bagels will be distributed when they arrive. The suppliers have reported that they have had issues with deliveries this week. Thank you for your patience.

Speech & Language

We are pleased to say that we have a Speech & Language Therapist working across our schools from Plymouth Learning Partnership and she is called Nicola Blundell. She will be working in our schools on a Monday and will be working with children and giving work for the school staff to carry out so they can practice it regularly. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's communication skills, please contact their class teacher, or the INCo, via email in the first instance or by telephone.

Learning Journey

We emailed out the Learning Journey 2 weeks ago. This gave you information about the curriculum learning that will take place this term related to your child's year group. (All Learning Journeys are also on the school website under the Learning tab; on mobile phones click the 3 dashes in the top right corner of the Home Page, select Learning, Show Menu and select Learning Journeys). If you have any follow-up questions about the Learning Journey please email your query to oakwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk making sure that you include your child's class in the email.

Carparking reminder

Local residents have asked us to remind parents or carers **not to block driveways** or the entrance to the Lockdown during drop off and pick up times. Please be respectful of local businesses and residents when parking around the school. The police and the PSCO have been contacted to monitor any dangerous parking around the school entrances.

There has been a reduction to the number of cars parking on double yellow lines and along the zig-zag lines this week. Thank you to the parents and carers who have parked a little further away and helped to put the safety of our children first.

Parking a little further away and doing a **Park and Stride** to school would be a great way to reduce congestion in the morning and afternoon.



VACANCY - MEALTIME ASSISTANT

Oakwood Primary Academy - We have a vacancy for a Mealtime Assistant:

1 hour per day over 38 weeks per annum

Grade: A point 1 currently - £17,364.00 pro rata (£2034.00)

Job information:

We are looking to appoint Mealtime Assistants to work within our Trust who –

- can work as part of a successful team
- is able to organise play activities
- is enthusiastic and patient
- has a range of behaviour strategies
- has a good sense of humour

An application pack is available from our school office at:

oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk or Tel: 01752 775478

Primary Times Publication

Please go to www.primarytimes.co.uk/plymouth/ to access the current Primary Times for our area.



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
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
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



Have a great weekend!
Jackie Sparrow
Head of School