



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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Helpful guides and links for Home Learning

There are lots of websites and guides that are available to help parents and children, whether you are learning at home or attending school. We have put a range on the school website to help you and your child during this lockdown.

Oakwood Primary Academy website - Go to the **Learning** tab at the top of the home page and select the **Home Learning Information** page. Here you will find e-safety guides, the weekly schedule for the CBBC home schooling programmes as well as links to useful websites.

Learning Journeys

You can find the Learning Journey for your child's year group by selecting the **Learning Journey** page, look for the Spring Term Learning Journeys to find out all about English, Maths and the Theme subjects to be covered throughout the term.

Lots of organisations are providing free resources and access to their websites at the moment. Here are some really useful ones you may want to try:

Read, Write Inc - Free RWI Phonics lessons at home during school closures

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

You can access free *Read Write Inc.* Phonics lessons on [YouTube](#) for children to watch at home. This website page has a link to the schedules and some really helpful videos for parents, this also includes a story time link.



Virtual Library

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

This link takes you to the Virtual School Library, brought to you by Oak National Academy in partnership with the [National Literacy Trust](#). Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads. This week starts with **Jacqueline Wilson**.

White Rose Maths

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

This is the maths programme that we follow in school, this page has been set up to help your child to enjoy and master maths, whether they are at school or at home. There are daily 'home learning' lessons for Years 1-9. Every lesson comes with a short video showing you clearly and simply how to help your child complete the activity successfully.

Keeping Fit

The NHS Change 4 Life website has lots of Disney 10 minute inspired Shake Up games that are quite fun and easy to do at home.

<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>

Get internet access - Government advice

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/internet-access>

This link gives information about help with internet access.



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
- 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 KS1 Fruit & Veg Scheme has now been reinstated. Fruit will therefore be available in school as normal.



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

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!



In Year 3 as part of our topic this term we have been learning about Volcanoes and the children had the opportunity to enjoy an Art lesson with Mr. Winsor using pastels.

"I enjoyed drawing the volcanoes" - Olivia T

"I liked the texture of the oil pastels on my fingers" - Laylah-May



"It was fun" - Oscar



Alfie (Year 1) showing off his amazing baking skills!



Times Table Rock Stars Update

Starting next week (25.1.21), each class in KS2 will be participating in Battle of the Bands. Classes/groups will be battling against each other to prove who the best rock stars are! You can play any game mode on TTRS to score points. The more you play and the more questions you answer correctly, the more points you earn for your team.

There will be new battles every week, so please check eSchools to see which class/group you are playing against.

Good luck! Keep Rocking!
Mr Ticehurst



Helping Home Learning

Talk with Trust

Learning opportunities are everywhere. You can make anything a learning experience for your child, just follow the TRUST ideas.

T Take turns to make plans and predictions before starting a task

'You think that we should have fish fingers for dinner? That's better than my pizza plan.'
'I wonder how many fish fingers everyone would like. What do you think?'

R Recap to check ideas and understanding as your child is helping

'So, you think that we should dig the hole here? Why is that?'
'Why do you think that the tower fell over when you added the last block?'

U Use encouragement and praise to keep children engaged in learning

'I love your ideas for grandma's picture. Let's collect what we need and make it.'
'You thought so carefully about your picture. I wonder how it would look with stars on. What do you think?'

S Share prior knowledge & past experiences that link to what is being learnt

'Have you learnt about things that float at school? Do you think that this bottle will float in your bath?'
'Do you remember the counting we did when we watched Numberblocks? Let's do some more counting so we've got the right number of smiley faces.'

T Tune-in and listen to your child—be curious about their interests

'I didn't know you were so good at baking. I think the things that you make taste the very best!'
'I know that you love dinosaurs. Shall we make some green dinosaur biscuits?'



The TRUST framework was adapted from 'High Quality Interactions' in the EEF's guidance report [Preparing for Literacy](#) [p.9]



Children's University After School Club!



Get curious!

Why do NASA send robots in to space? Visit their website to find out, write a fact sheet about your findings and have a go at designing your own robot

tinyurl.com/vxfrx62

Get creative!

Why not do a draw-along with illustrator Rob Biddulph

tinyurl.com/y2jz3oke

Get moving!

Make up a dance routine to your favourite song and perform it to your family!

5 new things to do this week!

Each activity is worth 1 credit. To get a stamp code for Children's University Online email contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk with evidence - this could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did!

Get outside!

Why not make a bugs hotel for the creepy crawlies in your garden or nearest park

tinyurl.com/y8367n8c

Get wordy!

Have you made any new years resolutions? Write a poem about what you want to achieve in 2021

childrensuniversity.co.uk/afterschoolclub

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
Southwold



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