



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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5th March 2021

Return to school on Monday 8th March 2021

We are looking forward to next week and seeing all the children return to school. We know that it may take a little time to re-establish your school routine for your children but with time and patience we will all get back to a more familiar pattern for the week. Returning to school will feel very different for each child, some will be excited, others will be anxious and may find the first few days a little overwhelming if they have had very little contact with other people over the last couple of months. Please be positive about talking about your child's return so that we can work together to support all our children and families during this transition time.

Things my child needs to bring to school

- Named water bottle – with water only (no flavoured water or squash)
- Reading book, reading diary and book bag
- Packed lunch (if not having a school dinner)

Things my child does not need to bring

- Pencil case
- Mobile phone
- Fruit will be provided for children for break time
- Mask (this is only required for children attending secondary school)
- A big bag/rucksack



Reminders for parents and carers

- The carpark remains **closed** and should not be used. Please be considerate to our local residents and do not park across driveways or block pavements.
- Please ensure that your child has everything he or she needs for the day to avoid the need to return to the school during the day. See page 4 for PE days for each class.

World Book Day

We had lots of fun dressing up as our favourite book characters yesterday and saw some excellent costumes both in school and at home during our live sessions. A big thank you to everyone for joining in the fun! Look out for lots of photos with in next week's newsletter!



Celebration Shout Out!

We like to celebrate the achievements of our children. Please email the school with your child's special moments. We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter!



Here is Zara celebrating with her Shout Out certificate in Plymbridge woods. She was really proud to receive it and decided to take the photo on a family walk.

Year 1

Here are some photos from our 'Comparing and Ordering Numbers' activity we did this week!



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 - Corvan and Luna

Year 1 Bubble - Aleksander and Alfie

Year 2 Bubble - Sophia and Zachary

Year 3 Bubble - Evelyn and Riaz

Year 4 Bubble - Sienna D and Riley

Year 5 Bubble - Freya B and Isabelle

Year 6 Bubble - Harry R and Molly

Times Table Rock Stars Update

Congratulations to Peregrine, Kestrel and Osprey! You are the Battle of the Bands winners for this week.

Well done to everyone that has been taking part for their class. There will be a break next week and a new tournament will start soon.

Mr S Ticehurst
Maths Lead



Celebration Shout Out continued...



Zoom session with local artist Brian Pollard!

This week the children in Year 2 were lucky to have a Live Zoom interview with professional, Plymouth-based artist Brian Pollard.

Brian has done many fabulous works which have been shown all around the world. Most recently he painted one of the Elmer elephants that you may have seen around Plymouth. These all then went to auction and his creation sold for £36,000. The money raised then went to St Luke's Hospice.

As well as showing the children some of his art and how he creates his paintings, the children thought of some very interesting questions to ask him. Here are some of the questions they asked with his responses (in short):

Who are your favourite artists? Van Gogh, Gauguin, Cezanne

When did you start painting? When I was 4/5 years old

How long does it take to paint a picture? About 40 hours

How many paintings have you painted? 1986

Do you listen to music when you are painting? No, I find it might distract me

What is your favourite food? Curry

The children in Year 2 will be trying to recreate some paintings of their own when they return to school on the 8th March. Here are some of their paintings based on the work of Pollard and Kandinsky, we look forward to sharing some more creations soon:



We will share some of the children's finished paintings with Brian in another Live meeting soon!



Meet the Local Advisory Board Team:

You may be wondering who we are and what we do. We all live locally and bring various skills and experience to the role, for example, the fields of finance, business and education. Although we are volunteers, we have to be highly professional in the way we operate and to this end undertake regular training. We meet regularly to receive reports and updates from school teaching staff on how the school is progressing towards meeting targets and objectives as set out in the School Improvement Plan. We review and update policies, scrutinise data and as individuals report to the Trustees as a whole on the outcomes of monitoring visits to the school.

[If you have any questions or would like to become a member of our Local Advisory Board, please contact the Lab Chair by emailing clerktolab@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:clerktolab@discoverymat.co.uk)



Jill Callicott (Chair)



Rachel Bishop (Vice Chair, Community & Parent)



Carol Lant (Community)



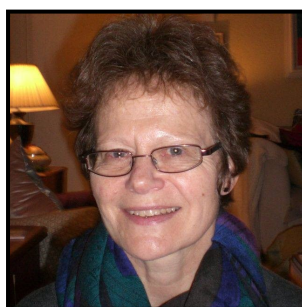
Patrick Owen (Edison Centre)



Julie Collier (Oakwood teacher & parent)



Lisa Darcy (Parent & PTFA Chair)



Rowenna Passy (Community)



Sharyn Seaman (Weston Mill TA)

Covid Reminders

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.

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. Children who are required to isolate at home can continue to work using their eSchools account. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Reporting absences for children

Please contact the school by 9:15am to let us know if your child will be absent, providing details of the reason for the absence. 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

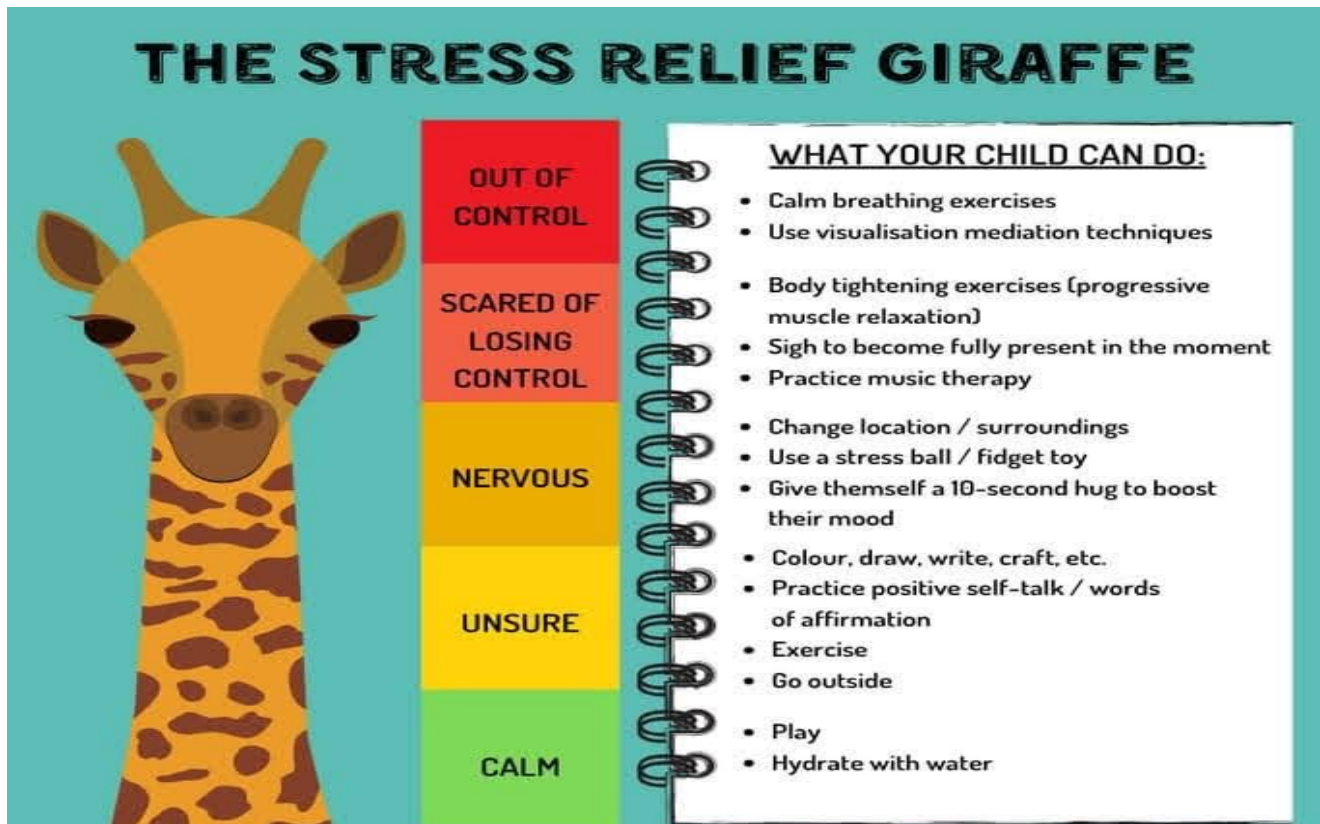
**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**

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/>



PE reminder

Please send children to school wearing school PE kit on the following days as outlined below:

Monday - Osprey

Tuesday - Goldcrest

Wednesday - Jay, Kestrel, Peregrine

Thursday - Dove, Puffin, Starling

Friday - Robin, Owl, Wren, Skylark

Please ensure that the kit is weather appropriate.

Thank you!



Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2020/2021 TERM DATES

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

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

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 (& reason for absence, if applicable) and we will get back to you. Thank you.

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





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