



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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## 4th October 2019

### Family Photographs Thursday 10th October 2019

If you would like to have your preschool children photographed with your school children or siblings photographed together, the photographer will be in the hall from 8:15am. Entry will be via the community entrance. If you are unable to be in school due to work to have the siblings photographed, please email oakwood.office@discoverymat to request a sibling photo to be taken during schooltime

### Family Support Questionnaire

Make Amends – Restorative Justice Service - Shekinah

We are interested to hear from people affected by the criminal justice system, whether you have committed an offence or whether you are a family member who has been affected by the system.

Please complete the questionnaire attached to this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/62NV5W7>

CATERed is the schools led local authority trading cooperative jointly owned by your child's school and the Council.

Our aim and objective is to buy fresh, seasonal, locally sourced produce and ingredients and to cook them from scratch each day in your child's school to produce great tasting, freshly prepared hot food which meets and exceeds the Governments Standards for School Food so that every child, regardless of the school they attend, gets the right food and nutrients to grow and learn.

To ensure we're doing the very best, we need your help & for you to tell us what you think! Please click on the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KDNPHQH>

The survey should take no more than a few minutes to complete and your views are very important.

**The survey will close on Friday 25 October 2019.**

The survey link will also be posted across our social media Twitter and Facebook so if parents/carers prefer they can complete in this way: -



facebook.com/plymouthcatered



@cateredplymouth

### Attendance For Week Ending 27th September

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%.

**Well done to  
Kerr KS1 and Walliams KS2  
for the highest  
attendance**



|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Kerr</b>     | <b>100%</b>  |
| Donaldson       | 95.3%        |
| Jeffers         | 97.2%        |
| Murphy          | 94.6%        |
| James           | 94.6%        |
| Jansson         | 97.2%        |
| Dahl            | 96.1%        |
| Morpurgo        | 96.8%        |
| <b>Walliams</b> | <b>99.2%</b> |
| Shakespeare     | 92.4%        |
| Lawrence        | 96.3%        |

## FOUNDATION PSHE



A warm welcome to our new Reception children in Kerr and Donaldson classes. They have made a brilliant start at Oakwood! They have settled quickly and are enjoying all their learning opportunities. The children have been getting to know their new school and have enjoyed exploring both inside and outside the classroom. We are concentrating on doing things for ourselves and being



independent. They are making lots of new friends and building lots of positive relationships! In the coming weeks we are looking forward to learning our topics on Autumn and All About Me.

## FOUNDATION STORY TELLING



We would like to invite foundation parents from Kerr and Donaldson to a story telling session with Ginny. This will take place in the Foundation Unit starting at 2:30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Entry will be via the Community Entrance. We look forward to seeing you there.

## KEY STAGE 1 PSHE

The children in James class were learning about using the internet safely and particularly downloading and clicking on content that they are unsure of. They also briefly spoke about online gaming and the dangers of talking to strangers online and accepting them to play with. The children also discussed age appropriate games and online content and that games are rated 3, 7, 12, 15 and 18 for a reason. Here are some of the posters James class created.



In Murphy class, we have been looking at the PANTS project by the NSPCC. PANTS is used to teach children to keep their bodies safe. P- privates are private. A – always remember your body belongs to you. N – no means no. T – talk about secrets that upset you. S – Speak to someone. As a class, we discussed how to keep our bodies safe and to remember that our bodies belong to us. We even designed our own pants to remind us of what we have learned!

Jeffers Class has been working hard establishing the new school rules and looking at being Ready, Respectful and Safe. We have been exploring PSHE in relation to our theme 'Memory Box'; learning about how everybody is different and how we can respect and embrace our differences - in a respectful way! We used chalk to draw around our bodies and think about what makes us great and unique.



## KEY STAGE 2 PSHE

Across Key Stage Two we have been exploring areas of the PSHE curriculum which link to our new school-wide behaviours: Ready, Respectful, Safe. As well as discussing and agreeing on what these principles look and feel like in the school context, we have discussed them in relation to society in general. Our focus has been on safety in all aspects of modern life including, road safety, cyber safety and anti-bullying.



In line with the principle of readiness, we have explored the story of "The Dot" linked to the international Dot Day movement ([www.thedotclub.org](http://www.thedotclub.org)). Children across the school have made and decorated their own dots in response to the inspirational story which underpins the message of inspiration. Each year group has chosen a different medium to work in and they will contribute to a whole school display.



## SCHOOL SPORTS CHAMPIONS

Last year we had a fantastic run of sports at Oakwood, improving our Games Mark from the Bronze Award to the Silver Award. This was all down to the children and volunteers that wanted to get involved in making our school more active.

It is a pleasure to be working with 5 Year 6 Children again this year to keep our school active and even strive for our Personal Best ... The Gold Award! This year our Sports Champions were selected through a handwritten application that they submitted detailing all of their ideas and motivation techniques to try and get as many children into sport as possible across the whole school. Congratulations to Lacie, Phoebe, Lexie, Dexter and Aaron. We can't wait to see what you will bring to Sport at Oakwood this year!



## PLYMOUTH CITY YOUTH COUNCIL



We had the pleasure of taking two of our new School Champions to the Plymouth City Council Chambers. During our day, the children got to discuss and vote on the 6 priorities the Youth Council would like to work on this coming year. Phoebe and Bradley are looking forward to sharing their day and ideas with their fellow School Champions.

Both children represented Oakwood impeccably, well done.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

I would like to thank all parents and staff that supported our cake sale, in aid of Macmillan. £55 was raised. Thank you for your continued support.

Ros Dent



**Diary Dates 2019/2020** (Dates maybe subject to change)



**2019/2020 TERM DATES**

Tue 8th Oct  
Thur 10th Oct  
Fri 11th October  
Tue 15th Oct  
Fri 18th Oct

Mon 21st Oct—Fri 25th Oct

Mon 28th October  
Thur 31st Oct  
Fri 1st Nov  
Thur 7th Nov  
Fri 8th Nov  
Thur 14th Nov  
Fri 15th Nov  
Fri 15th Nov  
Fri 15th Nov  
Fri 22nd Nov  
Thur 28th Nov  
Fri 29th Nov  
Mon 16th Dec  
Tue 17th Dec  
Thur 19th Dec  
Thur 19th Dec  
Fri 20th Dec  
Fri 20th Dec

23rd Dec—Fri 5th Jan 2020

Mon 6th Jan  
Mon 17th Feb— Fri 21st Feb

Mon 24th Feb

Fri 30th Mar—Mon 13th Apr

Tues 14th Apr  
Mon 4th May  
Fri 8th May

Mon 25th May—Fri 29th May  
Wed 22nd Jul

**2019/2020 TERM DATES**

Foundation Story telling with Ginny 2:30pm Parents Welcome  
Individual and Family Photographs  
World Cup Lunch—CATERed  
Foundation Story telling with Ginny 2:30pm Parents Welcome  
**Dahl Class Assembly 9.00am**

**HALF TERM**

School re-opens 8.45am  
PTFA Autumn Fayre Mufti Day—Sweets  
**Shakespeare Class Assembly 9.00am**  
PTFA Autumn Fayre Mufti Day—Bottles  
**James Class Assembly 9.00am**  
FSA Coffee and Information Morning 9.00am  
**Jansson Class Assembly 9.00am**  
PTFA Autumn Fayre Mufti Day—Cakes  
PTFA Autumn Fayre 3.15pm  
**Murphy Class Assembly 9.00am**  
Non-Pupil Day  
Non-Pupil Day  
Decorations Afternoon 1.15pm—3.00pm Messy Mufti  
Christmas Party Afternoon—Mufti  
Foundation Production 9.30am  
Children's Christmas Lunch  
Christmas Jumper Mufti Day—Save the Children  
Carols with Parents—1:45pm

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

School re-opens 8.45am  
**HALF TERM**

School re-opens 8.45am

**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

School re-opens 8.45am  
Non-Pupil Day  
May Bank Holiday

**HALF TERM**  
**Last Day of Term**



*Have a great weekend!*  
*Jackie Sparrow*  
*Head of School*

