



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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## 18th June 2021



### Year 5 and 6 Evacuee Day

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Year 5 and 6 took part in a fantastic day linked to their WW2 learning this term. The children attended school dressed as evacuees and blew us all away with their wonderful and imaginative costumes. We spent the day exploring what life was like for children who were evacuated during WW2: taking part in a mock-air raid, creating our evacuee labels, writing postcards home and learning the world-famous Vera Lynn song, 'We'll Meet Again'. It was wonderful to see all of year 5 and 6 fully embracing the activities and ending the day with a deeper understanding of what life was like as an evacuee; all whilst having a lot of fun!



### Revised PE Days for Friday 25th June

Due to the rearranged date for photographs, please note that PE days NEXT WEEK ONLY will now be as follows: Robin, Owl & Wren - Thursday 24th. Skylark - Wednesday 23rd.



## Celebration Shout Out!



### Year 5 Swimming lessons at the Life Centre

Before half term, Year 5 children went to the Life Centre for swimming lessons. They had ten sessions in total. Every child worked hard in their lessons; for some this was overcoming a fear of water and learning to swim, whilst others perfected a range of strokes. All our children are now more confident around water. The staff are extremely proud of every child for their efforts.

### Year 4



As part of our Year 4 topic, 'Inspirational People Throughout History', we have been focusing on William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. We have learnt all about reading and writing playscripts, and we have even acted out the famous witch scene. We used our knowledge of stage directions and our imaginative acting abilities to portray the characters. Our teachers were incredibly impressed!



### Congratulations

A huge well done to Lewis (Dove) for being awarded 'Star Player' at his football club!



## Discovery MAT Top of the Rocks

Starting Friday 18th, the children will be participating in a Top of the Rocks battle against the other schools in our academy. Children at Oakwood will be facing children from Beechwood and Weston Mill to crown the ultimate Times Table Rockstars.

To participate, children can play any game mode on TTRS. Every question answered correctly will earn a point for their class and school. In the previous tournament, Oakwood came 2nd place. Can we win this time? Find out next week!

**Mr S Ticehurst**  
Maths Lead

### Attendance For Week Ending 11th June 2021

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

**Well done to Puffin KS1 and  
Goldcrest KS2 for the highest  
attendance!**



Robin	96.9%
Owl	97.3%
Wren	95.2%
Dove	97.5%
<b>Puffin</b>	<b>99.6%</b>

Jay	99.0%
Starling	97.6%
Skylark	98.1%
<b>Goldcrest</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Osprey	91.2%
Kestrel	98.3%
Peregrine	97.3%

## 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.

Please remember that if you use the 30 minute Lateral Flow Tests for you and your family and have a positive result—you **must go on to get a PCR test at a test centre**. If positive please make sure that you inform us at school promptly. 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 mask or 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.

### 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](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours : 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

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

**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



## PE Days

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

**Monday - Osprey**

**Tuesday - Goldcrest**

**Wednesday - Dove, Puffin, Jay, Kestrel**

**Thursday - Starling, Peregrine**

**Friday - Robin, Owl, Wren, Skylark**

Please ensure that the kit is weather appropriate.

Thank you!



## School Uniform Reminder

Please continue to send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**. PE kit should only be worn on PE days. Please remember that flat sensible safe black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

Please ensure that children bring coats in case of rain. As the weather hopefully improves children can bring sun-hats and should have sun cream applied before school if required. No sunglasses in school please. Thank you.

## Jewellery

Children may not wear jewellery to school at any time (except for small studs, which must be 5mm in diameter or smaller, and watches) other than for religious or cultural reasons. Children in **Foundation** may not wear earrings in view of the physical aspects of their learning.

Uniform Policy on our website:

[https://www.oakwood-primary.co.uk/storage/secure\\_download/aGplcWZCcJrJS0pKeUsxclF1dGo2QT09](https://www.oakwood-primary.co.uk/storage/secure_download/aGplcWZCcJrJS0pKeUsxclF1dGo2QT09)



## 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

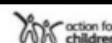


11-19 years  
Young People's Service  
07480 635198

Livewell

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)



Tik Tok  
Twitter  
Facebook  
Instagram  
Pinterest  
Google+  
Tumblr  
Reddit  
Snapchat  
Secret



LinkedIn



WhatsApp



Vine  
Tinder



Path



YouTube  
Keep  
Foursquare  
WeChat  
Kik  
Flickr



## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



### 2020/2021 TERM DATES

Wed 23rd June  
Fri 25th Jun **\*\*Revised Date\*\***  
Thu 15th Jul  
Fri 23rd Jul  
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

Rainbow Mufti Day (No charge) **\*\*NEW\*\***  
Class Photography (Individual & Class photos only)  
Year 6 Leavers BBQ  
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  
Tue 4th Jan  
Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb  
Mon 28th Feb  
Fri 8th Apr  
Mon 11th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr  
Mon 2nd May  
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun  
Tue 26th Jul  
Wed 27th July - Wed 31st Aug

School opens 8:45am  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
School Finishes  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
School starts 8:45am  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
Non-Pupil Day  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
May Bank Holiday  
**HALF TERM**  
School finishes at 3.15 pm  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

### **Class Photography - **\*\*Revised date\*\*****

Please be aware that Class Photography will now be in school on **Friday 25th June** to take individual and class photos only. Proofs will be sent home with children when received from the photographer.

#### **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. Alternatively, email [oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk)  
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](mailto:oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk)



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