



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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Meet the Oakwood Team

Our Pastoral Team

My name is Chelsea O'Brien and I am very pleased to introduce myself as the Inclusion Coordinator (INCO) at Oakwood. I have been teaching for 7 years; prior to starting at Oakwood I have taught Nursery, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 at two very different schools. A key part of my role is coordinating the provision for our children with special educational needs and ensuring they receive support they need. Good communication is vital for this, my aim is to get to know parents and work closely alongside you and other professionals in order to meet the best possible outcomes for your child. With this in mind, please do get in touch if you have any worries or concerns. I am a parent myself, with a son and a daughter and know all about the thrills and challenges that parenthood brings!



Hello my name is Ros Dent, I am your Family Support Advisor at Oakwood Primary Academy. I am here to support you in anything you may face or encounter as your child takes their journey through our school. This is done in an impartial, non-judgmental way, allowing you and your family to get the most out of your child's time at Oakwood. I strongly believe 'Families come in all shapes and sizes'. Being a parent is one of the most fulfilling things we'll ever do, yet it is also one of the hardest; we can all do with a little help now and then. Although things are different right now, I am still here to support families. I can make arrangements to speak to parents over the phone or through virtual meetings.




Our names are Danielle Woolley and Maria Pellow and we are part of the Pastoral Team at Oakwood. We have many years experience of working in schools to support the needs of children. Part of our role at Oakwood is to support children's social, emotional and mental health needs. We can offer Thrive, ELSA (emotional literacy) sessions and many more interventions. We have a pastoral base called The HUT (Helping Us Thrive). We are also emotionally available to



children across the school for those who may need additional support throughout the school day, this can happen for individuals or in small bubble groups. As a result of our support we can help children to become more self-assured, resilient and ready to learn.

Next week meet our Team Leaders.



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. 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>

Social Distancing Reminders


Parents are reminded to follow Social Distancing guidelines whilst on the school premises. Please ensure that children stay with parents, so that pathways and blue hatched areas are kept clear for children and parents arriving and leaving the school grounds.


Please remember only **one adult** when dropping off or picking up your child, this helps to reduce the number of adults on the premises.

If you are meeting KS2 children with walking home permission, can you please wait away from the arrowed pathways so that adults can maintain a social distance. **Please do not block the entrances while waiting.** Thank you for your continued support and cooperation with this matter.



HM Government

WASH

HANDS

COVER

FACE

MAKE

SPACE

NHS

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

Have you completed your on-line consent?

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.



Carparking reminder

Please continue to be respectful of local businesses and residents when parking around the school. The police are monitoring dangerous parking around the school entrances.

With the ongoing roadworks on Southway Drive, please take additional care when driving on the roads outside the school entrances. 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.

Walk to School Week - Message from Plymotion

You can win prizes and get Maptastic on **'Walk to School Week'** As part of Walk to School Month starting October 5th, we at Plymotion are asking you to take photos of your walk to school or use your new school walking map and show us you playing the games on back of the school walking map. Upload the photos or any creative writing/drawing about your walk or personalising the school map with extra places marked that your children like on their journey to school.



Use Facebook or Twitter to tag the photo to **@plymotion** or email it to plymotion@plymouth.gov.uk and the best ones will be tweeted throughout the month. Plymotion will announce the winners throughout the month.

The map will be emailed with the newsletter and a copy is also available on the school website under the **Children Tab**.

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



Aggies in The Ark
Bible Journaling with Jenn Collings
Aggies Pastoral Worker
New

Whether you're completely new to bible journaling or someone who loves to journal God's word, we are offering free weekly zoom sessions to be creative with the Creator's scripture.

You don't need to be a great artist I have lots of easy cut & paste ideas, stamping & drawing techniques for you to try

Zoom Session each Wednesday Evening
7.15pm to 8.15pm
Starting Wednesday 23rd September

PIC-COLLAGES



Aggies in The Ark
New day & time
Next Meeting 21st September

MONTHLY Zoom get together
Monday mornings 10-11am
Every 3rd Monday in the Month

Do you have a child(ren) with additional needs SEN?
We would love you to join us for our drop in zoom session to share time with one another.

This is a safe & confidential group and anything discussed will not leave the group, whilst adhering to Aggies safeguarding policy. You will need to obtain the private password from Jenn each week.

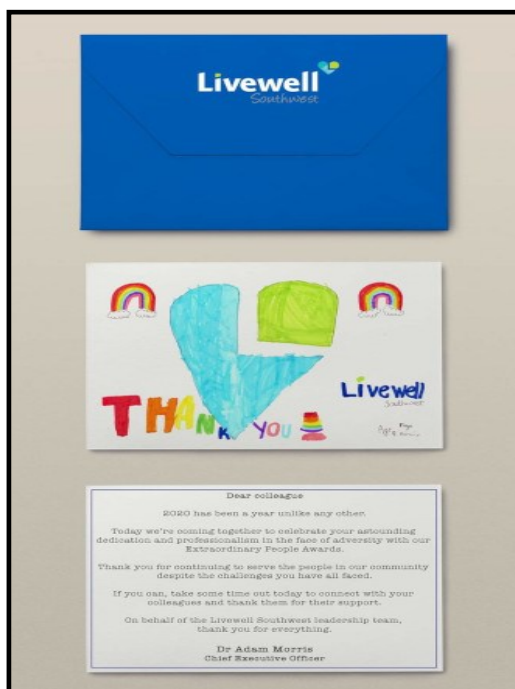
Please contact Jenn Collings on Facebook messenger or jenn.arkcommunityproject@hotmail.co.uk for session ID and further information.



WEEKLY DAYTIME SEWING & CRAFT SESSIONS WITH JENN & ZOE
TUESDAY'S 12.00 TO 1.30PM
JOIN US AT **AGGIES IN THE ARK - PLYMOUTH ON FACEBOOK**
Whilst the kids are at school, or you are on your own, why not join us to learn some new tricks and tips with sewing & other fun craft.

LIVE & RECORDED
Starts Tuesday 15th September

Our 12 Weeks to Christmas Makes starts on 22nd September to make sure you tune in LIVE or watch our pre-recorded videos where we will be having lots of creative makes; Stockings, Applique gifts, Wine bags, Advent calendars, Table runner & napkins, Baking & Making. So tune in to be inspired ready for the season!



Congratulations to Freya B whose amazing drawing has been selected and used as a virtual "thank you" card, sent to every member of staff at Livewell Southwest! She has also won a £20 gift card for her efforts. Well done Freya!



Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



Please note the addition of the non-pupil days for this year.

2020/2021 TERM DATES

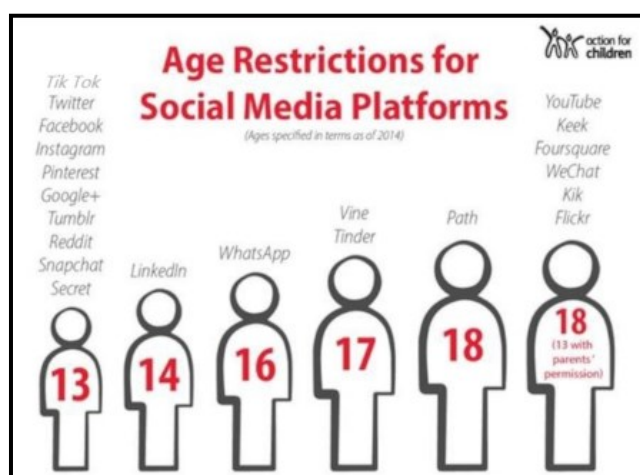
Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct
Fri 27th Nov
Fri 18th Dec
Mon 21st Dec - Fri 1st Jan 2021
Mon 4th Jan
Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb
Fri 22nd Feb
Thu 1st Apr
Fri 2nd Apr - Fri 16th Apr
Mon 3rd May
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun
Fri 23rd Jul
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

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