



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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12th March 2021



It has been wonderful to welcome back all our children this week. While we know that every child's experience of lockdown has been different, all of the children have settled back into their class bubbles with amazing resilience. We have devoted much of this week to supporting the children's well-being so that they have had time to share their lockdown highlights or lockdown worries. They have been able to let us know how we can help them get used to being back in school with so many other children after such a long time in small family bubbles. The children have also impressed us with their enthusiasm to resume their learning in the classroom and to hear their laughter when playing at break times has been a joy!

They have made a brilliant start this week and you should be very proud of how they have re-adjusted during this week.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parent and carers for your continued support and understanding during this challenging time. Please continue to follow the social distancing measures we have in place to support our school community.

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



Please ensure that your child has everything he/she needs for the day to avoid the need to return to the school during the day. Thank you

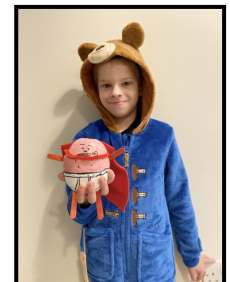
World Book Day

It was absolutely superb to see all the children dressed as their favourite book character last week, both at home and in class. Below are some photos taken on the day. Nurturing and supporting your child's reading at home is so important, thank you for all of your efforts.

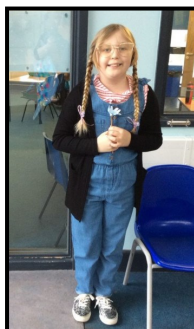
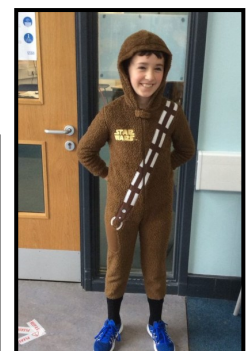
For the most creative costume or knowledge about their chosen book, **congratulations** go to Corvan F and Luna M in EYFS, Logan R and Ben S in KS1, Chloe H and Brooke H from KS2 and Harry S in Year 6.



Rec/KS1



KS2



PE Days

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!

DISCOVERY

Do you have a family member
in prison?

Do you want help and advice with regards to support services available:

Assisted prison visits,

Prisoners Families Helpline,

Support for your family and children.

The CAPO CHAMPION at Oakwood Primary Academy

Is: **Ros Dent** (r.dent@discoverymat.co.uk)

Please ask a member of staff if you would like to speak to this person.

Changes to End of Day Collections

Parents are reminded that teachers will not let a pupil leave with another adult unless we have received instruction from the parent in advance. Parents should ring the office on 775478 to inform the school if somebody else is collecting their child. Thank you.

Shout Out Awards

These awards go to children who have demonstrated that they are Ready, Respectful and Safe Superstars. Well done for being such brilliant role models this week!

Reception Bubble - Aria & Rocco

Year 1 Bubble - Logan R & Nelly

Year 2 Bubble - Kaitlyn & Cara

Year 3 Bubble - Ben & Mia

Year 4 Bubble - Tommie & Millie Br

Year 5 Bubble - Roxy & Ruby L

Year 6 Bubble - Cerys & Jessie

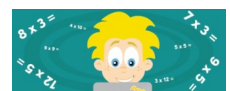
Times Table Rock Stars Update

From the 12th March to the 18th March, KS2 will be taking part in TTRS Rock Down Relief. This is a UK-wide Battle of the Bands. Each class in Oakwood will be battling each other to be crowned the Ultimate Champion.

To score points in the Battle of the Bands, all you need to do is answer questions correctly on ANY game mode. The more you play, the more points you score for the class.

In addition, TTRS have created red noses for the avatars which the children can buy with the in-game coins they earn. For each red nose bought in-game, TTRS donates 5p to Comic Relief!

Mr S Ticehurst
Maths Lead



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 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.

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.



NHS



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

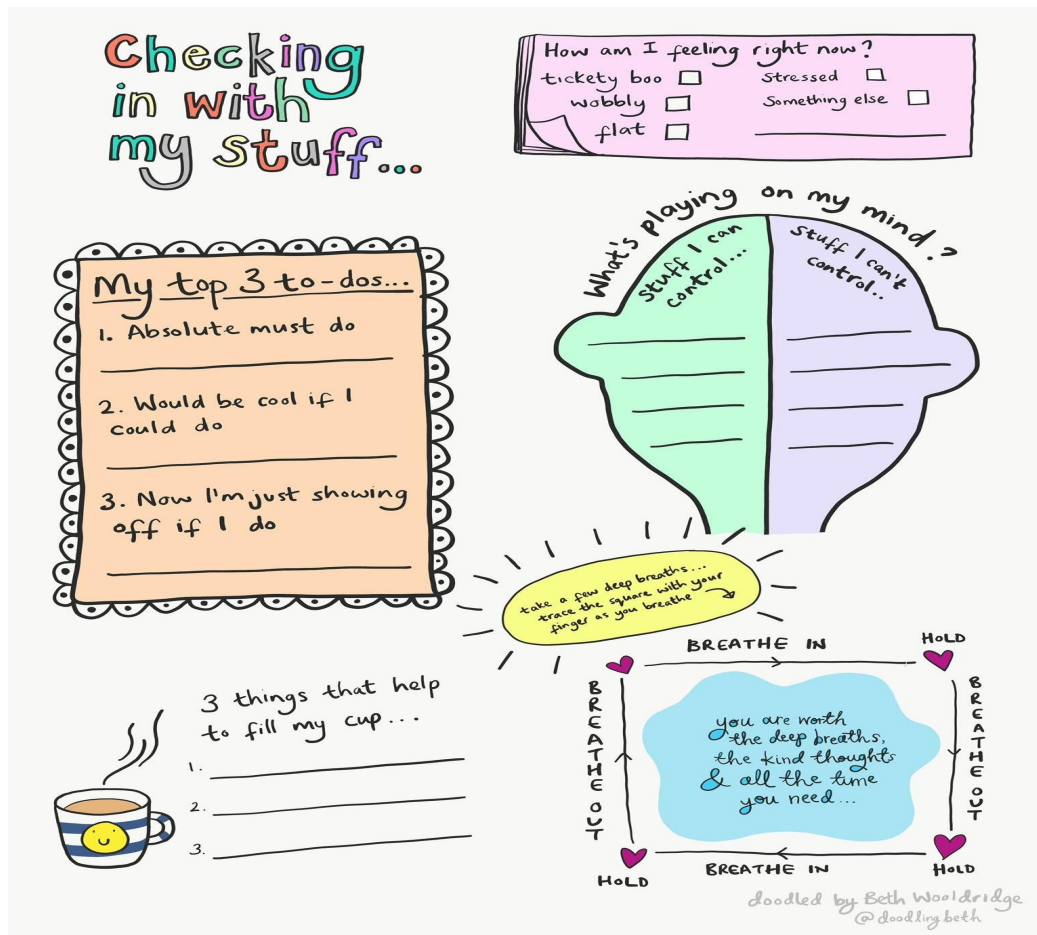
**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**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/>



Wellbeing Day 1/4/2021

We are really looking forward to Discovery MAT Wellbeing Day in April. If there is anything you as a family do to support you or your child's wellbeing that you would like to share please let Lindsay Cooper-Smith know by emailing: l.cooper-smith@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

Livewell



Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2020/2021 TERM DATES

Fri 2nd Apr - Fri 16th Apr
Mon 3rd May
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun
Fri 23rd Jul
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

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



**ARGYLE TRUST**
COMMUNITY

EASTER ROADSHOWS

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE WE ARE EXCLUSIVELY BACK IN OPERATION TO OUR LOYAL EXSISTING CUSTOMERS THIS EASTER.

KEY INFORMATION:

- LIMITED SPACES
- EXSISTING CUSTOMERS ONLY
- PRICE FREEZE & SIBLING DISCOUNT
- TIME EXTENDED - 9:30 TO 15:30

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