



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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## 17th July 2020

### Happy Summer Holidays!

It has been the strangest term for all of the children, parents and staff and I know that everyone is really looking forward to the summer holidays to spend time with family or friends. The children have been amazing during this difficult time, this experience has been very different for everyone whether in school or at home being home-schooled by parents. It has been described as '*We are all in the same storm but in different boats*', which I think sums up this unprecedented time perfectly!

We would like to thank all our parents for supporting your children during this challenging time, we have all battled with technology and learned many new skills in the virtual world we have found ourselves in! We know that this has not been easy and appreciate all you have done through this pandemic. We have really missed the social interaction with children and parents during this time and it has been particularly hard on our wonderful Year 6 children who have missed so many of the traditional end of primary school events that would normally happen. We would like to send a very special well done to you all and wish you lots of luck when you move to your secondary school, we know that you will seize every opportunity to show your new teachers what a talented bunch you are! The year 6 children were able to finish today with their Virtual Leavers Disco along with the year 6 children in school today-they had a great afternoon and got the staff dancing too!



Please make sure that you have read the letters sent out this week detailing the changes to drop-off and pick-up organisation and Breakfast Club for September. Copies of the letters are on the website for your reference. I have also included the Social Distancing information from the website which may help support discussions with your children about the changes they will see when they return in September. We will do regular reminders next term but it is really important that everyone respects and follows the measures in place so that all parents and children feel reassured about their first few days back at school. Please take careful note about the car park.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, teachers, TAs, admin staff, cleaners, MTAs and premises staff, who have supported Educare throughout lockdown, through the holidays and with the wider opening to the children in Reception, Year 1 and with the 'goodbye' sessions for the Year 6 children.

Have a happy and well deserved holiday everyone!

Keep safe and we look forward to welcoming all our children back in September.

## Social Distancing

To support the return of all children in September, all parents, carers and children will need to follow the social distancing measures around the school building and grounds. There will be notices and painted markings on the pathways to the designated entrances to guide you and your children. Please follow these carefully so that social distancing is maintained at drop-off and pick-up times.

We will review the social distancing organisation regularly at the start of term to make any necessary adjustments. We understand that it will take time to become familiar with the new routines in place and that children will need regular reminders about the limited access they have to parts of the school building and grounds.

There will be STOP signs on the school grounds and no parent or carer should cross those 'STOP' signs which are clearly marked by the doors. This is to minimise the number of people around the entrances. Staff will be there to welcome and escort your child.

Whilst we have split up the entrances to reduce contact we will still have a large number of children and parents on site in the morning and afternoon; please be respectful about giving each other time and the appropriate social distancing space when entering and exiting the school for the different bubble groups.

**Some children will be entering and leaving the school via the car park, therefore the car park is CLOSED to ensure the health and safety of children and parents.** Please park considerately in the roads around the school, so that local residents can still gain access to their properties.

Key Stage 2 children with 'Walk Home Alone' consent also need to wait in their designated entrance area, maintaining a social distance, and must **not** access any other part of the school grounds while waiting for the doors to be opened by a member of staff.

Please take the time to talk through the changes in place with your children prior to September so that they are prepared for the new routines. Thank you for your support and understanding.

## Designated Entrances

<b>Reception and Year 1</b> <b>Robin, Owl, Wren</b>	Main entrance to school
<b>Year 2</b> <b>Dove, Puffin</b>	Bottom gate and along the path to year 2 pods
<b>Year 3 and 4</b> <b>Jay, Starling, Skylark, Gold-crest</b>	Butler Close gate and along the path past Little Acorns
<b>Year 5 and 6</b> <b>Osprey, Kestrel, Peregrine</b>	Community Entrance

# Learning fun!

## Year 1

Here are some photos from our science lessons this week involving bubbles! The children were asked to make their own bubble wands and investigate what happens when you change the shapes of the wand - does the bubble change its shape? Matthew, Lucas, Ava, Daisy, Flynn and Michael made wands from lollipop sticks and pipe cleaners! It was very messy but also a lot of fun. We had to be very resilient!



Skyler made ice cream as part of her home learning!

## Birthdays this week:

### Foundation/KS1:

Harry  
Logan  
Matthew

### KS2:

Ava  
Daniel  
Harry  
Lacey  
Lexie



Happy birthday to all!

Let the streams and waterways where you live inspire your artwork in our

**BIG PLYMOUTH RIVER MAP CHALLENGE**

**PLYMOUTH RIVER KEEPERS**  
CONNECTING WATER, PEOPLE AND PLACE

We want to help the fish and other creatures that live in, or next to, the streams at the bottom of your gardens or ends of your roads. We'd love you to take up our Big Plymouth River Map Challenge this summer and draw, paint or make a collage of your special stream. You could do this by looking out of your windows, over your fence or by taking a walk with a parent or guardian.

Simply write the nearest street name and the area on your 'map', as well as your name and your age. You could also ask a grown-up if they have any memories of the stream, maybe from when they were young, and write these on the back.

Take a photo of your artwork and any stories and email them to [jenny@wrt.org.uk](mailto:jenny@wrt.org.uk) by 31 August 2020. Or pop them in an envelope and send to Jenny Wytcherley, Rain-Charms House, Kyl Cober Parc, Stoke Climsland, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 8PH.

We will share entries in an online exhibition and on our social media, and some of them may be chosen to be part of a bigger design project with the whole community. We will also use the information you put on your artwork to decide which places need help in making the water cleaner and the streams better places for fish to live in.

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*Parent and Carer Sessions*

## Mental Health Awareness

COVID-19

Parent and Carer Sessions—Virtual Delivery

Tuesday 18th August - 10:30am

Tuesday 25th August - 1:30pm

Thursday 27th August - 6pm

Delivery will consist of a 1 hour Mental Health Awareness presentation followed by a Q&A

Session with professionals from The Zone, CAMHS and Young Devon

To book please contact:

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Progeny project

## DIARY DATES



*These dates are our term times pending  
Government changes*

### 2020/2021 TERM DATES

Thu 3rd Sep 2020  
Fri 4th Sep  
Mon 7th Sep  
Tue 8th Sep  
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  
Mon 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

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May Bank Holiday  
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### 2021/2022 TERM DATES

Mon 6th Sep 2021  
Tue 7th Sep  
Wed 8th Sep  
Fri 22nd Oct  
Mon 25th Oct - Fri 29th Oct  
Mon 1st Nov  
Fri 26th Nov  
Fri 17th Dec  
Mon 20th Dec - Mon 3rd Jan 2022  
Tue 4th Jan  
Fri 18th Feb  
Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb  
Mon 28th Feb  
Tue 1st Mar  
Fri 8th Apr  
Mon 11th Apr - Fri 22nd Apr  
Mon 25th Apr  
Mon 2nd May  
Fri 27th May  
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*Have a great weekend!*  
*Jackie Sparrow*  
*Head of School*