



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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16th October 2020

Meet the Oakwood Team

Our Admin Team



Hi, I am Mrs Headridge, School Administrator. I have been working in the School Admin Sector since 2008. As well as providing admin support for the school staff, I also provide a Personal Assistant role to the Head of School. Also within my role I undertake and maintain daily, monthly and year end processes for finance and HR for Oakwood. Our team will most likely be your first point of contact when you telephone the school and, if we are unable to answer your query straight away, will pass messages through to the appropriate staff member for attention.

Hi, I am Mrs Jackie Neale and I am the Administration Assistant providing admin and receptionist support for the school since December 2019. Prior to that I worked as a Meal Time Assistant here at Oakwood from 2017, volunteered for 'reading support' in Key Stage 1 and regularly volunteered as a helper at PTFA events, so most of the pupils in school will know me from one aspect or another. I am also a parent of the school, with a child still in Key Stage 2 and an older child now in Year 8 at Secondary school, so I understand the pressures that we all feel! I have a background in administration having served 20+ years in the Civil Service. I also provide admin support to Mrs Headridge and the teaching staff. With 2 children there isn't much 'spare' time for me, however I do enjoy walking my dog with the family, reading all sorts of fiction and painting landscapes.



Next week meet our Reception and Year 1 Team.

Attendance For Week Ending 9th October 2020

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

**Well done to
Dove KS1 and Jay KS2
for the highest
attendance!**



Robin	98.5%
Owl	94.6%
Wren	99.3%
Dove	100.0%
Puffin	94.4%
Jay	99.0%
Starling	96.5%
Skylark	95.7%
Goldcrest	94.6%
Osprey	94.5%
Kestrel	98.6%
Peregrine	98.3%

Harvest Time

Although we are unable to have our traditional Harvest Celebration this term, we wanted to share the songs that the children have learned in each of the classes. Each class has recorded their own Harvest song and it has been saved on the class page on the website. Go to the **CHILDREN** tab, select **CLASS PAGES** and then select your child's class. Click on the link and you will hear the song.

We won't be asking for donations from children this term, instead we will be donating the surplus boxes of breakfast cereals to the North West Food Bank for Harvest.

We hope you enjoy listening to the songs!

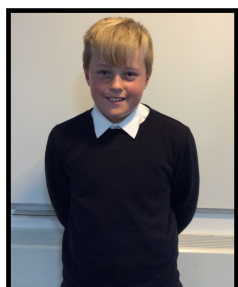


Celebration Shout Out!



Well done to Georgina G for earning her Yellow Belt at Hybrid Mixed Martial Arts!

Well done to Lewis G for winning Player of the Week at MAP Football!



Also, many congratulations to Ty who has been selected for the Plymouth Schools Football Association Under-11s Representative Squad 2020/21, following trials which were "of the highest standard" and which made the selectors' jobs extremely difficult. Very well done Ty!




Year 4

We have been studying the Romans and we worked very hard to recreate our own Roman shields. Once we had made them, we continued to learn all about the Roman army and we had great fun practising different defense and attack formations as a troop!



Please feel free to email the school with any pupil achievements you'd like celebrated!



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 younger children stay with parents in the morning**, so that pathways and blue hatched areas are kept clear for children and parents arriving and leaving the school grounds. Playgrounds are out-of-bounds before school starts.

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.




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.

Flu Vaccinations - Have you completed your on-line consent?



Carparking reminder

The carpark is **closed** so that it is a safe place for children and parents to wait at the start of the day and when it is pick up time. Many children in KS2 walk to school on their own and will not have an adult with them to remind them of road safety.

Please do not put convenience above the safety of our children.

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Plymouth Dads Project



Sat 3rd Oct , 1-3.30pm, Apple Pressing
For over 5s and their dads @ Ham Woods, PL2 2HP

Sat 17th Oct, 2-3.30pm, Autumn Leaves
For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

Tue 20th Oct 7pm, Dads' Conversation Café
Dads /male carers only-@ Tamar Folk CC, Victoria Road Primary, PL5 1RH

Sat 14th Nov, 1-3.30pm, Campfire Cooking
For over 5s and their dads @ Ham Woods, PL2 2HP

Sat 21st Nov, 2-3.30pm, Build a Story
For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

Tue 24th Nov 7pm- Dads' Conversation Café
Dads /male carers only-@ Tamar Folk CC, Victoria Road Primary, PL5 1RH

Sat 12th Dec, 1-3.30pm, Christmas at the Cabin
For over 5s and their dads @ The Cabin, Barne Barton, PL5 1 EJ

Tue 15th Dec 7pm- Dads' Conversation Café
Dads /male carers only-@ Tamar Folk CC, Victoria Road Primary, PL5 1RH

Sat 19th Dec, 2-3.30pm- Christmas Creating
For 0-5 years and their dads @ Just Imagine, PL6 5DS

Calling all dads and male carers (step dads, uncles, grandads...) come meet other dads, make new friends, enjoy fun FREE activities with your children on Saturdays and discuss the challenges and successes of being a dad at our Tuesday Conversation Cafes- a safe space to talk all things dad & eat pizza...

Please book your FREE place through info@dangerousdads.org.uk or call/text 07934739098.

Limited places to ensure we can provide safe, socially distanced events and the right amount of refreshments so booking is essential.

FREE Events for Dads-Autumn Series 2020

Secondary School Applications

Year 6 parents are reminded that the closing date for applications for secondary school places is fast approaching. Applications must be submitted via the School Admissions website by 31st October 2020.

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



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

2020/2021 TERM DATES

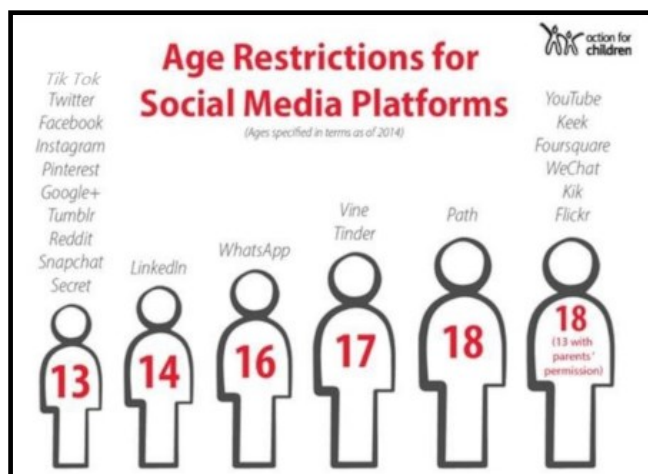
Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct
Fri 27th Nov
Fri 18th Dec
Mon 21st Dec - Fri 1st Jan 2021
Mon 4th Jan
Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb
Fri 22nd Feb
Thu 1st Apr
Fri 2nd Apr - Fri 16th Apr
Mon 3rd May
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun
Fri 23rd Jul
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

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



National Online Safety Platform

Please take time to look at the E-safety information sent out in the letter this week. The platform offers a wide range of resources to support the safe use of social media and games.

Please find the link below that you need to visit to register your account.

<http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/oakwood-primary-academy-pl6-6qs>



Be safe and have a great weekend!
Jackie Sparrow
Head of School