



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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Photographs

'Class Photography' will be in school on the morning of Monday 18th October to take individual photos and sibling photographs of children attending Oakwood. We are not able to offer family photographs with younger or older siblings not attending our school this year.

Harvest Thank you

We had the following message from the North Plymouth Foodbank this week.

*Just a quick note to say a big thank you for the magnificent harvest donation you made to us on Friday. The weight of the goods was a terrific **299.27 kg** and this will go a long way to helping us help those in need especially at this very difficult season. Please pass on our thanks to the children and parents for their support. Again, thank you very much.*

Goodbye and Good Luck!

We wish Mrs Catherwood lots of luck as she starts her maternity leave today. We are all looking forward to hearing about her new arrival very soon! Mrs Gruszka has joined us from Beechwood and will be our Acting Assistant Head of School while Mrs Catherwood is on maternity leave. We are also saying goodbye to Jo, our kitchen manager, who is moving onto a new role in the University. We will all miss her and her wonderful cooking and wish her lots of luck in her new job!

Renaissance Reading Program



When children have finished reading a book they take a Ren Reading quiz to answer questions on the book that they have completed. When quizzes are passed, the number of words in the books are totalled together and a weekly word count for each class is accumulated.

Each week we will look at the word count totals for each class and the winners of Key Stage 1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 will get a few minutes extra play at breaktime!

Our winners this week are:-

KS1 - Thames - 7,701 words

Lower KS2 - Severn Class - 35,097 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 134,114 words

Well done to those classes!



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.



Parking Reminders

Please remember to park considerately in the surrounding roads at drop off and pick up times. Please do not block drive ways or double park. We have had contact from some local residents who have been unable to leave for work on time due to some parents parking across drive ways. We ask that you are respectful to our local community during these busy times. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School Uniform Reminder

Please 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.

We have reverted back to normal organisation regarding PE kit. Children need to bring their PE kit to school, they will change in school for PE sessions. Children no longer should come to school in PE kit. Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy; this will remain in school.

Please remember that flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

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.



Children are not allowed to wear earrings during PE lessons.



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



YouTube
Keep
Foursquare
WeChat
Kik
Flickr



Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Mon 18th Oct	Individual & internal family group photos
Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct	HALF TERM
Thu 4th Nov	Virgin Care Flu vaccinations
Fri 26th Nov	Non-Pupil Day
Fri 17th Dec	School Finishes
Mon 20th Dec - Mon 3rd Jan 2022	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Tue 4th Jan	School starts 8:45am
Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 28th Feb	Non-Pupil Day
Fri 8th Apr	Non-Pupil Day
Mon 11th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Mon 2nd May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun	HALF TERM
Tue 26th Jul	School finishes at 3.15 pm
Wed 27th July - Wed 31st Aug	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Attendance For Week Ending 8th October 2021

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

**Well done to Lynher KS1 and
Medway KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	98.7%
Lynher	99.2%
Fowey	92.6%
Avon	91.8%
Thames	97.1%
Severn	94.8%
Medway	98.5%
Trent	95.1%
Lagan	93.7%
Clyde	91.4%
Mersey	97.5%
Tyne	95.0%
Wye	91.1%

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 log/get back to you. Alternatively, email 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:

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*Have a lovely weekend!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School*