



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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Learning Journey

We emailed out the Learning Journey last Friday, this gave you information about the curriculum learning that will take place this term alongside any organisation related to your child's year group. (All Learning Journeys are also on the school website under the Learning tab.)

Unfortunately, due to the Covid restrictions in place at the moment, we are unable to hold the usual parent welcome meeting this September. However, we would like to give parents the opportunity to email the school if you have any follow up questions about the learning planned for this term or indeed if you want clarification over any of the additional information on your child's Learning Journey. If you do have a question, please **email** your query to oakwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk making sure that you include your child's class in the email. We will collect in the questions and collate the answers which will be then emailed out to each class. (We will not identify any children or parents in our responses.)

Please email your questions by **Friday 25th September**, thank you.

Carparking

The Landlord at the Lockdown has made the decision to **close** the carpark to parents at the start and the end of the day. This is due to ongoing inconsiderate parking and unacceptable littering in the carpark. It is very unfortunate that parents are no longer able to use this space due to the actions of a minority.



Local residents have also asked us to remind parents or carers **not to block driveways** during these drop off and pick up times. Please be respectful of local businesses and residents when parking around the school.

While the weather is dry 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.

PE

The PE days for the classes are as follows

Class	Teacher	Day
Owl and Robin	Mrs O'Carroll Mrs Watson	Friday
Wren	Miss Crocker	Friday
Dove	Miss Brocklesby/ Mrs O'Brien	Thursday
Puffin	Mr Kelleher	Thursday
Jay	Miss Glynn	Wednesday
Starling	Miss Sherrell	Thursday
Skylark	Mrs Tearney	Tuesday
Goldcrest	Mrs Carroll	Tuesday
Osprey	Miss Kelly	Monday
Kestrel	Mrs Catherwood/ Mrs Collier	Wednesday
Peregrine	Mr Ticehurst	Friday

Thank you for your continued support during the start of this term. Since we have returned, children have been completing a variety of physical learning activities within their school day. From next week commencing 21st September, your child will also be taking part in a weekly timetabled PE lesson. As in previous years, these lessons will focus on key skills following the National Curriculum.

On the day that your child has PE, we ask that your child comes to school with their PE kit already on. All lessons will be outside so please ensure that clothing is weather appropriate. For example, tracksuit bottoms instead of navy PE shorts when the weather gets colder. You will **not** need to send in uniform for your child to change into during that day.



Family Support Advisor

Virtual Talk Time

Families come in all shapes and sizes and so do children. Being a parent is one of the most fulfilling things we'll ever do, yet it is also one of the hardest and we can all do with a little help now and then. My role is to support you in many different ways as your child makes their journey through school. During "normal" times, I could invite you into school to discuss any concerns and give support. These are unprecedented times and I am unable to offer my support face to face but, what I can do, is offer my support, via ZOOM or telephone. The service is confidential unless you/your child are at risk for any reason, in which case I will follow procedures set out in the school's policy on child protection and safeguarding. These virtual sessions will usually be once a week for around 30 minutes. If you would like a virtual or telephone time to talk, please contact Ros Dent at r.dent@discoverymat.co.uk or alternatively call the main reception on 01752 775478 and ask to speak to myself. I will look forward to hopefully speaking to you soon.

Ros Dent

Family Support/Pastoral Worker



CATCH IT.



BIN IT.



KILL IT.

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.

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.



Information from Plymouth City Council - Road Safety

As part of the Council's road safety programme we will be installing new signs with the message "School: 20 when lights show" which will include flashing lights using a pulsar unit on Southway Drive. This will mean that the advisory speed limit on Southway Drive will be 20 mph when lights flash, with the times the lights are on coinciding with the start and end of the school day. This will help to improve road safety in the vicinity of the school gate and we hope will encourage more journeys to be made to school on foot and by bike. The programme is being funded by the Council's successful bid to the Department for Transport's Emergency Active Travel Fund programme. The new signs and pulsar units (flashing lights) should have been installed by the end of August and the Council will be monitoring traffic speeds in the area in the autumn term to assess the effectiveness of the system in reducing traffic speeds.

If you have any questions about this initiative please contact the Council's Road Safety team at TrafficManagementInbox@plymouth.gov.uk

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

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
Thur 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

Term begins
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