



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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**1st April 2022**



## Cake Sale and Mufti Day

On Friday 1st April the Year 6 children ran a really successful Cake Sale to raise money for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) who are running a Humanitarian Appeal to support charities assisting in Ukrainian relief. There were so many cakes donated, some were bought, some were homemade, others in the colours of the Ukrainian flag - all of them looked delicious! The children enjoyed buying them at Breaktime and the Year 6 children were so enthusiastic and helpful throughout the sale.

We would like to say a huge thank you for supporting this appeal, the school was a happy sea of blue and yellow today! We will let you know how much was raised once the money has been counted.



## Reminders for next week

Please see the rest of the newsletter for information about -

**Chill and Chat afternoon - Tuesday 5th April at 2.00pm.**

**Easter Competition - entries to school by Wednesday 6th April.**

**Non-pupil day - Friday 8th April - school is closed to children.**

**Menu - Next week's lunch choices will be as per **WEEK 2**.**

**Mufti - The last day of term, Thursday 7th April, will be a Mufti Day (no charge)!**

## Celebration Shout Out!

Please feel free to email the school with any pupil achievements or special efforts you'd like celebrated! We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter.



Lewis (Severn) and Georgina (Trent) competed all weekend at the elite BJJ National Jiu Jitsu Competition. They both won gold and are the national champions! Well done to both!



Harry (Severn) passed his Tae Kwon Do grading on Saturday and is now a Yellow Stripe. He made everyone very proud with his hard work and dedication. Well done Harry!



## 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. 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 Class - 17,552 words**

**Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 222,187 words**

**Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 196,840 words**

Well done to those classes!







## Chill and Chat

Ros Dent, Family Support/Pastoral Worker invites you all to join me on **Tuesday 5th April at 2.00pm** for a chill and chat.

It would be great to see you all, after not being able to do so for so long. Also, it would be great to see some dads/grandads.

Entry will be via the Community Entrance. I will look forward to seeing you - all welcome!

## RN FPS Community Support FAMILY EASTER FUN

Radford Community Centre  
Stokingway Close, Plymouth, PL9 9JL



## Oakwood Primary Academy Easter Competition 2022



Would you like to enter this year's Easter Competition? If you do, you can make **one** of the following to enter:

- o An Easter Bonnet
- o An Easter Garden
- o Decorate an egg (hard boiled first please!)

There will be a prize for the winner and runner up from Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2. Thank you to the PTFA for donating the prizes.



**Please make sure that you include your name and class on your entry.**



All entries need to be in school by **Wednesday 6th April 2022**. The winners will be announced to the children on Thursday 7th April 2022.

We look forward to seeing your imaginative egg creations. Get cracking!

## Dear MKC Heroes,

Please see below event that you, or a member of the MKCH community, may be interested in attending:

### RBL National Event

Thousands of veterans, civilians, and bereaved families are invited to attend the RBL national event at the National Memorial Arboretum on Tuesday 14th June to mark 40 years since the end of the conflict.

Individuals and groups that would like to attend can register their interest via their Regimental or Service Association prior to 29 April 2022.

You can also keep updated on the RBL website at [rbl.org.uk/falklands40](http://rbl.org.uk/falklands40) or contact us on [falklands@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:falklands@britishlegion.org.uk).

Regimental activities will take place at respective memorials in the morning. At 2.00p.m. a Commemorative Ceremony will take place including the Act of Remembrance and a live link to the Falkland Islands.

Members of the public who are not veterans of the conflict will be able to register via the Arboretum website from mid April to be on site on the day.

Kind regards,  
Sara

**Sara Lamerton**  
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## Uniform Store Plymouth

The Uniform Store Plymouth is a free service for families to kit out their children for school. Through donations of good quality school uniform, we give these items out to those in need, free of charge – no referral is needed. We operate a pop-up shop in Plymouth City Centre throughout the school summer holidays, and a 'Click & Collect' service that operates throughout the year, where parents/carers can order the uniform that they need for their children and collect it from our collection point.



To place an order for school uniform, families can visit our website: [www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk](http://www.uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk) and select the items required. Our collection point is at Redeemer Church, St Barnabas Terrace, Plymouth PL1 5NN and is open every Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 12pm. For more information please email us: [hello@uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk](mailto:hello@uniformstoreplymouth.co.uk)

A graphic with a blue background. At the top, there are three stylized human figures in white and purple. Below them, text reads: 'If your child has: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste'. Below this, it says 'This could be a sign of coronavirus'. At the bottom, there is a purple button that says 'Book a test'.

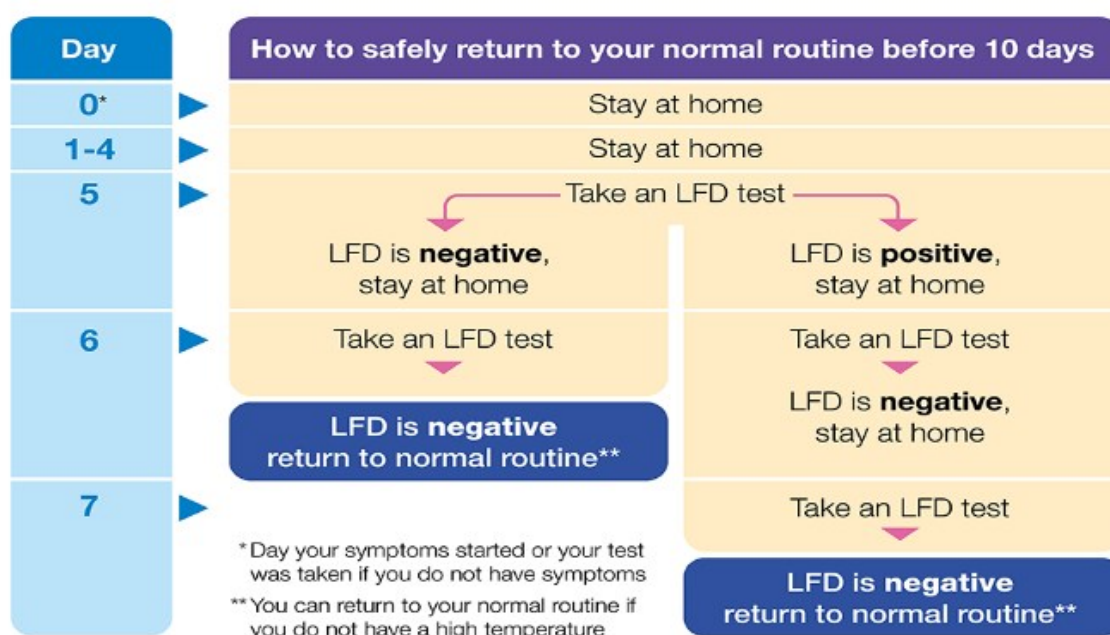
## Covid-19 Guidance

People who test positive for Covid 19 should follow the following procedure:

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have any of these symptoms you should order a PCR test. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result. Recent cases have also displayed with sore throat & headache.



## School Uniform Reminder

Please send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**.

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



***Hairclips and headbands should be plain and should not cause obstruction to anyone's learning, or cause distraction to any learner.***

Children need to have their PE kit in school, as they will change in school for PE sessions. Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy.

## 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.

***"For health and safety reasons, all pupils are required to remove earrings during PE lessons."***

## Reminder - Alternative Pick-Ups

If you know that your child/ren will need to be collected by someone other than the usual parent/carer please contact the school office to notify us, if possible before 2:45pm. Thank you!



### StreetSafe

Want to improve the safety of our local area? If you feel unsafe in any area in Plymouth please use this website to report it:

[StreetSafe | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)

StreetSafe is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, e.g. street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, e.g. being followed or verbally abused.

## Attendance For Week Ending 25th March 2022

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

**Well done to Tamar KS1 and Mersey KS2 for the highest attendance!**



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|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Tamar</b>  | <b>88.9%</b> |
| Lynher        | 88.8%        |
| Fowey         | 67.3%        |
| Avon          | 86.3%        |
| Thames        | 78.3%        |
| Severn        | 87.5%        |
| Medway        | 91.3%        |
| Trent         | 83.6%        |
| Lagan         | 89.0%        |
| Clyde         | 89.1%        |
| <b>Mersey</b> | <b>94.0%</b> |
| Tyne          | 82.7%        |
| Wye           | 81.5%        |

## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



### 2021/2022 TERM DATES

Tue 5th Apr  
Thu 7th Apr  
Fri 8th Apr  
Mon 11th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr  
Mon 2nd May  
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun  
Mon 27th Jun  
Tue 26th Jul  
Wed 27th July

Chill & Chat 2pm, via the Community Entrance.  
Mufti Day (No charge)  
Non-Pupil Day  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
May Bank Holiday  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
School finishes at 3.15 pm  
**SUMMER HOLIDAYS START**

### 2022/2023 TERM DATES

Wed 7th Sep 2022  
Fri 21st Oct  
Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct  
Fri 25th Nov  
Fri 16th Dec  
Mon 19th Dec 2022 - Mon 2nd Jan 2023  
Tue 3rd Jan 2023  
Mon 13th Feb - Fri 17th Feb  
Mon 20th Feb  
Fri 31st Mar  
Mon 3rd April - Fri 14th April  
Mon 17th April  
Mon 1st May  
Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun  
Fri 23rd Jun  
Tue 25th Jul  
Wed 26th Jul

School starts 8:45am  
School finishes 3:15pm  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
School finishes 3:15pm  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
School starts 8:45am  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
School finishes 3:15pm  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
School starts 8:45am  
Bank Holiday  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
School finishes 3:15pm  
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### **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](mailto: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:

[oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk)



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