



# Oakwood Academy Newsletter

"Living, learning and thriving"

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## Meet the Oakwood Team

### Our Team Leaders



**Reception and Year 1 Team Leader** - Hello, I am Mrs O'Carroll and I have been a Reception class teacher here at Oakwood for a good many years. Many of you will know me, as I will have taught your children when they first started school. One of the best things about teaching our youngest children, is that I get to watch them grow and develop as they make their way through the school. I am excited that this year our team has expanded to include Year 1. This is enabling us to best support our youngest children through these crucial early years of school so that they can achieve their full potential.

Our newest children have started school now and I am delighted to say they have settled really well into school life. In my spare time I enjoy wearing my wellies, making play dough and watching crime dramas. Sometimes all at once!



**Year 2 and 3 Team Leader** - Hi, I am Mr Kelleher and I have been a teacher at Oakwood for many years now and taught across the school. If your child is in Key Stage 2 there is a good chance I may have taught them! I am the Team Leader of our newly formed Year 2 and Year 3 team. In our team we have a great range of staff who are dedicated to working with your children and helping them to strive to do their very best. We all have high expectations of learning behaviours but also value the importance well-being. In these unusual times we are all working hard to make learning as enjoyable as possible and will continue to offer a wide range of learning opportunities. As a parent myself (of a Year 2 child) I fully understand and appreciate the challenges parents face on a daily

basis so please make contact with me via the office and I will do my best to answer any queries or signpost support or useful resources. We all look forward to working with you this year.



**Year 4, 5 and 6 Team Leader** - My name is Mrs Carroll and I am the Team Leader for Years 4, 5 and 6. This is my fifth year working within our MAT and I am very pleased to join the team here at Oakwood. I have taught across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and I am excited to be a Year 4 class teacher in Goldcrest this year. I really enjoy teaching thematically and exploring different themes in-depth, especially history. My favourite subject to teach is English because I enjoy reading and writing – the children will tell you that I love to learn new and interesting words! In my spare time, I can often be found exploring Devon and Cornwall with my dog or out horse-riding. I have a teenage

sister who is also horse-obsessed and so, at the weekends, I like to help her at riding events or I like to support my two teenage brothers when they play football or cricket. I am very much looking forward to this academic year at Oakwood and getting to know you all.

Our Team Leaders support the teachers and children in their team and are available if you have any questions or concerns. Please contact them via the school office to leave a message and they will get back to you.

**Next week meet our Admin Team.**

### Catch it! Bin it! Kill it!

It is now 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. Thank you.

### Flu Vaccinations

Have you completed your on-line consent?

### 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.



### Carparking reminder

There have been a number of cars that have started to park on the double yellow lines or across the zig-zig lines outside the school entrance. The police have been informed and are monitoring dangerous parking around the school entrances.

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

Parking a little further away and doing a **Park and Stride** to school is a great way to reduce congestion in the morning and afternoon.


### PE Kit

As we are well into Autumn weather, please ensure that children wear appropriate clothing for PE which will take place outside, weather permitting. Jogging bottoms should be navy blue or black, PE T-shirt is plain yellow and the school sweatshirt can be worn on top. If another sweatshirt is used for PE days then it should be a plain navy or black. Thank you.

### Congratulations!

Well done to Harry on winning Player of the Week at MAP Football!





**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.


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.



HM Government

**WASH**  
  
**HANDS**

**COVER**  
  
**FACE**

**MAKE**  
  
**SPACE**

NHS



## 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](mailto:oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk) or Tel: 01752 775478

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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](mailto: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**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**UTC OPEN DAYS**

AN INSPIRING PLACE TO BUILD YOUR FUTURE

**OPEN DAYS:**

**VIRTUAL (ONLINE)**  
THURSDAY 8TH 16.30-17.30 & 18.00 - 19.00

**UTC (ON SITE)**  
SATURDAY 10TH 10.00-14.00

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE ON AN OPEN DAY CLICK ON THIS BUTTON

SUBSCRIBE TO US ON YOUTUBE & WATCH OUR VIRTUAL TOUR VIDEO!

**BOOK NOW**

**WATCH VIDEO**

Year 9, 10 & 12 places still available.  
Call the college today and book a tour with the Principal. ☎ 01752 284250

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## 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. [www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



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

### 2020/2021 TERM DATES

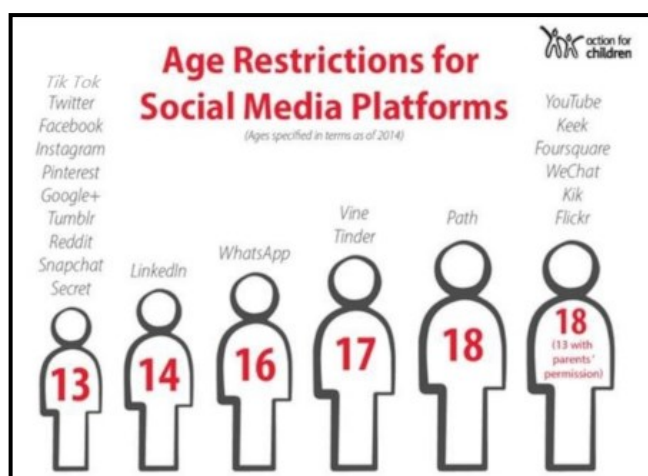
Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct  
Fri 27th Nov  
Fri 18th Dec  
Mon 21st Dec - Fri 1st Jan 2021  
Mon 4th Jan  
Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb  
Mon 22nd Feb  
Thu 1st Apr  
Fri 2nd Apr - Fri 16th Apr  
Mon 3rd May  
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun  
Fri 23rd Jul  
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

**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

Mon 6th Sep 2021  
Tue 7th Sep  
Wed 8th Sep  
Mon 25th-29th Oct  
Fri 26th Nov  
Fri 17th Dec  
Mon 20th Dec-Mon 3rd Jan 2022  
Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb  
Mon 28th Feb  
Fri 8th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr  
Mon 2nd May  
Monday 30th May-Fri 3rd Jun  
Tue 26th Jul

Non-Pupil Day  
Non-Pupil Day  
School opens 8:45am  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
School Finishes  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**  
**HALF TERM**  
Non-Pupil Day  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS**  
May Bank Holiday  
**HALF TERM**  
School finishes at 3.15 pm



### **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>



*Have a great weekend!*  
*Jackie Sparrow*  
*Head of School*