Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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12th February 2021

Upcoming event - World Book Day
Thursday 4th March 2021

World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March this year. We will be holding our usual Book Character Mufti day so that your children can dress up as their favourite book character. Your child can take part whether they are at home or at school. This would be a brilliant way to come together virtually in one of the live sessions taking place during the day to celebrate the magic of reading! We wanted to give you lots of notice so that you have half term to get creative with your costume. You do not need to buy a costume, there are lots of really imaginative ideas on the world book day website, go to this link for inspiration! There will not be a charge for this mufti day. www.worldbookday.com/ideas/dressing-up-gallery

Websites for ideas, events and fun activities
https://www.worldbookday.com/

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/world-book-day

We are looking forward to seeing your brilliant and imaginative book character costumes and hope to share some photos later in the term!

Thank you to all the parents who have worked so hard to support your children with their home learning over this term. You have been amazing, have a restful and enjoyable half term break! Take care, look after each other and be safe.

Reporting test results over the February Half-Term <u>if your child has been attending school</u>
If a child tests positive for COVID-19, we are required to run a track and trace process and inform families and staff who have been in close contact with the confirmed case. We will continue to communicate with parents at the earliest opportunity whenever this happens. To support us with this over the early part of the February Half Term, if you receive a positive Covid-19 test result you should inform us <u>as soon as possible</u>. Please email school, using the following email: **oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk**

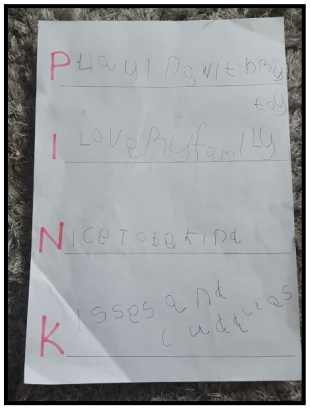
Please note that **Monday 22nd February** will now be a normal school day for children of critical workers or vulnerable children attending school and that live sessions and home learning will resume for all children at home.

Celebration Shout Out!

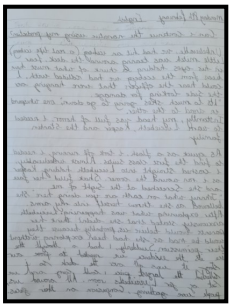
We would like to continue to celebrate achievements from all our children whether they are attending school or learning from home. Please email the school with your child's special moments. We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter!

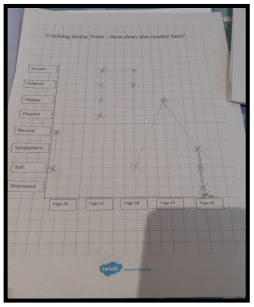
A huge well done to Freya and Emmy for doing a socially-distanced litter-pick of their local area. They managed to collect 4 bin bags of rubbish whilst getting some fresh air and helping their local community! They were able to borrow the litter-picking kit from Clean Our Patch Plymouth (who have a Facebook page).

Isla (Year 1) has written a lovely acrostic poem. Amazing work Isla!



This term in Year 5, all of the children have worked extremely hard, both in school and at home, to produce some excellent work towards their 'Titanic' topic. Mrs Collier and Miss Kelly would like to share just how proud they are of the quality of learning that has been returned from home. We have seen some innovative and creative learning from children and have been blown away by the high standard of writing that has been submitted. Children across Year 5, whether continuing to learn in school or at home, have shown enormous amounts of resilience and determination this term and we are very proud of all the children. Mrs Collier and Miss Kelly hope you all have a fantastic half term and a well-deserved break!





Shout Out Awards

These awards go to children who have demonstrated that they are Ready, Respectful and Safe Superstars either in school or at home. Well done for being such brilliant role models this week!

Reception Bubble - Lewis and Harley

Year 1 Bubble - Jacob and Isla

Year 2 Bubble - Ben and James

Year 3 Bubble - Ronan and Jack

Year 4 Bubble - Zoe and Abbie

Year 5 Bubble - Kaden and Danny

Year 6 Bubble - Harry T and Molly

Times Table Rock Stars Update

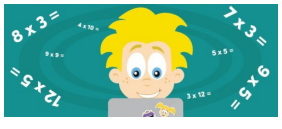
Congratulations Peregrine, Goldcrest and Osprey classes. They are the winners of the Battle of the Bands this week!

The next round of battles will begin after Half Term. The fixtures are:

Goldcrest v Peregrine
Kestral v Osprey
Starling v Skylark v Jay

Good luck!

Mr S Ticehurst
Maths Lead



Argyle Community Trust

A huge congratulations to the families that took part in Plymouth Argyle Community Trust, Health and Food Programme. The programme was aimed at families to engage and educate around healthy living and keeping active during lockdown.

During the three-week programme our families got the opportunity to make a chilli, spaghetti bolognaise and Pilgrim Pete's Pizza. The food looked amazing. Well done again for all those that took part.

Covid Reminders

It is essential that if you are a key worker, and you are sending your child to school, that you DO NOT send them when you are at home. We have been asked to limit the numbers of children in school, and this will support us in being able to maintain this.

No child should come to school if they, **or anyone they live with**, has symptoms of Covid-19. These are:

- A new persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A change in their normal sense of taste or smell.

Covid-19 - Reminder for parents of children attending school
Please ensure that you contact the school **immediately** to inform us if your child or a member of your household becomes unwell and requires a Covid-19 test, or if you are advised to self-isolate or have outcome of tests. Please leave a message on the school answerphone if this is before or after school hours. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Reporting absence for children attending school
Please contact the school by 9:15am to let us know if your child does not require a place in school on a day that was expected. This ongoing communication will enable us to ensure that we continue to keep children safe and follow all necessary government guidelines. We appreciate your continued assistance.

Social Distancing Reminders

- Please remember only one adult when dropping off or picking up your child, which helps to reduce the number of adults on the premises.
- Wear a face covering when on the school grounds—unless you are medically exempt.
- Please make sure you keep a social distance from all other adults on the school grounds when dropping off or waiting for your child.
- Please ensure that younger children remain with you at all times.

Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.

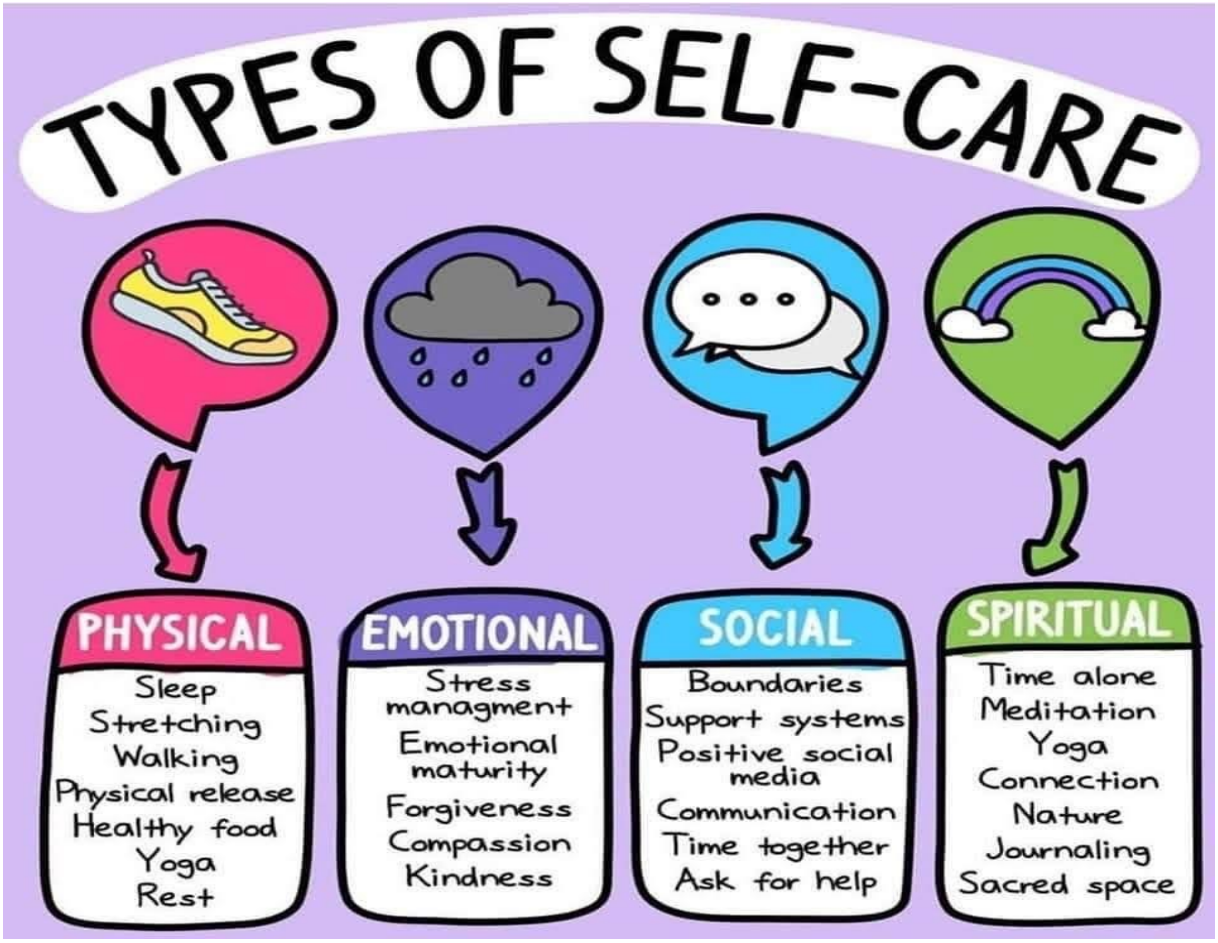
Department for Education - HELPLINE FOR EDUCATION
The DfE have set up a helpline for education advice regarding the Covid-19 virus for staff and parents.

Phone : 0800 046 8687
Email : DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk
Opening hours : 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Mental Health

This website has resources for parents and children to support with mental health particularly regarding Coronavirus which you may find useful.

https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/risks-and-protective-factors/coronavirus-supporting-childrens-mental-health/



Did you know you can still contact a SCHOOL NURSE in lockdown with:

ChatHealth

Livewell Southwest

Text us for advice on **ChatHealth:**

ChatHealth offers confidential help and advice via text messaging for parents and carers of 0-19 years and for young people aged 11-19yrs.

ChatHealth is available Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and automatic replies will be sent to messages received out of these hours. The ChatHealth service will be managed by Health Visitors and School Nurses who have received additional ChatHealth training.

The mobile numbers are:

Livewell ChatHealth 0-5 years Parents Service - **07480 635188**

Livewell ChatHealth 5-19 years Parents Service - **07480 635189**

Livewell ChatHealth 11-19 years Young Peoples Service - **07480 635198**

RN FPS Community Support
ROYAL NAVY YOUTH FORUM

Virtual Meeting - Zoom
For all Service Children 12 - 18 years

ROYAL NAVY & ROYAL MARINES CHARITY

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Diary Dates
(Dates maybe subject to change)

2020/2021 TERM DATES

Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb 2021	**HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN**
Mon 22nd Feb	School opens 8.45am (critical worker / vulnerable only)
Fri 2nd Apr - Fri 16th Apr	**EASTER HOLIDAYS**
Mon 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun	**HALF TERM**
Fri 23rd Jul	School finishes 3:15pm
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep	**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

2021/2022 TERM DATES

Wed 8th Sep	School opens 8:45am
Mon 25th - Fri 29th Oct	**HALF TERM**
Fri 26th Nov	Non-Pupil Day
Fri 17th Dec	School Finishes
Mon 20th Dec - Mon 3rd Jan 2022	**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb	**HALF TERM**
Mon 28th Feb	Non-Pupil Day
Fri 8th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr	**EASTER HOLIDAYS**
Mon 2nd May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun	**HALF TERM**
Wed 27th Jul	School finishes at 3.15 pm
Wed 27th July - Wed 31st Aug	**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

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 good Half Term, be safe!
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School