



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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It's good to talk!

The development of communication and language is such an important skill for our young children. The following links are really informative and give some helpful tips and strategies you might like to try.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WspJdih_ljk

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/look-say-sing-play/>

Additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee

Following the decision for the country to have an additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's jubilee the Board of Trustees have agreed that, as it falls at Half Term, they will allocate Monday 27th June 2022 as a Closure (Non-Pupil) Day.



Children in Need

We were overwhelmed with your generosity last week, We had such a delicious selection of cakes, Mrs Dent and the School Champions were kept very busy selling them throughout the day! We are still counting all the donations and will let you know how much we have raised shortly. Thank you so much!

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 Class - 1,552 words

Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 127,694 words

Upper KS2 - Tyne Class - 103,728 words

Well done to those classes!



Celebration Shout Out!

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



Parking Reminders

Please remember to park considerately in the surrounding roads at drop off and pick up times. Please do not block driveways or double park. Please be considerate of local residents who need to leave for work on time. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Bikes and scooters

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please store them in the bike shelter. We recommend that children use a bike lock and wear a bike helmet to help promote and prioritise safety. For drivers, please take extra care around the school entrances so that the children riding bikes and scooters are given adequate time to cross the roads. Please remind children that bikes and scooters must NOT be ridden whilst on school grounds due to the risk of collisions at busy times. Thank you for 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. Please remember that flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.



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.

Children are not allowed to wear earrings during PE lessons.



Reminder - Dogs

Parents are reminded that dogs/puppies are not allowed on school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.



Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Fri 26th Nov
Wed 15th Dec
Fri 17th Dec
Mon 20th Dec - Mon 3rd Jan 2022
Tue 4th Jan
Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb
Mon 28th Feb
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 - Wed 31st Aug

Non-Pupil Day
Christmas Lunch (no other menu option available)
Christmas Jumper Mufti (Last day of term)
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
School starts 8:45am
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
Non-Pupil Day
EASTER HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School finishes at 3.15 pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Attendance For Week Ending 19th November 2021

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

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



Tamar	96.3%
Lynher	97.5%
Fowey	84.6%
Avon	85.6%
Thames	96.8%
Severn	94.2%
Medway	87.2%
Trent	92.7%
Lagan	96.2%
Clyde	96.6%
Mersey	94.5%
Tyne	94.7%
Wye	91.6%

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:

oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk



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