

Oakfield News

Issue 9, 21 February 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

It has been lovely to welcome all pupils back this week. Most have returned full of energy and ready to learn which has been a positive start.

Thank you to those parents who attended parents meetings this week (year 6) and those of you who will be attending next week (year 3-5 online). It is so important that parents and teachers work well together in order to give pupils the best chance of success.

High Expectations

Please ensure your child is: well equipped e.g. pencil case, planner, healthy snack etc. ready to learn e.g. eaten breakfast, had enough sleep etc. and is adhering to our uniform policy e.g. school shoes, plain hair bands, no nail polish/extensions, plain stud earrings, shirts tucked in, ties etc.

Should you require any support with providing any of these items, please contact the office.

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. The link between attendance and attainment is clear. Just 40% of persistently absent children in KS2 achieved the expected standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders. A pupil is considered persistently absent if their attendance falls below 93%. But attendance is important for more than just attainment. Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

Our school attendance target is >95%. Well done to those classes who have achieved this target! 3A-96.4% 3MG-96.7%

Attendance Figures (1st September-20th February 2024)

3MG-96.7% 3A-96.4% 4H-94.9% 5T-94% 4BK-93.9% 6M-93.8% 5H-93.5 % 6CK-93.7%

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01372 374781 Head Teacher Mrs D. Willemse

Performance Poetry

We read the poem 'Mix a Pancake' by Christina Rosetti. We discussed what our favourite pancakes were and then added another verse of our own. We performed our poem to our group and class.



Some Year 3 children have been enjoying a cookery session with Mrs Holman. They made a very healthy Roasted Vegetable Pasta. The children practised their cutting and grating skills and had a go at squeezing roasted garlic from their skins. They had a great time blending the vegetables using the hand blender.





HIGH ASHURST TRIP

Just before half term, Year 4 enjoyed an amazing trip to High Ashurst. The resilience they showed in the rainy weather impressed staff enormously.



They should feel so proud about the personal challenges they faced and overcame and were an absolute delight to take away. Well done Year 4!





In Year 6, we are studying the novel 'Eye of the Wolf'. This week we got into the role of some of the characters before writing a diary entry in the role of the main character - Africa - after he discovered 'Green Africa'.









SPORTS NEWS



Mole Valley will be organising a summer holiday sports programme again this summer, which is fantastic news. Oli Winter at MVC has requested some feedback from parents and pupils to inform how the programme may be structured. Please note that the survey closes this Friday 23 February. https://forms.office.com/e/iRmUvGHg6W Thank you for your assistance.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTICES

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a large number of unnamed lost property items. All lost property items will be made available for collection after school on Friday 22nd March 2024 & Monday 26th March 2024. Anything left behind will be donated to a charity.

MORNING DROP OFF AT SCHOOL

Please note that children should not be dropped off at school via the front entrance unless accompanied by an adult.

No parents should be using the staff car park unless they hold a disabled badge and the office has been informed.

No pupil should arrive at school before 8:30am unaccompanied by an adult.

Pupils can only be left on the top playground at 8:30 once the staff member is out to support.

Earlier morning boosters start at 8:30am.

Whistle to line up goes at 8:35am.

Registers close at 8:45am. Any pupil arriving after this time will be marked as late.

PE KIT REMINDER

Just a reminder that the children should come to school wearing their PE kit on the following days:

YEAR 3 FRIDAYS

YEAR 4 THURSDAYS

YEAR 5 TUESDAYS

YEAR 6 MONDAYS

LAN WEDNESDAYS



SCHOOL PE KIT

Navy collared polo shirt with Oakfield logo

Red shorts

Plain navy Jogging / tracksuit bottoms

Plain navy sweatshirt style top <u>Or</u> Navy PE Sweatshirt with Oakfield Logo (optional)

Sports socks

Trainers

Earrings must be removed and long hair must be tied back.

Pupils are only permitted to wear trainers on their PE days.

Calendar Dates 2024

February Friday 23rd Cross Country event, KGV, 4pm Friday 23rd Friends Mufti Day (Mothers Day donation) Wednesday 28th Y3-5 Parent Consultations (online) LAN Panathlon challenge @Priory school March Friday 1st Friends Workshop Hall Monday 4th **INSET day** Friends Meeting 3.30pm @ Oakfield **Tuesday 5th** All Welcome (Pupils will be supervised) Tuesday 5th 3A Class Assembly, parents welcome Tuesday 5th Year 5 Midsummer Night's Dream workshop Wednesday 6th World Book Day Friday 8th Cross Country event, KGV, 4pm Friday 8th Year 6 Junior Citizen Tuesday 12th Y3 Egyptian Day—theatre & artefacts workshops Wednesday 13th Year 6 to Leatherhead theatre Friday 15th Friends Workshop Monday 18th **Author Visit & Workshop** Tuesday 19th 3MG Class Assembly, parents welcome Tuesday 19th Year 5 to ACS Cobham—Frozen performance Wednesday 20th Netball tournament, Manor House school Friday 22nd Cross Country event, KGV, 4pm Friday 22nd Friends 'Break the Rules' day Friday 22nd Friends Workshop Thursday 28th Easter Service St Marys Church (pupils only) End of term, school closes at 2pm Fri 29-Fri 12 **Easter Holiday April** Friends Meeting 9:00 all welcome (creative cabin) Friday 19th Uniform Sale 3:15pm (outside hall) Monday 29th Choir Music Festival at Dorking Halls, 4pm Mon 29-Fri 3 Y4 Bikeability Level 1 May Monday 6th **BANK HOLIDAY** Mon 13-Thu 16 Y6 KS2 SATs Wed 22 Year 6 Animal workshop Wed 22-Fri 24 Y5 to Canterbury Mon 27-Fri 31 **HALF TERM** June Monday 3rd **INSET day** Wednesday 12 Y6 Peer Productions performance 'The Forest In-Between'

Saturday 8th Friends Colour Run Year 3 Sleep Over Friday 14th

Monday 24th District Sports Event, KGV, 4.00pm July Monday 1st Y4 to Nower Wood Nature Reserve

> Mon 1-Fri 5 Y6 to Swanage Wed 10th **Sports Day**

Sat 13th Friends Summer Fair

End of term, school closes at 2pm Tuesday 23rd

Dates of further events will be added to the Oakfield website as soon as they are confirmed.

Full details of forthcoming events will be provided to parents in due course.

A full list of term dates and INSET days is available on the Oakfield website

PARENT DROP IN SESSIONS

You are warmly welcome to attend our parent drop-in support sessions with Julie Partridge (school family support worker) which have been arranged for the following dates:

27th Feb 12th, 19th March

Time for all dates: 9.00-10.00

Place: Oakfield Junior School Creative Cabin

Swimming lessons in Cobham for all ages and levels

At **Feltonfleet** with former GB swimmer **Nicola Ayers** and her experienced instructors.

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After School Football - Girls

Day: Tuesday's

Age: Years 3 - 6 Time: 3.15pm - 4.15pm
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