

Oak Meadow Primary School: End of Spring 2 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems very difficult to comprehend where we are in the school year and it amazes me to realise we are already nearing the end of the spring term. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our amazing children for the incredible enthusiasm, keenness and energy shown towards their learning since school reopened to all children. Children have settled extremely well and have responded well to the return to lessons focussing upon our curriculum plans whilst revisiting and reinforcing basic skills to support the closing of the COVID-19 gap caused by bubbles bursting and the national lockdown closure.

I have included in the following information, details that I hope you will find interesting to support your child's return to school after the Easter Holidays.

Important, Notable Dates

1.4.21	School closes to all pupils for the start of the Easter holidays.
19.4.21	School reopens for all children, retaining the staggered start and end of times to the day.
26.4.21 – 9.7.21	Extra curricular activities programme commences.
3.5.21	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed to all staff and children.
6.5.21	Local Elections, therefore, school closed to all children.
10.5.21	Writes school photographers in to take class group photographs.
31.5.21-4.6.21	Half Term Holiday.
29.6/1.7.21	Parent Consultations (details to be confirmed).
2-5.7.21	Year 6 residential visit to PGL.
2 & 5.7.21	Year 4 Bikeability.
9.7.21	Year Reception – Year 5 reports to parents and carers.
12.7.21	Year 6 parent consultations for the sharing of reports.
15.7.21	Leavers' assembly and BBQ.
16.7.21	Last day of the summer term – school closes to all pupils



Healthy Snacks and Lunchboxes

As a "Healthy School" we promote healthy eating, recognising the importance of eating healthily for a child's wellbeing and ability to learn effectively. It is therefore extremely important that children eat a healthy, balanced diet. Can I therefore please ask that no crisps or chocolate bars are brought into school for mid-morning snacks – eating fruit or health bars instead. At lunchtimes, crisps are allowed. Thank you for your support.

A reminder also for all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 of their eligibility for a free school meal as part of the government universal free school meal offer. If you require information about this, please speak to Miss Mills or Ms Simcox in the School Office.

If you would like to see the school meal menu, it is available on our website: oakmeadowschool.co.uk
– Parents – School Meals.



WV Virtual Squad is Back

Given the restrictions surrounding COVID-19, WV Holiday Squad is back for the Easter break virtually. It is an online platform for parents, carers and young people to access fun online activities and educational resources from home. All resources are accessible via their website: wvvirtualsquad.co.uk.



School Uniform

Upon our return to school for the summer term, Monday 19th April, children must wear our summer uniform.

Boy's Summer Uniform:

- Grey trousers/ shorts;
- Emerald green short-sleeved polo shirt and brown sweatshirt or jumper.

Girls' Summer Uniform

- Green and white checked or striped dress and a brown cardigan.
- A grey skirt or pinafore or the above detailed dress is preferable for girls during this period of the year.

Black shoes must be worn and must not include coloured stripes or branded logos. If wearing shorts, socks must be grey for boys and girls wearing dresses must wear white or grey socks.

It is also very important for your child to have his/her PE kit in school at all times.

Please ensure that your child's name is in every item of clothing. Thank you.

We are extremely proud of our distinct uniform and thank you for supporting us in upholding our standards.

School INSET Days

During the recent school closure period, our planned INSET day was cancelled in order to continue our school provision / remote learning offer. A further day has been cancelled between now and the end of the school year in order to avoid disruption to teaching and learning. Therefore, we will take our staff training days at the very end of the year, finishing school on Friday 16th July: Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July.

School Photographers

For your information, we have a new school photographer having undertaken a pricing comparison. The company is called Wrates and will be in school and will be in school Monday 10th May to photograph classes. Please ensure that you have accessed the email link to give your consent. Miss Mills will provide more details as the date draws closer.



COVID-19 Home Test Kit Availability

Many of you may have seen information pertaining to parents' and carers' eligibility for collection of lateral flow home testing kits from three community rapid test sites for use within your families.

1. Ashmore Park Hub Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri, Sat 8:00 – 11:00am.
2. Pendeford Library – Mon-Sun 7:00 – 11:00 am.
3. Civic Centre – Sat & Sun 10:00 – 1:00 pm.

If you would like to collect a testing kit pack, please access one of the sites.



Contact Tracing in the Easter Holidays

To continue to support the NHS Test and Trace process, we are required to be available for the first 6 days of the Easter holiday to fulfil necessary contact tracing responsibilities. Therefore, if your son or daughter presents with symptoms or test positive within 2 days of them being in school, please email:

oakmeadowprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk.

We will then assist in identifying close contact and advise isolation. We will remain contactable up to and including Wednesday 7th April. Thank you.



Test and Trace

Local Elections – School Closure Day

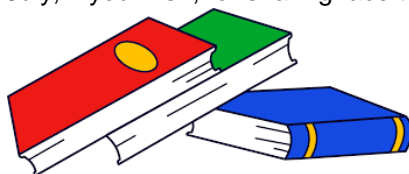
As you will note from our calendar dates, school will be closed to all pupils on Thursday 6th May. The Local Authority have endeavoured to find alternative venues as polling stations to avoid school closures.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and local community sites being used for testing, some schools remain as polling stations and Oak Meadow is one of them. As this is a fixed closure, work will be provided for your child as hard copies for completion at home, to be returned the next day: Friday 7th May. The work provided will be a continuation of learning within school and so it is vitally important your child completes it and returns it to school. Thank you for your support.

Reporting of Children's Attainment and Progress

It has been a most disruptive year to your child's learning and as a school, we will be very keen to share with you your child's learning, progress and attainment. We hope to meet with you face to face post 21st June on a date thereafter once all legal limits on social contact are lifted. This will provide us with a valuable opportunity to share your child's exercise books, progress and what their next steps will be.

An end of year written report will also follow with Reception to Year 5 reports being sent out on Friday 9th July and Year 6's by appointment on Monday 12th July, if you wish, for sharing face to face.



Curriculum News

Detailed on our school website within the 'Parents – Curriculum - Information' tab is information about our curriculum and the topics your child will be learning about next term:

Rec	Continued focus upon the Early Years Framework.
Y1	Budding Curiosity.
Y2	Around the World.
Y3	Show me the Mummy!
Y4	The Great Outdoors.
Y5	The best of British.
Y6	Eco-Heroes.

Also available are our curriculum newsletters on the same website page as above. These detail specific learning focusses for the summer term and if your child wishes to undertake some pre-reading around these topics, they can find the information here. However, this is not a prerequisite as children can look forward to learning fully about their topics next term.

On behalf of staff and governors, may I wish you all a very happy, safe and healthy Easter break and we look forward to welcoming your child/ren back to school on Monday 19th April.

