



Dear Parents/ Carers: February 2020

## University of Oak Meadow

I write with tremendous pride at our children's responses to this themed impact and enrichment week. Children, experiencing a host of different activities and learning opportunities, were commended for their focused concentration, enjoyment and interest by all who visited the school. We are immensely proud and each child graduating with a 'first' was well deserved!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting this week with your visits and tours of the school and for your applause as your child graduated. Thanks too must be extended to our Friends of Oak Meadow who organised donations for the campus café and its preparation of food orders each day. From the generous monetary donation and food items from our local Co-op and Aldi stores, the money raised was profit for our fundraising appeal: Our Peace Garden. A tremendous of £573.00 was raised. Thank you further for your support.

Finally, gargantuan, herculean thanks to all of our staff who with their creative and imaginative flair and desire to give our children the best life-long learning experiences, converted our school into four different faculties! The week was outstanding and children made such comments as:

*"Helping younger children was different and nice ... everyone was very resilient and positive".*

*"It has been an amazing journey within my house".*

*"Amazing! I've enjoyed every single faculty—thanks amazing staff!"*

*"This was one of the most best weeks for me at Oak Meadow".*

*"It has been amazing ... the opportunities and the teachers have worked so hard for us. I feel lucky to be in this school. Thank you!"*

*"The library was amazing how it was transformed into Africa. I have been so excited to share my enjoyment!."*

### Wolverhampton Youth Choir

I have received an invitation to forward to all children in Year 6 who may be interested in joining Wolverhampton Youth Choir—a newly launched youth choir which meets on Tuesday evenings, 5:30-7:00 pm, in the Infant Hall at Wolverhampton Music Services, Graisle Hill, WV2 4NE. The repertoire will include pop, gospel and musical theatre. Within the information I have received, it encourages children who are interested in joining to simply turn up or for more information, to access the following email address:

[Music.school@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:Music.school@wolverhampton.gov.uk).



### Sporting News

Our sporting events continue and we commend our football team. Scores to-date are as follows:

OMPS v Perry Hall (9:2)

OMPS v St Partrick's (5-0)

OMPS v D'Eyncourt (3:4)

As long as the weather remains favourable, we hope to complete all our fixtures by the end of this term. I thank Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Godwin who lead our weekly football club.

Recently, our Cross-Country Team competed in a city-wide event at Tettenhall College and from our entry of two teams, the boys' A team finished in first place winning gold, and the girls finished third, winning bronze. I thank Miss Gough and Miss Thwaites for organising and leading this event.

Well done to all our cross-country runners. As a school, we are very proud of you. Well done all our sports members.

### Sponsored Walk Invitation

Friends of Wednesfield Park and Rotary Club of Wednesfield have asked me to bring to your attention a sponsored walk which is taking place on Saturday 20th June at Wednesfield Park. An entry fee of £2 per adult, £1 per walking child will be applied. Further information can be accessed via: [www.evenbrite.co.uk/e/sponsored-walk-in-the-park-event-tickets-89334141823](http://www.evenbrite.co.uk/e/sponsored-walk-in-the-park-event-tickets-89334141823)



Please see following our calendar of events for the remaining part of the school year. I also write to inform you of the planned combined elections (Police, Crime Commissioner and Combined Authority Mayoral) on Thursday 7th May. As the school is used as a polling station, school will be closed on this day. This day falls before the Bank Holiday (Friday 8th May) which this year commemorates the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

<b>March 2020</b>	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day 9.00a.m. incl Reading and eSafety Workshop followed by class visits (An alternative day for Year 4 parents/ carers will be planned to visit a reading lesson for your child/ren upon their return from Whitemoor Lakes.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential Visit
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00a.m. Year 2 Reading Assembly (parents/ carers welcome)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Maths Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00a.m. Year 6 Science Assembly (parents/ carers welcome)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00a.m. Reception Mother's Day Assembly (parents/ carers welcome)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00a.m. Maths Workshops (Invitation to work alongside children within class. More information to follow.) 1.30p.m. Year 5's Puberty Talks (focusing upon personal hygiene)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00a.m. – 12.00p.m. Governors' Open Morning (Reading)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00a.m. Year 4 Class Assembly (parents/ carers welcome)
<b>April 2020</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.15p.m. Year 5's Easter Assembly (Grandparents invited). 4.30 - 6.30p.m. Year 5 and 6 Disco
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00a.m. Year 5's Easter Performance (parents/ carers welcome) 3.15p.m. Sharing of Spring Term Reports
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays (School Closed)
Wednesday 29th April	Class Group Photographs
<b>May 2020</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00a.m. Year 4's Rise to the Challenge Assembly (Parents/ carers welcome)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Kingswood Residential Visit
Thursday 7th / Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Elections / Revised Bank Holiday Day Commemorating 75 <sup>th</sup> VE Day (School Closed for two days)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SAT Tests
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Class RH Visit to Kingswood
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00a.m. Year 1 Express Yourself Assembly (parents/ carers welcome) Class RT Visit to Kingswood
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term (School Closed)
<b>June 2020</b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Health Awareness Week
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Phonic Screening Checks Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Test Week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 11.30a.m. New 2020 Reception Transition 1
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Writing Workshops (Invitation to work alongside children within class. More information to follow.)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00a.m. Year 3 'I See, I Wonder' Assembly (parent/ carers welcome)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	1.30p.m. Year 6's Puberty Talks (Changes to the Body)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1.45 – 2.45p.m. New 2020 Reception Transition 2
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00a.m. Year 5 'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind' Assembly (parent/ carers welcome)

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 – 11.30a.m. New 2020 Reception Transition 3 or... 1.45 – 2.45p.m. New 2020 Reception Transition 3 (parents/carers to attend either session)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15a.m. Sports Morning
<b>July 2020</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 – 12.00p.m. New 2020 Reception Transition 4
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3.15p.m. Fun on the Field (children only)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00a.m. Year 2 'More than Me' Assembly (parent/ carers welcome)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00a.m. Reception's End of Year Assembly (parent/ carers welcome) 3.15p.m. Sharing of End of Year Reports
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3.15p.m. – 4.30p.m. Informal Invitation to meet with teachers following receipt of reports
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	2.15p.m. Year 6 Leavers' Performance to Grandparents
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00a.m. Year 6 Leavers' Performance and Presentations 1.35p.m. Optional Collection of Year 6 Children for Leavers' BBQ Preps 4.30 – 6.30p.m. Year 6 Leavers' BBQ and Disco

### Breakfast Club / Funsters / School Meals

May we please remind all parents that breakfast club, Funsters and school meals must be paid for either in advance or on a daily basis—arrears will not be allowed to accumulate.

Funster sessions should be booked either via the school office or direct with Funster staff and the session fee paid at time of booking via ParentPay. If payments are not made according to the terms and conditions of using the services, a notice of termination will be issued.

### End of Year Assessments

You will be aware that as we approach the summer term, children will be required to undertake summative assessments.

**Year 1** Phonic Screening Check. This is a short 10-15 minute test with a teacher working one to one with children—week beginning Mon 8th June.

**Year 2** teacher assessments are supported by both children's completion of tests and teachers' assessment of work during the course of Year 2—during the month of May.

**Year 4** multiplication times table check is an online test. Children are asked 25 questions and 6 are seconds given for the answering of each question—Mon 8th June.

**Year 6** undertake their standardised assessment tests week beginning Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May. Notes from our recent SAT workshop are accessible via our website.

For all other year groups, teachers will make an assessment of each pupil's standard of work in English, mathematics and science. All assessment outcomes will be reported at the end of the year as part of your child's end of year report.

Further information regarding our assessment process for Year 1 (Phonic Screening Check), Year 2 (Standardised Assessments Tests), Year 4 (Multiplication Times Tables Check) and Year 6 (Standardised Assessment Tests) can be accessed on our school website.

### Attendance and Punctuality

As a school we are extremely appreciative of your support in ensuring your child/ren arrive at school on time. We are required by law to register children both at the start of the morning and afternoon sessions. It is particularly important therefore, for children to be present by this time and not coded as late. Thank you. For children who are persistently late, we are currently working in collaboration with the Local Authority's Education Welfare Officers, to implement parenting contracts to support both attendance and punctuality. We do thank you for your support. As I have previously written, children arriving late into lessons or assemblies often experience anxiety as they have missed the initial teaching of lessons and concepts and feel highlighted and bewildered upon missing what they are required to do. Lateness also disrupts teachers' teaching and other children's learning.

### Parents' / Carers' Reading / eSafety Workshop / Open Morning

As detailed within our calendar of events, we invite you to join us for a reading workshop, led by Miss Billingsley and Miss Challenor, on Thursday 5th March, 9:00 am. Immediately, following there will be brief eSafety meeting focussing upon children's safe use of the internet before working alongside your child in a range of reading activities. The morning session will close at 11:00 am. A letter will be sent out after half term to glean your attendance. Thank you.

### A message from the Department for Education

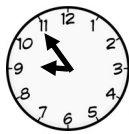
Regarding Coronavirus, the DfE recognise that some parents / carers may be concerned where there are families returning from China. Public Health England and the Foreign Office have shared advice and this can be found at:

1. [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china)
2. [www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china).

Leaflet information and advice can be found at: [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

As part of the country's campaign, we are promoting basic hygiene practices such as regularly washing hands and encouraging sneezing into a tissue.

...and finally, we wish you a restful and enjoyable half term. School will open to children on Tuesday 25th February following our school's INSET day which is focusing upon writing and first aid training.



Finally, I wish you all our children an enjoyable half-term.