



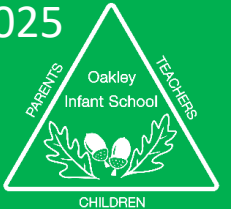
Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

Last Friday we were very lucky to welcome Feathers, Fangs and Furrries into school for the children to get up close to some unusual animals. A huge thank you to Friends for organising and financing the event, it was a great experience for the children and they are keen to come back in the summer to show us some other animals they look after.

Friends is a brilliant resource for the school providing lots of fun for the children while also fundraising for the school. Friends has always been really well supported over the years but I am worried about the future of Friends going forwards. At the current time there are several committee members who have worked hard for Friends over the last 3-4 years and as with everything all good things will naturally come to an end. I am aware that some committee members will step down at the end of the year and we need a plan to take Friends forward. It is always easier to shadow people when they are in post rather than taking it on after everyone has left. I would like you to consider if Friends is something you would like to be more involved in, Sarah and I would welcome you to come and find out what is involved. It would be a shame for the children and school community if there was no Christmas Fair this year but unless more people commit that is exactly what will happen.

Please come and have a chat if this is something you would be interested in being part of, there is an excellent blueprint in place and getting involved now will oil the wheels for later.

Don't forget there is an INSET day on Friday 14 February where the school will be closed to children. So the final day of term for the children will be Thursday 13 February finishing at the normal time of 3.15pm. Unfortunately diary commitments mean that it is not possible to have a Celebration Assembly this week so we will celebrate any missed birthdays on Friday 28 February.

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

INSET Days 2024-2025

14 Feb 2025

27 June 2025

Half Term- 17-21 February 2025

Easter Holidays- 7-21 April 2025

Summer Term starts 22 April 2025

Article 28

A right to an education.



Welcome

I would like to welcome Emily Lockley to our staff. Emily is joining us as part of the office team and we are very much looking forward to working with her.

Important Information

Earlier today a letter was sent out by Louise Guy, Chair of Governors. Please make sure you have read it so you are aware of a slight change for after half term.

A date for your diary- 7 March

On Friday 7 March we will be holding an Open Afternoon for you to complete book activities with your child. This will be our activity for World Book Day. As we have just dressed up for Number Day and Year 2 have a Space Day dress up there will be no dressing up for this event. If you wish to spend money I would much prefer you buy a good story book for your child instead.

Reading

Well done to Apple Class who won Harvey Bear for the very first time, I was delighted for them! Keep practising over half term and if your child has sound cards please make sure you are also practising those too.

W/C	Apple	Cherry	Sycamore	Maple	Willow	Hazel
27 Jan	69%	68%	76%	81%	70%	70%
3 Feb	72%	69%	58%	71%	67%	67%

Space Day- Year 2- 13 February

This Thursday Year 2 will be celebrating their topic with a dressing up day for Space Day.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will take place this evening and on Thursday evening. Please enter through the school office and make your way to your child's classroom, the teacher will let you know when they are ready for you. In the meantime please have a look at your child's work which will be outside the classroom.

If you have forgotten when your appointment is please check with your child's teacher.

Maths Homework

We are excited to announce that after half term we will be launching maths homework on a new online platform. This will replace the online homework previously on MyMaths and the Year 2 maths homework folders. Please look out for more information and log in details after half term.

Milk

Please check your child wants milk as there is a lot of waste. If you need to help to cancel your milk order Mrs Holland is happy to help, she is in the office on a Thursday and Friday.

Safer Internet Day

This week we have and will be thinking about being safe on the internet celebrating Safer Internet Day today.

We have spoken to the children about being safe when using the internet and would like to remind you that infant children should not be using the internet unsupervised. I am always surprised when children in this school tell me they are on You Tube using devices in their bedrooms, there is no way you can police the content they are exposed to if they are nowhere near you.

We have also reminded children to tell an adult if something makes them feel uncomfortable and never to share personal information with anyone on the internet, your children should not be communicating with anyone on the internet.

In this modern age the stranger danger message is just as important for children on the internet as it is when they are at the park. There are so many clever ways people can do harm. You would not let your infant aged child go to the park unsupervised so please do not allow your child to be unsupervised online, the consequences are not worth thinking about.

World Book day Vouchers

World Book day vouchers will be coming home with your child today. They are valid from 13 February so ideal for spending during half term.

Governors Wanted

We are looking for some Governors to join our dynamic and supportive Governing Body. Being a school governor means being interested in getting the best education for the pupils at the school. They also provide a strong link between the school and the local community, and an independent view to support the school on long-term development and improvement.

Our Full Governing Body meets on a half- termly basis with governors also joining another committee where they have some expertise to share.

Currently we are looking for Governors to join our Curriculum and Buildings committee. So if you have any expertise or special interest in the school curriculum or health and safety and buildings we would welcome your interest. These meetings take place during the day.

If you think you may be interested, please contact the school where the Headteacher would be delighted to share details of the role with you. More info can also be found at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors/volunteer>

There are a range of training opportunities available through Governor Services at Hampshire to help governors undertake their duties and develop their understanding of being on a Governing Body.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
11 and 13 February	Parents' Evening
13 February	Year 2 Space Day
14 February	INSET Day
17-21 February	Half Term
7 March	Open Afternoon for World Book Day- no dressing up

Included with today's newsletter

Reading Round Up

World Book day Voucher (in bookbags)