



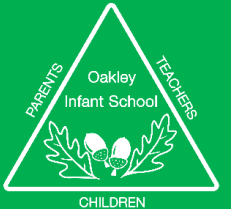
# Oakley Infant School



## Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

As this very long term hurtles towards half term a few reminders so that you and your child do not miss out.

This Friday there is an Open Afternoon from 2pm. This is a chance for an adult to join your child to do some activities in the classroom and school based on a book. This term the focus book is *The Lion Inside* by Rachel Bright. If you have more than one child in the school please go to the younger child's classroom and we will send the older child to you. Just before 2pm we will open the 2 side gates, not Peter Houseman, so that you can enter via the classroom door. Cherry class can enter via the linkway door where the children enter in the morning. As you can imagine these afternoons do get quite busy so please do not bring siblings, it is a lovely time to share with the children who are in school, and there just is not the room in school. If you are not able to make it you are welcome to send a grandparent, aunty, uncle or anyone your child would love to see in your place. Please do not worry if there is no adult as the staff in school will scoop your child up, often they join in with a friend as well.

As the Open Afternoon will take place over the time we would usually do Celebration Assembly we will do an assembly in the morning after school drop off. Please drop your child in to school and come to the office if they have an out of school achievement or their birthday. This week we will celebrate all birthdays up to 27 October as there is an INSET next week. Half term birthdays will be celebrated when we return on 8 November.

A gentle reminder that 25 October and 4 November are INSET days.

**Niamh Hutchings**  
Headteacher

### INSET Days 2024-2025

25 Oct 2024  
4 Nov 2024  
14 Feb 2025  
27 June 2025

### Article 28

**A right to an education.**

**Open Afternoon- 18 Oct**

**We will do a Celebration Assembly  
after drop off at 9.10am rather than  
cancel completely.**



## Parents Evening

Next week will be Parents' Evening. Please enter through the office where you will be able to go down to your child's classroom. The outside doors will be locked.

Please wait outside the classroom, Year R please wait at the edge of the classroom, until the teacher calls you in. In order to make sure the evening runs smoothly please make sure you are on time for your appointment. If you are late the appointment will need to be shorter so that it does not impact parents who are coming later in the evening.

## Rotary Club and Food Bank

This week the Rotary boxes are being collected ready for dispatch. The foodbank were very grateful for our donation of 127kgs of food. They have been struggling lately so were pleased to see the donations.

Thank you for your support.

## Arbor

If you are struggling to access Arbor please come and speak to the office. Most of the outstanding issues will require the office to help you as there may be duplicates and issues if you have another child on the APP.

It is important you can access it as attendance at Friends events will only be by using the APP as well as payment for any school trips etc..

## Library

Please make sure your child has their library book with them on their library day. This is the only time for changing library books, unfortunately we do not have spare members of staff to be changing books outside of these times. As a reminder

Year R- Wednesday

Year 1- Tuesday

Year 2- Monday

This week Mrs Mears will open the library on both Thursday and Friday, this is a great time to change your library book if you have forgotten on your child's library day.

## Dinner Menu

Education caterers will be changing the school dinner menu after half term. The new menu is attached to this newsletter. It will be on the website after half term. If your child has a special menu this has already been sent to you. Please make sure you have received it.

### Included with the Newsletter

Fireworks Poster- OCA

New menu

Road Safety Message- final page

## Strep A

There has been a case of Strep A in school. This is often a mild illness and is easily treated by antibiotics. In some rare occasions it can be more serious so please be aware of flu- like symptoms, sore throat and a rash that feels like sandpaper. If these symptoms worsen or cannot be controlled by children's medicines please seek further advice. The NHS page is very informative.

## Harvey Bear

Now that all the children are attending Celebration Assembly the children keep asking about Harvey Bear, the reading bear. For new parents Harvey is the bear the children win, for a week, if their class has the highest combined reading total. If each child reads the minimum number of times in the week and their reading diary is signed they will count towards the class total. The more children who have read at least 4 times at home, the more likely they are to win the bear in Celebration Assembly.

We will be bringing Harvey back to assembly after half term so make sure you are reading at home at least 4 times and signing the diary.

We will start to track the diaries closely and I will make contact with parents of children who are not supporting their child reading regularly at home.

## Democracy Week

Mrs Barrett has included some information about School Voice for Year 1 and 2 who will be voting over the next fortnight. Year R will pick later in the year.

## Friends AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM last week. It is a necessary part of the charity status to run an annual meeting but it is always nice to meet some new faces and hope that you all get involved.

## Movie Night- closes at 6pm this evening

If your child would like to stay for Movie Night on Thursday please make sure you have paid via Arbor by 6pm this evening. Friends do need time to do the shopping, they are all volunteers, so please do not ask beyond this evening, **there will be no one added after 6pm.** Collection after the event will be from your child's classroom door .

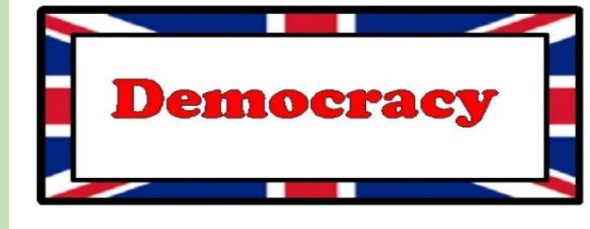
## Donations for Christmas Shopping

As Friends start to prepare for the Christmas events they are looking for donations of gift items for the Christmas Shopping for the children. In particular they are in need of gifts suitable for the dads and grandads, although all gift items are welcomed.

## Wraparound Care

A reminder that parents are not to drive up the school drive to collect children after clubs. This is the same for Breakfast Club. Please do not use the school drive after 8am, please use the parking at the bottom of the drive which is usually empty at that time.

# Democracy week



This coming week, we will be talking to the children about Democracy and what that means for us at Oakley Infants.

We are looking to elect two children from each class in Key Stage 1 to represent the views of all pupils and to work on ideas to improve our school.

These children will be known as our 'School voice' ambassadors.



## Why do we need a 'School voice'?

A School voice can provide a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions which impact them.



The United Nations Article 12 'I have to be listened to, and taken seriously' is at the heart of our school.



The qualities that would support the role of the ambassador are;

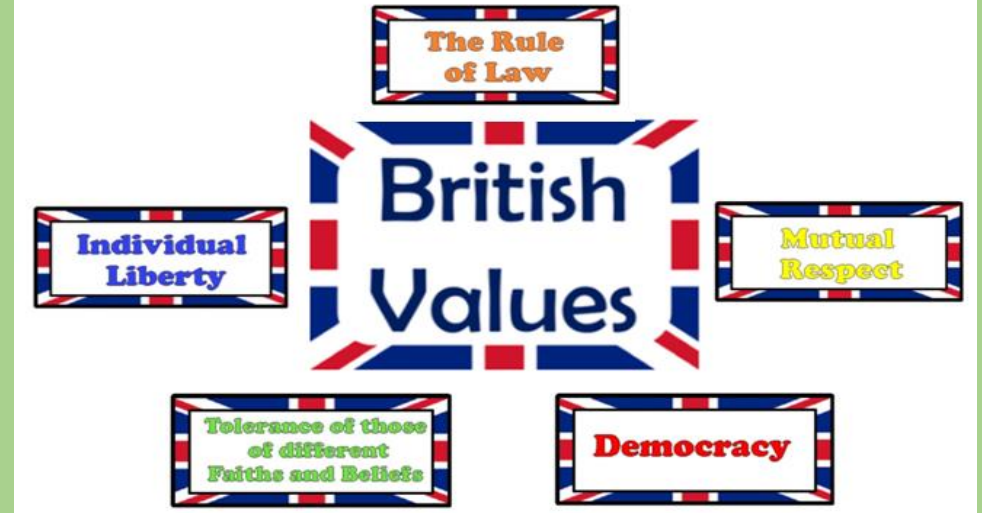
- \*Good listener*
- \*Sensitive speaker*
- \*Trustworthy*
- \*Committed*
- \*Helpful*
- \*Reliable*
- \*Honest*
- \*A good role model*
- \*Able to work in a team*
- \*Able to share good ideas*
- \*Ability to discuss and not argue*
- \*A willingness to develop skills such as negotiations and confidence.*






Please talk to your child whether they would like to be considered for this role.

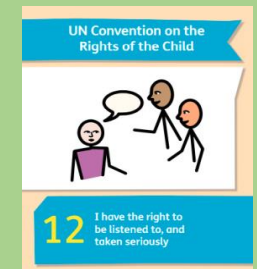
We will be meeting every other week and working collaboratively to discuss ideas, make choices and create positive outcomes for our school.

# DEMOCRACY

The children will be finding out about **British Values** and how it is represented in our school. We will be thinking about our rights as part of our Democracy week and in particular 'Article 12' and the 'right to be listened to and taken seriously'. We will be discussing the skills and qualities that the children will require to be one of our 'School Voice' ambassadors. The elections will take place in a few weeks and we look forward to meeting our new ambassadors and our regular meetings to improve our school.



British Values	What does it mean for us?
	<p>We have a say in what happens in our school.</p> <p>We vote for who represents us in the 'School voice' ambassadors.</p> <p>We help to decide which charities we would like to raise money for.</p>
	<p>We understand the importance in having laws, and know that they protect us and influence our behaviour.</p> <p>We understand the consequences of breaking laws and rules.</p> <p>We help develop fair rules for our class and school.</p>
	<p>We can make our own choices in school.</p> <p>We know that everyone has rights and responsibilities.</p> <p>We know that we need to work within boundaries to make safe choices.</p> <p>We know, understand and exercise our rights and personal freedoms safely.</p> <p>We have the freedom to make choices about joining extra-curricular clubs.</p> <p>We have the freedom to make choices about choosing the level of challenge in some lessons.</p>
	<p>We know that our behaviour affects our rights and the rights of others.</p> <p>We treat other people with respect.</p> <p>We help together to help one another.</p> <p>We make all visitors feel very welcome in our school.</p>
	<p>We enjoy learning about different faiths and cultures from around the world.</p> <p>We promote diversity through celebrations of different faiths and cultures.</p> <p>We know that we are part of a culturally diverse society and have opportunities to experience different cultures.</p>



## Article 12

I have the right to be listened to, and taken seriously.

## Health Advice Clinic in school

Come along and have a chat with a  
Community Nursery Nurse from the  
School Nurse Team on:

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 9am in  
Room 2 (classroom in between Sycamore  
and Maple Class).

They can provide advice and sign posting for:

- Toileting
- Eating
- Sleep
- Behaviour
- Healthy lifestyles

There is no need to book an appointment.  
Just turn up!

## Flu Vaccinations- a message from the team

Your child's annual Nasal Flu Vaccination is NOW DUE. The vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness.

**Click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session, 9am Thursday 14 November.**

School Code: SH116047

Session date: Monday 18 November 2024

Year Group: Year R - 2

Link to website: [Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme : Hampshire Healthy Families](#)

If you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please submit the form to record your decision. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
18 October	Open Afternoon- Book Focus (CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY at 9.10am)
22 and 24 October	Parents' Evening- appointments- please see the class teacher
23 October	School Nurse drop in clinic- Room 2
25 October	INSET Day
28 Oct-1 Nov	Half Term
4 November	INSET Day
22 November	Christmas Fair (No GOL or Celebration assembly)

### ***Message from the Road Safety Team***

*The Road Safety Team are responsible for educating young people and their families on the importance of keeping safe when travelling in a vehicle. Part of this education includes ensuring young people are travelling with correct restraints. Are you aware that 37% of children are in the wrong type of seat for their age and/or height? The Road Safety Team would like to share this car restraint leaflet with you to ensure you know how to always keep your child(ren) safe – in the correct restraint. There are also hints and tips about choosing the right seat, transporting other people's children and how to fit different types of car seat. To read this informative leaflet, please visit - <https://co-pilot.click/css-hampshire>.*