



Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

Thank you to the Year R parents who joined us for the Information Evening last week. The team will send out the presentation to everyone although without the explanation it may not make much sense. Once again we will share the link of Mrs Moss completing a home reading session with her own child as reading at home is quite different to reading at school. It will be embedded in the picture on the presentation.

The key messages for everyone are that reading is the most important infant skill and the expectation is that all children should read at least 4 times each week. It is good to re-read books to encourage and develop fluency, it may be a bit dull for the adult but as your child gains confidence they love becoming a real reader. Sign the diary when you have read. Expect contact if you are not reading the minimum number of times.

Talk to your child to develop their vocabulary and encourage speaking in full sentences. Use the Talking Homework as a starting point for what they are doing in school.

Name everything so that it can be returned. If you have purchased from the second hand uniform please re-name with your child's name. Please make sure reading books are kept in the book bags and sent in each day. Do not put the water bottle in the book bag, they are terrible for leaking.

Finally attendance is really important and this year we will be tracking carefully. Repeated absence for the same thing will be noted and again I will be in touch to discuss further.

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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.**



PE- Year R

This week Year R will do PE on Wednesday instead of Thursday so please make sure your child's earrings have been removed ready for PE.

Census

This Thursday is Census Day, a really important day for school funding. Please remember that the school dinners have been changed to encourage as many school dinners on the Census day.

This week the choices on Wednesday are; Green – Vegetable wellington

Red – Sliced beef & Yorkshire pudding

The choices on Thursday are- Green – Margherita pizza

Red- Bubble Salmon

Thursday choices have all been pre-ordered with the kitchen.

Please answer a few question using this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/XiDNS1XaKM>

Food Bank

There have also been lots of donations for the Harvest Foodbank collection. Again we are accepting donations this week. Their list is on the final slide.

Change to Collection- Play dates

For one off play dates we **will not** send children to another classroom. We suggest you collect your child first and walk around to collect the additional child. There are a lot of siblings in school this year and the movement of those children coupled with the after school club mean it would be very easy to lose track of children in the school building. So, to ensure we know where children are for those one off events children will stay with their class teacher so we can be certain they have gone with the correct adult. Don't forget to let the teacher know at the beginning of the day.

Show and Tell

The teachers have noticed lots of random objects making their way in to school for show and tell. We do not officially have a show and tell session but we do welcome things that support the learning in the classroom. Please do not allow your child to bring toys or other objects from home.

Thank you.

Rotary Club

Thank you so much for all the donations we have received for the Rotary Club Christmas boxes. We will still be accepting donations until Friday when we will put the boxes together with the children's help.

Celebration Assembly

This week Year R will be joining Rev Ben for their first assembly about Harvest. We have also decided that this is a good time to invite your children to Celebration Assembly on Friday afternoon. We will celebrate all the birthdays so far up until 6 October. We will also celebrate the library reading challenge finishers.

Don't worry if you cannot make it this Friday, we can celebrate the readers next Friday as well. Please enter through the office for assembly at 2.45pm.

Socks

Year R are requesting any spare socks to use in school when children have accidents, they seem to be running short. If you have borrowed socks please return them to be used with other children. If you have any you can donate we would be grateful to receive them.

Bags2School

Next Monday morning there will be a Bags2School collection. If you have any unwanted clothing, bags, belts, hats etc, please leave at the bottom of the school drive at drop off time. The unwanted clothing is then weighed and a donation is made to both schools.

Parents' Evening- 22 and 24 October 2024

Parents' Evening appointments can be made from 6pm tomorrow evening via Arbor. Please log on to make an appointment and make a note of that appointment on your calendar as it can be hard to find again. The booking will close next Tuesday so please book before the teacher comes to chase you.

If you cannot make an appointment please contact the teacher who will try to accommodate you at another time.

PE Kits

There are a lot of children with only half their PE kit in school. There seem to be shorts that have gone home and trainers that have also made their way home. Please make sure everything is in school on a Monday morning.

Year 2 do PE on a Monday and Wednesday.

Year 1 do their PE on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Year R do their usual PE session on a Thursday. Please note change for this week.

Please pop a spare pair of socks into your child's PE kit so they have a spare pair in case they get wet on their way to school (becoming more frequent at the moment) and for when they are wearing tights on a PE day, it is very uncomfortable to wear tights and trainers!

Health Advice Clinic in school

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

**Wednesday 23rd 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.

From the NHS School Age Immunisation Service



Foodbank Donations

Harvest Food Donations can be dropped off next week, **from 30 September**.

The foodbank are in need of the items on the poster.

Having checked the website they do NOT need the following items-

- Pasta
- Rice
- Baked beans
- Pulses
- Rice
- Hot and cold cereals
- Hand soap

Please use their most needed list.



Wanted Wanted Wanted Wanted Wanted Wanted Wanted Wanted Wanted Wanted Wanted Wanted Wanted Wanted Wanted

Would you like to join our friendly team at Oakley Infant School? We have two positions available that would suit a local person who lives in the village. Do you know someone who may be interested in a part time role here are Oakley? If so please encourage them to get in touch with the school office.

Cleaner

We need a cleaner to join our cleaning team.

**Hours- 4-6pm (although flexible if required)
Monday- Friday**

Unfortunately this role cannot take place during the school day but happy to discuss alternatives.

Caretaker

We need a caretaker to join our team following the retirement of the previous postholder.

Hours- 10-12hrs a week (52 weeks a year, compressed in summer holidays)

Monday- Friday

The caretaker will carry out and report the statutory checks, keep the grounds and school environment safe and tidy, undertake minor repairs, maintenance and decorating.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
W/C 30 Sept	Harvest Foodbank Collection
4 October	Deadline for Rotary Shoebox Collection Donations
7 October	Bags 2 School collection- from 8-9am at the bottom of the school drive
8 October	Individual Photos
9 October	Friends AGM- all welcome
18 October	Open Afternoon- Book Focus (NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY)
22 and 24 October	Parents' Evening- appointments will follow via Arbor
23 October	School Nurse drop in clinic- information on slide 5
25 October	INSET Day
28 Oct-1 Nov	Half Term
4 November	INSET Day