



# Oakley Infant School



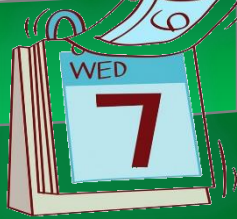
## Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

What a difference a bit of sunshine makes to the school day. The children and I are hoping there is enough heat in the sun to dry out the field so we get some last playtime on it before the autumn weather starts.

Friends are hoping to hold a Back to School Party on Friday after school on the playground. This is a weather permitting event so any heavy downpours beforehand will mean a cancellation. There will be refreshments and games so please bring a few pennies to spend.

GOL football club and After School Care will continue even with the event going ahead. If the weather is nice enough for the Friends event it will be nice enough for GOL to be outside. They will be at the bottom of the field.

Tomorrow evening the staff will be hosting the Key Stage 1 Information Evening. Year 1 will be at 7pm in the hall with an opportunity to visit the classroom afterwards. The Year 2 evening will start at 8pm, when the Year 1 team have vacated the hall. As the staff share the key messages for the year ahead for your child it is useful for a representative for your child to attend, this does not need to both parents. The messages are always better remembered by attending the evening so I urge you to make some time for this important meeting. We hope to wrap each session up in an hour.

**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.**

## **Tissues**

Please keep your tissue donations coming in. The cold season has hit us already and the children are motoring through the donations made so far! We are very grateful for your donations.

Thank you.

## **Cooking Money**

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their cooking money last week. Please remember to send in a donation if you have not already done so. Usually a donation of £1 runs the cooking supplies for the year and we do not generally need to ask again.

Thank you.

## **Scooters and Bikes**

Children should not ride their scooters or bikes in the school grounds. Please dismount at the school gate so that everyone on the school site is safe.

Scooters can be left in the scooter park during the school day.

## **Clubs and After School Care**

This year Active 360, who provide sports cover in school, will be providing wraparound care for both the infant and junior children. This will all be managed by them via their booking platform.

Drop off and collection from the Active 360 Clubs will be the room between the Year 1 classrooms, on the Junior school side.



## **Birthdays**

We love to celebrate your child's birthday with them and encourage you to attend Celebration Assembly on the Friday afternoon in the week of your child's birthday. Unfortunately we do not give out sweets to the children in the class. As we strive to encourage healthy eating coupled with the danger of so many allergies we cannot give out sweets so please do not ask your child's class teacher to do so.

Thank you.

## Library

Mrs Mears will be opening the library again on a Thursday afternoon after school. If you would like to share a book with your child in the library please come and join her.

This is also an afternoon where you are welcome to have a casual look in the classroom with your child. It may be your child would like to show you something they have done that week, it is a long time to wait until Parents' Evening.

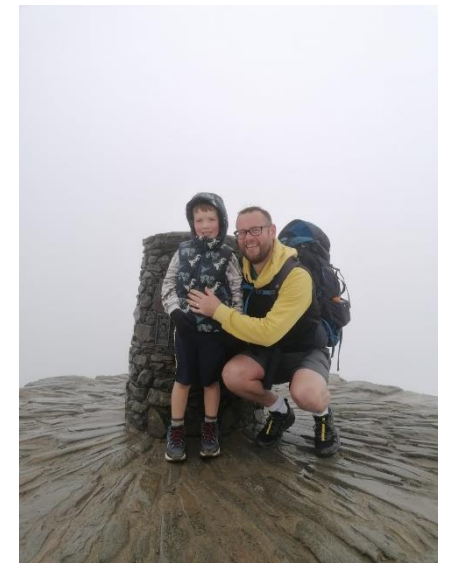
## Coffee Morning for parents of children with SEN

Kathy Gare, our Parent Support Advisor, is running a Coffee Morning for parents with children with SEN needs on Wednesday 18 September 10am-12pm. It is an opportunity to speak to parents experiencing the same things, sharing advice and signposting. Please see the attached poster for all the details.

## Freddie's Challenge

In the summer term Freddie asked me to share his birthday fundraising effort of climbing Mount Snowden, Freddie has sent in the following message-

*During the Summer holidays, I completed my climb of Mount Snowden, getting to the top in 2 hours and 30 minutes! I would like to thank everyone for their encouragement, support and donations to Born Free; it really meant so much to me and helped me to raise over £200 to help animals in the wild.*



## Nurse- Year R

Today your child will bring home a School Entry Vision Screening Consent Form in their book bag . Please review, complete and return the consent form to the school office **by Monday 30 September 2024**. The vision screening of your child will happen over the next few months.

At this time, we would also like to record your child's height and weight as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Please see the email being sent separately today which will provide more details. Should you wish to opt out of the height and weight programme, or you know that your child has a medical condition that affects their height and weight, then please advise the school office in writing **no later than Monday 30 September**.

## Year R

If you haven't already done so please remember to bring in your child's chatterbox and wellies.

## Arbor App

Last week we sent out an email on how to download the Arbor app, if you haven't already done so then please use the link below.

[Getting started - Log into the Parent Portal and the Arbor App](#)

Any issues then please contact the School Office.

## Dates

On the final slide you will find a list of dates for your diary for the next half term. Please make a note so that you and your child do not miss out.

### Included with the Newsletter

Swimming lesson poster

Wreath Making

Back to School Party poster

SEN Coffee Morning poster

## PE Kits

Please make sure your child's PE kit is in school, including the Year R children. We have noticed that some kits have gone home and are not coming back into school.

As a reminder the following should be in a **draw string bag**, please no rucksacks as there is not enough room on the children's pegs. If you have used a ruck sack, please swap it over for a draw string bag. The children either side of your child will not be able to hang their coats up with a ruck sack in the way.

As a reminder the **PE Uniform** is as follows-

- White T-shirt with school logo or plain white
- Dark green cotton PE shorts (not shiny material or branded)
- A pair of trainers with a velcro fastening
- Old joggers / leggings and a sweatshirt / tracksuit top for outdoor wear
- Spare pair of socks (for when your child is wearing tights to school)

**Earrings** are not to be worn for PE, they must be taken out either before school or if your child can remove them on their own please supply a pot for them to be stored safely while they are doing PE.

## School Census- date

We are fast approaching School Census day. This is an important day for setting a school budget. Many calculations are made based on this day in October including funding for the Universal Free Infant Lunch. Of course you may think we are funded for each child but it is not that simple. We are funded for the year on whoever has a school dinner on Thursday 3 October. So, as you can see it is important that as many children as possible have a dinner on Census day, otherwise the school has to fund the 'Free Infant Lunch' from the normal budget next year. As a result there will be a change to the menu to try to hit the highest number possible. Please complete the form coming out today to make a choice for your child. We are very grateful for any help you are able to give us.

On this census there is also an audit of Pupil Premium children. Again if children go on at a later date we do not receive the funding. So I would urge everyone to follow the link to see if you are entitled to the payment. <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

We are also grateful if you can make us aware if your child is from a military family. Please email the office to confirm or if there has been a change in your child's status, please let us know.

Thank you.

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
<b>13 September</b>	New Parents Coffee morning- hall
<b>18 September</b>	Key Stage 1 Information Evening 7pm- Year 1                      8pm- Year 2
<b>25 September</b>	Year R Information evening- 7pm
<b>20 September</b>	Back to school event at 3.15pm- <b>please see poster</b>
<b>W/C 30 Sept</b>	Harvest Foodbank Collection
<b>4 October</b>	Deadline for Rotary Shoebox Collection Donations
<b>7 October</b>	Bags 2 School collection- from 8-9am at the bottom of the school drive
<b>8 October</b>	Individual Photos
<b>9 Oct</b>	Friends AGM- all welcome
<b>18 October</b>	Open Afternoon- Book Focus (NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY)
<b>22 and 24 October</b>	Parents' Evening- appointments will follow via Arbor
<b>23 October</b>	School Nurse drop in clinic
<b>25 October</b>	INSET Day