



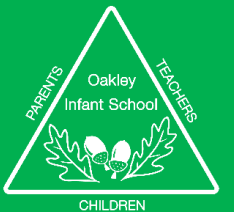
# Oakley Infant School



## Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new families who have joined us this year. It is an absolute pleasure to have you as part of our school community and I hope that you will get to know us very quickly. I hope everyone has been able to enjoy time with your children and you have all been able to spend some time with your families over the summer.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Meyer to the staff team, she will be joining the Year 1 team in Maple class.

Please note the INSET days in the sidebar, the first Inset was yesterday and it was safeguarding training for all the staff. There are 2 more this autumn term, please note that these dates are the same as the Junior School.

This newsletter is full of new school year reminders, so there is a lot of information.

The first reminder is that the newsletter always comes to you on a Tuesday so please look out for it as it will have everything you need to know. Every week the newsletter is also put on the front page of the website so please refer to it for information. Year R parents we are sending you this newsletter via Arbor and email to ensure you receive it. Please check you have received via Arbor (check your junk) and let us know if you have not so that we can make sure you have been set up properly.

This newsletter is a bumper edition with a lot of information so I would suggest you grab a coffee and take a seat. To the new parents I promise they are not usually this long!

**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.**

## Thank you

On behalf of the staff we would like to thank you for your kind thoughts, words and gifts at the end of the summer term, it was very much appreciated by everyone.

## Dates

Please note the following dates that are coming very soon-

New Parents Coffee morning- 5 and 6 September- in Room 2 (between the Year 1 classrooms) after drop off

Key Stage 1 Information evening- 18 September- Year 1 at 7pm and Year 2 at 8pm.

Year R Information Evening- 25 Sept at 7pm

## Tissues

For the new school year we are in need to top up our tissue supply. If you are able to make a donation of a box of tissues so we can stockpile in preparation for the inevitable cold season we would be grateful. Your donations mean we do not have to use the under pressure school budget. Please hand your boxes to your child's teacher.

Thank you.

## School Crossing Patrol

I have been asked to inform you that the School Crossing Patrol will not be available on Fridays for the foreseeable future. Please cross with care and supervise your child near the main road.

## 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.



## GOL Football

The school will continue to manage the booking for GOL football club on a Friday until 4.30pm. If you would like your child to attend please contact the school office. Unfortunately this club is only open to Year 1 and 2 at this stage.

GOL will start for the children who have signed up this Friday 6 September. We will invoice you once we are up and running.

## Summer Reading Challenge

The Hampshire Library Service reading challenge ends this Saturday. If you have not yet had a chance to get your certificate this weekend is the last opportunity.

## Collection Arrangements

Please complete the form coming home today to inform us of the people who have permission to collect your child from school. Please put anyone who may be sent to collect your child eg Grandparents with their names so they can be identified.

If your child has a very regular pattern of collection where it is often grandparents or a childminder or a mix of these people it is useful to put this in a letter for the class teacher. We generally get to know the pattern quite quickly but in the early stages of the term it is useful to give that directly to the teacher.

If you have two children in the school the older sibling can go to the younger sibling's classroom at the end of the day for collection from the same classroom. Please be patient as often you may be waiting for your older child, please stay put and wait for them to come to you. Often they are held up usually because they are looking for a jumper, water bottle or having a sociable chat with their friends!

If your child is staying for a club or after school session please collect from the Year 1 side of the building.

## Illness

Please remember if your child is unwell that you need to call the school office or email using the parent messages email as soon as possible. If we have not heard from you by 10am, for safeguarding reasons, we will contact you. If we cannot get hold of you we will call the next contact on your list as we have to check that your child is safe. If we cannot get hold of anyone a member of staff may make a home visit to ensure that everyone is safe.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout.

Please send a brief note in with your child on their return for their record.

## Friend's Trail

Unfortunately children are not permitted to use the climbing frames before or after school. Children are only insured to use the climbing frames when supervised by a member of staff. If your child trains for Oakley Football Club at the weekend please ensure they are not using the climbing frames on a Saturday morning. Thank you for your understanding.

## **New Term reminders**

If your child is having a packed lunch please remember we are a nut free zone. Please do not send anything in your child's lunchbox that contains nuts including cereal bars. Please remember that lots of chocolate spreads contain nuts so check the ingredients carefully.

Please do not send Frubes into school as not only are they difficult to open they can be rather unpredictable and can often end up covering the child opposite. As there are children with milk and dairy allergies, we would like to avoid this happening.

Please do not put sweets or large chocolate bars in your child's lunchbox. As a healthy school, please be snack size aware.

Please make sure your child only has **one small keyring** on their book bag and a name on the outside of the book bag is really useful.

**Name everything;** jumpers, t-shirts, shoes, all items of PE kit. If your child can take it off it can be lost. If you have purchased from the second hand uniform please make sure you re-name the uniform.

### **Please also remember:**

- parents are not permitted to drive up the school drive at the beginning or end of the day.
- do not put any water bottles into the bookbags; each year we lose a lot of books due to water damage from water bottles.

## **Celebration Assembly**

Celebration Assembly will resume this Friday at 2.45pm. We will celebrate any children who have completed their Summer Reading Challenge. Don't worry if you have not quite finished the challenge, the children have until 7 September and we will keep celebrating until all certificates or medals have been received.

We will also celebrate the birthdays for this week, from 1-8 September.

The Year R children will not be joining Celebration Assembly for a few weeks yet but we will celebrate the reading challenge and birthdays when they start to join us for assembly, we will let you know when they are ready.

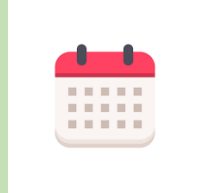
## **Open Afternoon**

Thursday is also the day when you can visit your child's classroom after school. We are aware that there is a long time between Open Evenings so there may be occasions when your child would like to share something with you. This is a drop in event and the teacher may not present but you are welcome in the classroom.

## Website Calendar

As we start to add dates to the school calendar I would like to bring to your attention to the ability to sync the calendar on your mobile phone with the website calendar.

Just click on the calendar on the first page of the website and then at the top click *subscribe to this calendar*. Then all events will automatically populate your calendar.



## Maple and Sycamore Class- Seesaw

The Tapestry subscription will come to an end for your children shortly but your child's learning journey can be downloaded until 9 September. It is available to be downloaded via your account. Please see Mrs Clarke if you struggle to download.

## Weather

At this time of year the weather is changeable. Please make sure your child is equipped for the weather conditions as the children go out to play even when it is looking a bit grey. There is nothing worse than feeling cold when you are outside.

Thank you.

## Pupil Premium

Although in an infant school all children receive the Universal Infant Lunch as parents you can apply for Pupil Premium if you are receiving certain benefits.

This money comes to the school and we can use it to support your child in school. In the past we have paid for school trips, events, equipment, enrichment activities; the list is endless. If you are not sure if you are eligible, Susan Sayers in the office is always on hand to support with any application, in the strictest of confidence. Pop her an email and she will look into it for you or please use this link to see if you are eligible

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

## Scooters

Please do not ride bikes or scooters on the school grounds. Please ensure your child dismounts when they come in through the school gate, there are many young children both infants, juniors and pre-school children who will not be ready for a speedy scooter.