



Oakhurst Community First & Nursery
School
*'From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks
Grow'*

09/09/2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back

Welcome back to a new school year!

I wish to give a warm welcome to Mrs Monaghan, who has started with us as Assistant Head Teacher and Year 2 class teacher and Mrs Simpson, who has joined us as Year 3 class teacher. Both of whom have quickly become positive members of our team.

We have had several new starters this week, all of whom have settled very quickly and we have been absolutely delighted by all the children and how positively they have returned to school and are settling into their new classes and new routines.

Uniform and PE kit

The children are all looking very smart in their uniforms. Please can we remind you that the school uniform consists of the following: white shirt (with tie) or white polo shirt (without a tie), grey or tartan skirt or pinafore dress, grey trousers or shorts, blue check summer dresses, blue sweatshirt or cardigans (with the school logo or without a logo), white or grey socks or tights, appropriate black shoes (no open toe shoes, trainers or boots). Please make sure that all items of uniform are labelled clearly with your child's name. The children are not allowed to wear costume jewellery, fashion items or makeup to school and any hair accessories, but be the school colours and not too large. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Lost property

At the end of the summer term there was a huge amount of lost property left over, which seems such a waste. From now on we will be putting any lost property outside the school hall at the end of every week for you to look at and reclaim any items that belong to your child. It would be really helpful if water bottles, snack pots, lunchboxes, bags and coats are all labelled.

Nuts

This is just a polite reminder that we do not allow nuts in school due to having some children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support with this.

Reading Buddy

We have purchased an on-line programme for your child to access at home. This is called 'Reading Buddy' and is produced by Oxford Owl. The reason for doing this is to widen the range of reading material available to the children and encourage a love for reading and books. It is not to replace any of the other reading programmes that we follow such as Read Write Inc. Miss Foot is holding a workshop next Wednesday (18th September) at 2.30pm to explain more to you and show you how it works. If you are unable to come along additional information will be sent home.

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Car park

There have been some concerns about the safety of our children in the school car park. Please ensure that your children are with you at all times when entering and exiting the school site. Please remind them to walk rather than run, use the pedestrian gate and stay within the pedestrian area. Please do not use the school car park between 8.30am-9am or 2.30pm-3.15pm, unless it has been agreed by the school. When using the car park please drive slowly to ensure safety of others around.

Clubs

We are currently seeking out some appropriate coaches to lead our clubs after school, starting with dodgeball. More information about this and the other clubs we are able to arrange will be out to you shortly. We found last year that the clubs we were running were very popular so, rather than have children on waiting lists and missing out, we wanted to give them the opportunity to have a go at different things, which we are now incorporating into 'golden time' on a Friday.

Gardening/DIY morning

Over the summer holiday we had a huge clear out and tidy up of all the majority of cupboards and sheds around the school. Several members of staff gave up their time to help with this and our cupboards all looking much more tidy and organised. However, as previously mentioned, there are still many DIY jobs, both inside and outside of school that need attention and we have very little time or money to get these things done. Therefore, as a reminder the governing body are arranging a gardening and DIY morning on Saturday 28th September. This will run from 8.30am until 12pm. If you are willing and able to come along and give us a hand for all or some of the morning, please can you let the school office know by 20th September. Also, if you have any trade or skill that you think may be beneficial to us to keep the school well maintained and tidy, then please let us know. Thank you in advance for your support.

Dates for this term

12th September (3.15pm-4pm) – Meet the Teacher - teachers will all be available in their classrooms if you wish to pop in a say hello

20th September – School photos

28th September (8.30am-12pm) - DIY/Gardening morning

9th October (5pm-6pm) and 10th Oct (9.30am-10.30am) – Open day/evening for prospective parents and carers

14th October- Flu immunisations

23rd October (9am-9.30am) - Parents and carers are invited into school to join their child's class to celebrate their learning for this half term. There will be more details to follow nearer the time.

24th and 25th October – Inset day's during which the staff will be attending training to improve the quality of teaching for reading, phonics, writing and maths

28th October – 1st November – Half term

4th November – Inset day during which the staff will be attending an education conference along with staff from all six schools in the Heath Academy Trust

5th November - Children return to school

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12th and 13th November - Parent consultations

11th and 12th December (9.30am and 1.30pm on both days) – Whole school Christmas productions. More information to follow nearer the time

13th December – PTFA Christmas fayre (to be confirmed)

19th December – Whole school trip to see the Pantomime – ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ at the Lighthouse in Poole

20th December – Christmas Parties and end of term

Safeguarding

Mrs Ann Clark is the designated safeguarding lead for the school.

Mrs Ros Monaghan and Mrs Denise Hunter are the deputy designated safeguarding leads.

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding or child protection, please arrange to speak to them via the school office.

Safeguarding children is our highest priority and ALL members of staff have received the updated safeguarding training.

If we have to speak to you regarding any safeguarding concerns, please do not be offended. Remember it is our job to challenge and ensure all the children are safe at all times. Where there are concerns or difficulties we will help to arrange the right support from the most appropriate agency and we will work closely with you for the best possible outcome for your child.

Communication

Strong communication is vital and we strive to ensure effective systems are in place. Our main method of communication about day to day school related information is via Parentmail. On a more personal note we will speak to you face to face, via telephone or email.

If there are any concerns or queries you have then please speak to your child’s teacher in the first instance, then arrange a meeting with myself (or Mrs Monaghan in my absence) if the situation continues or the situation is not fully resolved. Mrs Uphill is our Inclusion leader, and is in school Monday through to Thursday. Her designated time for inclusion is on a Wednesday and this would be the best day to contact her to discuss any special educational needs or medical needs.

We hope that you find us all approachable, respectful and take your concerns seriously.

Together we want the best for every single child here at Oakhurst.

Best wishes

Ann Clark

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