

Oak Farm Infant School



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CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Class 6 performed very well in their class assembly with confidence. Their assembly was recorded by a member of staff and is available to view on the class page on DB Primary. Please see below for the dates for the remaining class assemblies. Parents are welcome to attend their child's class assembly. We ask that you enter through your child's class as soon as you bring your child to school on the morning of the assembly so that you are settled in the hall by the time the assembly begins. Please ensure all mobile are switched to silent so that the children are not disturbed during their performance. We request that if you do video or photograph your child's assembly that you do not post it on social media sites for safeguarding reasons.

All class assemblies will start at 9.00am.

Tuesday 15th May Class 5

Wednesday 23rd May Class 4

Tuesday 12th June Class 9

Thursday 14th June Class 8

Wednesday 20th June Class 7

Wednesday 27th June Class 1

Wednesday 4th July Class 2

Wednesday 11th July Class 3

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

It's almost time to start the Summer Reading Challenge, the Reading Agency's annual initiative that asks children to visit their local library six times over the summer break and get reading! Oak Farm Library wants to do even better than last year and join over 1,000 local children to the Challenge. The theme for 2018 is "Mischievous Makers", which includes Beano characters like Dennis the Menace.

MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM EVENING TUESDAY 22ND MAY 2018 AT 6.00PM – 7.30PM

We have the Mathematics Curriculum evening this Tuesday 22nd May 2018. We hope you are able to attend with your child and visit rooms to see how we teach maths at Oak Farm Infant School. We look forward to seeing you **with your child..**

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES OR LEFT NEAR BOUNDARY

Please remember not to bring your dog to school or leave it near the entrance as some children are afraid of animals. We appreciate your support over ensuring all our children can attend school without feeling afraid.

CLASS PHOTOS

Please note the photographer will be taking class photos on Wednesday 16th May 2018 and these will be available for you to purchase from Tempest.



FoOF

SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 16TH JUNE 2018

The summer fair is drawing near. A board will be placed outside the school entrance for any offers of help that you may be able to give before, during or after the event. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

FoOF would be grateful for donations of prizes for the raffle at the fair.

FAMILY DISCO - FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2018 7.00pm - More details to follow.

FAMILY PICNIC - FRIDAY 13TH JULY 2018 2.00PM - This will take place on the school playing field.

COLLECTION OF FOREIGN COINS - There is a collection tin in the front office.



PACKED LUNCHES

All children in the Infant school are entitled to a free hot meal at lunchtime. However if you do provide your child with a packed lunch we ask that you send in healthy food such as sandwiches, fruit and/or a healthy snack with a water bottle if they would like one. As this is a nut free school and all school lunches are nut free we request that you do not send in any food that contains nuts. We have a number of children in the Infant & Junior schools that suffer from nut allergies and even if they are in the presence of nuts this can set off quite a severe allergic reaction.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is lovely as always to see the children dressed so smartly in their school uniform. Now that Summer is here the boys may wear brown shorts and girls may wear yellow checked dresses until the end of the first half of the Autumn Term 2018.

We are in the process of using our current uniform supplier Angels of Rayners Lane to provide an online service for ordering uniform. Parents will be able to order uniform online and collect it from school free of charge or have it delivered for a fee to their home address.

We do not have the facility to store a large amount of uniform and we will only be selling our remaining stock of uniform at the school up until the half-term break. We will send a text out to confirm when the school uniform is available to order online with Angels. We will also publish Angel's uniform list with prices on the website as soon as it is available. In the meantime if you wish to purchase school uniform you can also visit Angels at 317 Rayners Lane, Pinner HA5 5EH. You can contact Angels on 0208 866 9972.

RAMADAN SUMMER 2018

Ramadan Mubarak to those families observing Ramadan this year. Ramadan is an important part of the Muslim faith and those observing Ramadan will fast for a month.

NAMED GARMENTS

Please remember to name ALL items of uniform. Due to the warmer weather, children are now removing their jumpers & cardigans when they are playing outside & we can't return these items to their owners if there is no name marked in it.

SOCKS AND TIGHTS

If you have children's socks or tights which you would like to donate to school, we would appreciate it greatly. If your child has an accident and is given spare garments please remember to **wash and return** them so we still have extra for other children.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We are pleased to say there are two nominees for the parent governor vacancy at Oak Farm Infant School. We will shortly be sending out voting forms with information from each governor about their reasons for applying for the role.

SPORTS MORNING – 28TH JUNE 2018 – SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IN THEIR PE KIT & A DRINK

Our sports morning is planned for Thursday, 28th June 2018 from 9.00am until about 11.00am. The children can either attend school in their T-shirt and shorts and remain in these clothes for the day, or they can come in uniform and change. Please send your child to school with a **named drink**—non fizzy, no glass bottles (with their name clearly marked on the container) which they will have half way through the morning. The event takes place on the junior field with the children rotating through various activities. We ask parents to stand **inside the bunting** and follow the children round the activities. FoOF will be selling tea and coffee so **bring some money** if you wish to buy refreshments. Feel free to **bring your own chairs** to sit on.

At the end of the event your child's class teacher will let the children go to you at the bunting so say goodbye. Please do not take them inside the bunting as they will need to help to take the equipment back to class with their teacher.

Unfortunately if it is raining or the ground is too wet the event will be postponed and we will hold it at another time. We will use the text messaging system if we have to cancel the event and will also put it on our website. If the weather is hot please put sun protection on your child before school. If the weather is cold please ensure they have a fleece or jumper to wear.

SMARTIES COLLECTION

Thank for your donations in the Smarties tubes. Including donations to the Juniors we have collected to date a total of **£565.54** profit and 60 euros too! The class that collected the most in the Infants was class 2 and a prize was given to them in recognition of this during assembly. We are hoping to use this money towards the purchase of interactive whiteboards.

INSET DAY MONDAY 4TH JUNE 2018 AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We have a half-term break from Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June 2018. this will be followed by a staff inset day when school will be closed for all children. The school will re-open for the second half of the Summer term on Tuesday 5th June 2018. As always we expect that you make your travel plans during the school holiday breaks and ensure your children are in school during the whole of term-time with exception to illness. Please ensure your child is in their class by 8.50am as lateness causes upset and disruption to the other children who are already in class and the school routine.

RESULTS OF PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE SPRING 2018

The results of the parent questionnaire distributed at the parent evenings in March 2018 are published at the end of this newsletter. We thank you for taking the time to provide us with the valuable feedback.

OAK FARM NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

DATES SUMMER TERM 2018

MAY 2018

Tuesday 15th	9.00am Class 5 assembly
Wednesday 16th	Tempest class photographs
Tuesday 22nd	6.00pm -7.30pm Maths curriculum evening for parents
Wednesday 23rd	9.00am Class 4 assembly

MONDAY 28TH MAY–FRIDAY 1 JUNE HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED

JUNE 2018

MONDAY 4TH JUNE	TRAINING DAY–SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 5th	All children back to school
Friday 8th	9.00am Year 1 & Year 2 June birthday assembly
Tuesday 12th	9.00am Class 9 assembly
Wednesday 13th	9.00am or 7.00pm Welcome meeting for new reception parents
Thursday 14th	9.00am Class 8 assembly
Saturday 16th	12.00pm-3.00pm FoOF Summer Fair
Wednesday 20th	9.00am Class 7 assembly
Wednesday 27th	9.00am Class 1 assembly
Thursday 28th	9.00am-11.00am Sports morning for Reception and KS1

JULY 2018

Wednesday 4th	9.00am Class 2 assembly
Friday 6th	9.00am Year 1 & Year 2 July birthday assembly 7.00pm FoOF Family disco - details to follow
Wednesday 11th	9.00am Class 3 assembly
Friday 13th	9.00am Year 1 & Year 2 August birthday assembly 2.00pm FoOF Family picnic
Thursday 19th	2.00pm Year 2 Leaver's assembly for parents
Friday 20th	LAST DAY of Summer term, school closes at 2.30pm

Oak Farm Infant School Parent Questionnaire

Spring 2018

	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
My child is happy at this school.	84%	16%			
My child makes good progress at this school.	70%	30%			
My child feels safe at this school.	77%	23%			
My child is well looked after at this school.	71%	29%			
Teaching is good.	74%	26%			
Staff expect my child to work hard and do his or her best.	73%	26%			1%
The homework that is given builds well on what my child learns in school.	61%	37%	1%		1%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	62%	35%	1%		1%
Staff treat all children fairly and with respect.	70%	30%			
This school is led and managed effectively.	60%	35%			2%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	59%	35%			9%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	65%	33%			1%
Overall I am satisfied with the school.	68%	32%			
I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes	100%			

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete this questionnaire.

The responses were overwhelmingly positive. Some of these included comments about the good range of after school activities, friendly and helpful staff, high standards and children making good progress, fantastic teachers and good teaching, the inspiring outside spaces, good facilities, good communication, opportunities to investigate and explore, the support the school provides and fundraising/FoOF activities.

Comments about areas we could improve on are mentioned on the following page.

Comments on areas for improvement include:

You said...	Our reply...
More trips into the local community	<i>Children go on regular welly walks as part of the curriculum and we are always reviewing how we use trips and visits to enhance learning.</i>
Equipment in playground/train areas needs updating/cleaning	<i>As this equipment is outdoors in all weathers we maintain it as best we can. Nursery and Reception outdoor equipment and storage has been replaced this year.</i>
Communication with working parents	<i>We already communicate via the website, DB Primary, fortnightly newsletters, letters home, text messages, notices on class doors and on the Breakfast Club entrance door. We publish dates of events in advance but occasionally recognise that late notice is given for some. We will endeavour to do better.</i>
Transition from infants to juniors Standards in the junior school	<i>We are liaising closely with the juniors to ensure transition is an improved experience for all children and their families this year. We are continuing to work in a more collaborative manner</i>
Modernise the school website/use of Apps	<i>We are looking into becoming a cashless school by the Autumn term and some providers include the use of Apps in their packages. Our website contains a lot of information and we may plan to review it in the next couple of years.</i>
School uniform policy not strict enough	<i>The vast majority of children look very smart in their uniforms. We hope parents will support our policy and speak with us if they are experiencing difficulties with uniform. After consultation with parents, Nursery children will start wearing a uniform from September.</i>
Too much/too little homework	<i>Children are expected to read for 10 minutes daily and spend up to an hour a week on other activities. Parents should speak to the teacher if they are experiencing difficulties with this. There are many homework resources on DB Primary.</i>