

Oak Farm Infant School



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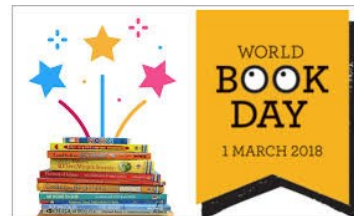
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WORLD BOOK DAY 1ST MARCH 2018

We would like the children to dress up as a character from a book on Thursday 1st March 2018. We do not want parents going out to buy costumes but would rather you use whatever you have at home. Making a costume from old clothes is fun and your child will really have to think about the character and what their personality is and how they dress. We understand some children do not like dressing up and we would encourage them to dress as a child from a book eg Biff, Chip etc.



We will be sending out tokens for the children to buy a special WBD book. We hope you will help your child purchase one to enjoy or use the token towards the cost of a different book of their choice. You can find more details about how you can use the voucher on the World Book Day website at <http://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

CURRICULUM TOPIC

The next half term's curriculum topic will be All Creatures Great and Small. Please look on DB Primary to see a more detailed plan of learning. We hope you regularly look at the photos on DB Primary and see some of the learning your child is engaged in.

SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning)

The whole school SEAL topic for the next half term is 'Good to be Me.' The theme focuses on: understanding feelings, and why and how they lead us to behave the way we do – excited, proud, surprised, hopeful, disappointed, worried and anxious; self-awareness – feeling good about myself, taking risks; managing my feelings – relaxing, coping with anxiety; and standing up for myself – assertiveness, standing up for my views.

ABSENCE

Please remember to call the office before 9.00am if your child is unable to attend school due to illness. If the school has not been informed of a reason for an absence it is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

There have been public cases in the past where schools have not chased up the reasons as to why children are absent from school. It has then transpired that there have been tragic circumstances around these absences, e.g. illness of a parent and a child unable to seek help.

We would request that (if you have not already done so) you provide at least three contact names & numbers for emergencies, sickness and absence as we regard the safety and welfare of your children as paramount.

FOOF MOTHER'S DAY PRESENTS

FOOF will be selling presents for Mother's Day on Thursday 8th March in the Nursery and on Friday 9th March in the Infants.

MARCH BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 2ND MARCH

Parents of children in Years 1 & 2 with a birthday in March are welcome to attend the birthday assembly. Please enter the hall from your child's class.

SOFT START FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN TUESDAY 6TH MARCH

Parents may join their children in some learning activities in each class from 8.50am to 9.10am on Tuesday 6th March.

SOCKS, TIGHTS & PLASTIC CARRIER BAGS

If you have any old socks, tights & plastic carrier bags 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 FORUM MEETING - 31ST JANUARY 2018 - SUMMARY OF POINTS RAISED

Thank you to all the parents who attended our first Parent Forum meeting.

These are some of the facts we shared with parents:

- Oak Farm Infants is an outstanding school
- Standards are high
- We provide a broad curriculum where every subject is taught to a high standard
- We have a team of experienced, skilled and stable staff
- We are always looking to improve the way we do things
- Nursery will be painted over half term and new furniture has been ordered
- We want to improve the induction and transition process for children starting school and pupils moving in to the Juniors
- We are aiming to achieve the Science Primary Quality Mark over the next few terms
- We aim to roll out cashless payments for school trips etc by the start of the next academic year
- We would like to update some of our IT equipment (whiteboards, laptops etc)

During the meeting parents raised the following issues:

- Homework - either too much or too little. There are links to lots of activities on DB Primary. These can be used to extend your child's learning at home.
- Access to homework - we will look at putting homework sheets on DB Primary after half term
- A suggestion was made that parents contribute an amount each year to offset costs
- Some parents offered to help with gardening. We will be contacting them after half term.
- There were also some concerns around the outcome of the Junior School Ofsted. Mr Betts, one of the Assistant Heads, was at the meeting to talk to parents individually.

SUGGESTION BOX

A suggestion was placed in our new Suggestion Box in the lobby that Nursery children should wear some sort of uniform - sweatshirt, jogging bottoms or school skirts and trousers. We shall consider this and consult with you after half term.

TRANSITION FROM YEAR 2 TO YEAR 3

One of our aims this year is to ensure a more effective transition from Year 2 to Year 3. Some joint work has already taken place and more is planned for the future. We wish to work more closely with the juniors to ensure all our children continue to do well as they move into KS2.

OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 22ND MARCH AND TUESDAY 27TH MARCH 4.30PM-7.00PM

The teachers will be meeting parents in consultation appointments and we hope you find these informative and helpful. We trust you find these times convenient but if you have difficulty attending, please see your child's class teacher who may be able to fit you in before or after school. At this meeting the teachers will share your child's targets with you and discuss their progress. If after 10 minutes you need a longer appointment the teacher will arrange another mutually suitable time for you to continue the discussion but we must keep to appointments so others do not have to wait. Mrs Sweeney will be available if you wish to discuss any issue further.

Please do not bring your child with you to this meeting as the teacher would like to speak to you about your child and their attitude to learning.

CLASS 1 PARENT MEETINGS

Please note that Class 1 parents will have their parent meetings on separate dates as advised in the letter sent out as Mrs Howard the class teacher is due to begin maternity leave from 5th March. We wish Mrs Howard the best of luck and look forward to hearing about the arrival of her new baby.

HEALTHY WEEK MONDAY 19TH - FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2018

Over the course of this week your child will be involved in many activities relating to balanced diets, exercise, hygiene and healthy lifestyles. Our aim is to help the children to learn more about making healthy choices for life and we do appreciate that this is not always easy! The purpose of the week is to promote healthy eating, exercise and hygiene e.g. handwashing and brushing teeth, in a positive and enjoyable manner.

All children will be going into the Life Education Centre to enjoy an interactive lesson with Harold the Giraffe. The Life Education Centre delivers a drug prevention education programme helping children to make healthy choices. If you wish to visit the Life Education Mobile Classroom there will be the opportunity for parents/carers to visit on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 3.00pm and Thursday morning at 8.50 am. Please let the office know if you would like to attend one of these sessions. Your child will also bring home a letter in case you wish to purchase a workbook, appropriate to the age of your child and relating to their activities in the Life Education Centre.

During the course of the week we will be encouraging children to make as many healthy choices as possible in relation to the meals they have at lunchtime. We would be grateful if you could share the weekly menu with your child and support them in choosing their healthy meal each day, encouraging them to have extra salad and vegetables and suggesting that they try something new.

We will also be encouraging children to make as many healthy choices as possible in their lunchboxes. Try to include something from each of the food groups if possible and choose a healthy drink i.e. water or pure fruit juice (N.B. juice drinks may include sweeteners). Please remember that our policy is not to include crisps or chocolate bars.

On **Friday 23rd February** we would like the children to wear trainers to school as they will be taking part in a whole school exercise routine in the afternoon.

Don't forget to "Walk to School" and take part in the "Get Fit in the Morning Club" with your children if you can, as we will be encouraging your children to do so throughout the week.

You could also try some of the exercise routines on the Cyber Coach website which you can log in to through your child's DB Primary page (user name: oakfarminfant and password: oakfarm). The Change4Life website (www.change4life.co.uk) also has ideas for 10 minute activities to do with your child and lots of healthy eating ideas and nutritional advice.

Thank you for your support.

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

Please check the website for Hounslow Urban Farm at <http://hounslowurbanfarm.co.uk/> for details of their activities during the half-term break.



OAK FARM NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

DATES SPRING TERM 2018

FEBRUARY 2018

MONDAY 12TH - FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY **HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED**

Monday 19th Second half of Spring Term - all children back to school
Monday 19th HEALTHY WEEK - Life Bus in school

MARCH 2018

Thursday 1st World Book Day and St David's Day
Friday 2nd 9.00am Year 1 & Year 2 March Birthday Assembly
Tuesday 6th 8.50am - 9.10am Soft Start for parents & children in each class
Monday 12th SCIENCE WEEK - Living Eggs (Ducks) arrive
Thursday 22nd 4.30pm - 7.00pm Parent consultation meetings except class 1
Tuesday 27th 4.30pm - 7.00pm Parent consultation meetings except class 1
Thursday 29th End of term - school closes at 2.30pm

FRIDAY 30TH MARCH - FRIDAY 13TH APRIL **EASTER BREAK - SCHOOL CLOSED**



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DATES SUMMER TERM 2018

APRIL 2018

MONDAY 16TH APRIL	TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 17th	Start of Summer Term - all children back to school
Friday 20th	9.00am Year 1 & Year 2 April Birthday Assembly
Wednesday 25th	9.00am-10.00am Parent Forum in school hall

MAY 2018

Thursday 3rd	Nursery closed all day for polling day, Infant school open as usual
Friday 4th	9.00am-10.00am Year 1 & Year 2 May Birthday Assembly
Tuesday 8th	8.50am-9.10am Soft Start for parents & children in each class
Tuesday 22nd	Maths Curriculum Evening for parents - details to follow

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
Wednesday 13th	9.00am or 7.00pm Welcome meeting for new reception parents
Saturday 16th	FoOF Summer Fair
Thursday 28th	9.00am-11.00am Sports Day for Reception and KS1 - details to follow

JULY 2018

Thursday 19th	2.00pm Year 2 Leaver's Assembly for parents
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