

Oak Farm Nursery Newsletter

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RECEPTION PLACES

You will all now have received notification of your Reception places. We hope you are all happy with the place you have been allocated, whether at Oak Farm or elsewhere. Please accept your places promptly. For those children transferring to Oak Farm Infant School's Reception classes there will be a letter going out shortly regarding a welcome meeting in June.

30 HOURS

Those parents who are accessing 30 hours of Nursery (or hours in addition to the standard 15 hours free entitlement) will need to renew their codes in the next couple of weeks so that they are still eligible for free additional hours. Please advise Mrs Ansell of your new codes. Where parents are no longer eligible or the codes are not renewed in time you may have to pay for your child's additional sessions so please do this promptly.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

The children will be having their class photographs on Wednesday 16th May 2018. We will avoid messy activities on the day.

POLLING DAY

As mentioned in the two previous newsletters, the nursery will be used as a polling station on Thursday 3rd May and there will be no nursery sessions on this day. We are sorry for any inconvenience.



MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM EVENING - CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND WITH PARENTS

Tuesday 22nd May is our Mathematics Curriculum Evening for all children in the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We hope you can come along with your child any time between 6:00pm and 7:30pm to see how we teach Mathematics. Every room will have various activities laid out for each age group (3 – 7 years) and we hope you will attend with your child to explore and learn. Please do not arrive before 6:00pm as the staff will have to set everything up after school and then have a short break. This is a good opportunity to look around the main school with your child and meet some of the staff prior to them joining Reception.

TRANSITION – ADVANCED NOTICE

For those children joining our Reception classes in September we have two sessions where they visit their teacher before the end of the Summer Term. These sessions are on Monday 16th July in the afternoon and Tuesday 17th July in the morning. All children attend both visits. These days are a really important part of your child's transition into school so please ensure they will be in school on these days and avoid booking any early holidays.

PARENTS QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK

Thank you to those of you who have returned your completed questionnaires. We were very pleased to receive such positive feedback, the results of which are attached to this newsletter. If you have not yet returned your questionnaire we would still very much like your comments.

FOOTWEAR

As we are now in the Summer term and are hoping for some pleasant weather we would like to urge you to ensure that your children only wear shoes where toes are covered (no open-toed sandals). The children enjoy using the outdoor area climbing equipment, digging areas and wheeled toys and open-toed shoes are not appropriate for these activities. Equally, as we encourage the children to be as independent as possible it is important they are wearing shoes they can manage themselves.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are considering introducing a school uniform for our nursery children from September 2018 and would appreciate your comments on this. We will be inviting all current nursery parents and next year's nursery parents to help us make this decision by voting **this week**.

The uniform would be the same as the infant school with the addition of brown tracksuit bottoms as an option. Black school shoes would be expected to be worn if children wear uniform.

Possible advantages for Nursery children wearing uniform	Possible disadvantages for Nursery children wearing uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The children and families may feel more part of the school.• The children may feel more grown up.• It may support some children in their transition from home to school.• The children will look smart, and all the children will be dressing the same.• Children will not get their everyday clothes dirty (with paint /through messy play etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As nursery children are not guaranteed a place at Oak farm Infant School for Reception this may distress some families.• Children will need to bring in spare uniform in case of toilet accidents / getting wet.• Unlabelled clothes are unlikely to be returned when lost. It will not be obvious who the clothes / shoes belong to when changing.• Uniform and school shoes can be expensive.

Oak Farm Infant School – Nursery Questionnaire Feedback- Spring 2018

Thank you for all your feedback which has been overwhelmingly positive. J Ansell.

N.B. Where responses were 'not applicable' the percentages have been taken from the number of 'applicable' answers. These were largely in the sections regarding learning difficulties but also questions 16,17 and 19.

	<i>(Please tick)</i>	<i>Strongly agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree</i>
1	My child enjoys nursery and has fun	88%	12%		
2	The nursery keeps my child safe	89%	11%		
3	My child is making progress at this nursery	72%	28%		
4	The nursery helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	84%	16%		
5	The nursery informs me about my child's progress	73%	27%		
6	The nursery has high expectations for my child	68%	32%		
7	The nursery expects my child to have good attendance and punctuality	82%	18%		
8	The nursery makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (for example encouraging independence)	74%	26%		
9	There are a good range of activities for my child to take part in	86%	14%		
10	The nursery treats my child fairly and with respect	82%	18%		
11	The nursery meets my child's particular needs	66%	34%		
12	<i>Parents and carers with children who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities</i> The nursery informs me about the types of support available for my child's particular needs e.g. Speech Therapy, additional activities	70%	30%		
13	<i>Parents and carers with children who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities</i> The nursery provides specialist support/ activities for my child's particular needs	70%	30%		
14	<i>Parents and carers with children who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities</i> The nursery tells me about the support that is in place to help my child progress	70%	30%		
15	The nursery supports the children's development of appropriate social skills and behaviour	66%	34%		
16	The nursery takes my concerns seriously and deals with them effectively	70%	30%		
17	The nursery takes account of my suggestions	66%	34%		
18	The nursery is led and managed effectively	77%	23%		
19	The nursery hours support my particular needs / working pattern	65%	35%		
20	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this nursery	81%	19%		
21	The nursery values my contribution towards my child's education	72%	28%		
22	There a number of good home learning (homework) activities for my child to do	60%	39%	1%	
23	I understand how play opportunities provided in the nursery support my child's learning	75%	25%		
24	Any further comments or suggestions				
	<p>There were several compliments about the inside and outside learning areas and 'fantastic' staff – Thank You</p> <p>One parent suggested new soap dispensers. We have this in hand for the new financial year.</p> <p>A couple of parents would like more homework. There are some suggestions on the parent page of DB primary for additional homework each term but we will certainly bear this in mind and have several home learning challenges planned for this term.</p> <p>Another parent suggested a uniform for Nursery children. Please see our comment in the main newsletter.</p>				