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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope that you and the children have enjoyed a lovely summer holiday as we now look forward to the new school year and exciting times ahead. A further welcome to all of our new families and children starting in Reception today. You are now officially part of the Oak Meadow Family as we look forward to seeing your child progress and develop during their time with us. My advice, following conversations with the leaving Year 6 parents and carers at the end of the last school year, is to savour every last moment. We are a school where time seems to pass in the blink of an eye but memories last a lifetime. With that sentiment in mind, I wish good luck to all of our Year 6 leavers as they start Year 7 this week at their respective secondary schools knowing they are well prepared for their next step.

All staff returned at the start of this week and have been eagerly awaiting the children's return with anticipation of new classes and building the amazing relationships we pride ourselves upon at our school. From a personal point of view, I have missed seeing the children every day and how they bring the school to life. I, along with many other staff, have been in school over the summer where the corridors and classrooms are just not the same without the children's smiling faces, outstanding behaviour and thirst for learning. Today remedies that as we embark upon the exciting 2023-24 journey together.

With this journey in mind, please be assured of complete consistency in all school operations. As you are aware from communication at the end of the last school year, Mr. Arnold has taken up the role of Executive Headteacher within the St. Bartholomew's CE Multi Academy Trust moving to Woodfield Primary School. He will return weekly to Oak Meadow and provide invaluable support to myself, Miss. Billingsley (Interim Assistant Headteacher), the rest of the leadership team and wider staff body. Our approach as a school does not change as we operate an 'open door' policy whereby you know that you can speak with any of us if you have a question or concern. I come back to my previous statement about the amazing relationships we have at Oak Meadow and how these are fundamental to our success. Indeed, listening to your feedback from our latest parent survey, we want communication links to grow even stronger so look out for the introduction of a weekly newsletter from the end of next week.

In addition to this, please find below a list of important days and dates we have already mapped out for the new school year. I know how important it is to plan ahead as a family with the day to day commitments we all have and the challenges for working parents. Please note that letters will be sent out pertaining to certain events closer to the times and we will always let you know if there are any changes to dates or times. You will also receive this week annual permissions for your child and an attendance agreement as we aim for every child at Oak Meadow to attain a minimum attendance rate of at least 96% over the school year.

As one of the first key dates, we host our Meet the Teacher event after school this coming Monday. This will see you return to your child's classroom with them upon collection at 3:15pm where their new teachers will welcome you and share information relating to the Year group. This provides a chance for you to ask any questions you may have about the year ahead. If you are unable to make the event, or have siblings in other Year groups, staff are always willing to talk at other times – just let them know. All Year group's presentations will also be accessible on the school website.

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...



Thank you for your unwavering, on-going support and the valued partnership you provide every day. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to make contact with us as we look forward to the new school year together.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Lane (Interim Head of School).

Calendar of Events 2023 – 2024

(Please note that planned dates for events may change. Additional letters will be sent out where appropriate for workshops and specific Year group events)

Autumn Term 2023

Week	Date	Calendar Events
1	Mon 4 th Sept	4 th & 5 th INSET Days (School Closed for all Children) 6 th Start of the Autumn Term for all children 8 th House Captain votes in Year groups 8 th Y5 Swimming commences
2	Mon 11 th Sept	11 th Whole School Baseline Assessment Week 11 th Assembly – announcement of House Captains 11 th Meet the Teacher (3:30pm) 12 th NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Assembly 13 th Roald Dahl Day 14 th PGL parent meeting
3	Mon 18 th Sept	18 th All staff extra-curricular clubs begin this week
4	Mon 25 th Sept	25 th National Fitness Day 26 th European Day of Languages 27 th Read with us Parent/ Carer workshops - Year 5&6 (8:50-10:00am) 29 th Year 6 Engagedu Computing Day
5	Mon 2 nd Oct	2 nd Black History month begins 2 nd Harvest donations welcome on the hall stage from today 3 rd Read with us Parent/ Carer workshops - Year 3&4 (8:50-10:00am) 5 th National Poetry Day 6 th Year 4 Harvest assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)
6	Mon 9 th Oct	10 th 'Hello Yellow' – World Mental Health Day 11 th Read with us Parent/ Carer workshops - Year 1&2 (8:50-10:00am) 12 th Local Governing Board Meeting
7	Mon 16 th Oct	16 th - 22 nd National recycle week 19 th Harvest Discos for Reception to Year 4. Rec: 1:30-2:00pm, Y1 & 2: 2:00-3:00pm, Y3 & 4: 3:15-4:30pm
8	Mon 23 rd Oct	24 th Parent/ Carer Consultations (3:30 – 7:00pm) 25 th Parent/ Carer Consultations (3:30 – 5:30pm) 27 th End of the Autumn 1 half-term
Half Term		
9	Mon 6 th Nov	6 th Children return for Autumn 2 7 th Wraites children's photographs 8 th Year 5 Engagedu Computing Day 9 th Year 6 Remembrance assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)



		10 th Diwali Day
10	Mon 13 th Nov	13 th -17 th Anti-Bullying week 17 th Children in Need 17 th Y5 Children in Need assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 17 th Reception Reading Come and Play (2:15pm – Children in Ash and Rowan Houses)
11	Mon 20 th Nov	20 th & 21 st Year 6 Height and Weight Checks with School Nurse 24 th Reception Reading Come and Play (2:15pm – Children in Willow and Yew Houses)
12	Mon 27 th Nov	27 th – 1 st Whole school assessment week 1 st Reception Christmas Production (am and pm slots will be provisioned – exact times to be confirmed closer to the event)
13	Mon 4 th Dec	7 th Year 5 and 6 Christmas Disco (3:15-4:30pm) 8 th Year 1 Christmas Production (am and pm slots will be provisioned – exact times to be confirmed closer to the event)
14	Mon 11 th Dec	11 th Christmas enterprise week – children making products in Year groups for the Christmas Fair 15 th Christmas Jumper Day 15 th Santa Visits 15 th Christmas Fair (3:30pm)
15	Mon 18 th Dec	19 th Christingle activities 20 th Christmas Parties afternoon 21 st KS2 Christmas Carol concert to Y3&4 parents/ carers (8:50am) 22 nd KS2 Christmas Carol concert to Y5&6 parents/ carers (8:50am) 22 nd End of Autumn term
Christmas Holiday		

Spring Term 2024

Week	Date	Calendar Events
1	Mon 8 th Jan	8 th INSET day (School Closed for all Children) 9 th Children Return for Spring Term 1
2	Mon 15 th Jan	15 th Martin Luther King Day 17 th Year 4 Engagedu Computing Day 19 th Reception Parents/ Carers Number Workshop– Ash and Rowan House Children 1:45pm
3	Mon 22 nd Jan	24 th Year 3 Engagedu Computing Day 26 th Reception Parents/ Carers Number Workshop– Willow and Yew House Children 1:45pm
4	Mon 29 th Jan	29 th National Storytelling week 1 st Local Governing Board Meeting
5	Mon 5 th Feb	5 th - 11 th Children's Mental Health Week 6 th Safer Internet Day 9 th Year 2 Topic Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)
Half Term		
6	Mon 19 th Feb	19 th INSET Day (School Closed for all Children) 20 th Children Return for Spring Term 2
7	Mon 26 th Feb	28 th Year 2 Engagedu Computing Day 1 st St. David's Day
8	Mon 4 th Mar	4 th Children's Assessment Week 4 th Fair Trade Fortnight begins 6 th -8 th Y4 Condoval Hall Residential visit



		7 th World Book Day – Children dress as their favourite book character 8 th Reception Mothers' Day Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)
9	Mon 11 th Mar	11 th – 15 th Science Week 12 th Parent/ Carer Consultations (3:30 – 7:00pm) 13 th Parent/ Carer Consultations (3:30 – 5:30pm) 14 th International maths day – Times tables Rockstars celebration 15 th Year 4 Love of Reading Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 17 th St. Patrick's Day
10	Mon 18 th Mar	21 st World Poetry Day 22 nd Year 5 Easter Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 22 nd End of Spring Term
Easter Holiday		

Summer Term 2024

Week	Date	Calendar Events
1	Mon 8 th Apr	8 th Children Return for Summer Term 1 12 th Celebration of Eid
2	Mon 15 th Apr	17 th Year 1 Engagedu Computing Day 19 th Forest School Reception Parent/ Carer Workshops (Ash – 9:15 to 10:30am, Rowan – 1:45 to 3:00pm)
3	Mon 22 nd Apr	22 nd Earth Day 23 rd St. George's Day 26 th Forest School Reception Parent/ Carer Workshops (Willow – 9:15 to 10:30am, Yew – 1:45 to 3:00pm)
4	Mon 29 th Apr	2 nd World Dance Day
5	Mon 6 th May	6 th Bank Holiday - School Closed 7 th World Asthma Day 8 th - 9 th Year 2 Kingswood Residential
6	Mon 13 th May	13 th - 16 th Key Stage 2 SATs Week 15 th Wraites Classroom Group Photographs
7	Mon 20 th May	21 st & 22 nd Reception Engagedu Computing Days 20 th – 24 th IMPACT and Enrichment Week: <i>This is Me</i>
Half Term		
8	Mon 3 rd June	3 rd INSET Day (School Closed for all Children) 4 th Children Return for Summer Term 2 4 th Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Checks begin 5 th World Environment Day 7 th Year 3 Egyptian Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 7 th Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Ash and Rowan House Children 2:15pm
9	Mon 10 th June	10 th Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks 7 th Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Willow and Yew House Children 2:15pm 13 th Local Governing Board Meeting
10	Mon 17 th June	21 st World Music Day
11	Mon 24 th June	24 th Whole School Assessment Week 28 th Year 2 Topic Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)
12	Mon 1 st July	4 th Sports Day (KS2: 9:15 to 11:30a.m, EYFS & KS1: 1:30 to 3:00p.m.) 5 th Year 1 Topic Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)





		5 th - 8 th Y6 PGL Residential Visit (Date TBC by the PGL site)
13	Mon 8 th July	12 th End of Year Reports to Parents/ Carers 12 th Summer Fair (3.30p.m.)
14	Mon 15 th July	15 th Parent/ Carer Open Afternoon (3:30-5:30pm) 18 th Year 6 leavers' Assembly (8:50am) 18 th Year 6 Leavers' Disco (5:00-7:00pm) 19 th End of Summer Term
15	Mon 22 nd July	22 nd INSET day (School Closed for all Children)

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