



Oak Meadow Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023 - Issue 4

A Message from Mr. Lane...

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest collection this week and to Year 4 for their wonderful assembly. As we look forward to next week, please note that on Tuesday we will celebrate 'World Mental Health Day' and encourage the children to wear a yellow accessory to school on that day (hairbands, wristbands, badges, socks). We look forward to our Year 1 and 2 'Read with Us' workshop on Wednesday with thanks to parents and carers who have already attended the Key Stage 2 workshops in previous weeks. With the changing of the seasons, I have also included information from the NHS regarding children's illnesses and school attendance – however, hopefully we will all stay fit and well in the coming weeks and months! Take care everyone and have a great weekend.

Stars of the Week

- 1CB: Charlotte D
- 1HB: Louie T
- 2BT: Evelyn O'N
- 2H: Alyssa P
- 3C: Iris-Fleur C
- 3J: Noah S
- 4F: Emily B
- 4T: Poppy S
- 5E: Archie C
- 5H: Madisyn M
- 6H: Harry G
- 6W: Leah E

We hope the parents/ carers of the above children can join us for this Monday's assembly to celebrate their award.

Upcoming dates for the diary

10th Oct – World Mental Health Day – wear a yellow accessory!

11th Oct - Read with Us Parent/Carer Workshop for Year 1 and Year 2

19th Oct – Harvest Discos for Reception to Year 4

24th Oct – Parent/Carer Consultations (3.30pm – 7.30pm)

25th Oct – Parent/Carer Consultations (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

27th Oct – break up for Half Term

6th Nov – Children return to school

7th Nov – Wraites photographer in

8th Nov – Y5 Engagedu Computing Day

9th Nov – Remembrance assembly

Communication

Our doors are always open whenever you need us and the main office number is 01902 558517.

The school email address is oakmeadowprimarieschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Also remember to check the school website and follow us on Twitter [@oakmeadow12](https://twitter.com/oakmeadow12)

Safeguarding Information

If you have any concerns about a child, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leaders (DSL):

Mr. Arnold (Executive Headteacher);
Mr. Lane (Head of School);
Mrs. Parker-Thornton (Home/School Liaison Officer);
Miss. Tomlinson (SENDCo).



Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for making sure your child is in school every day and on time. Remember that our minimum attendance target for all children is **96%**.



Our combined whole school attendance for this week was **95%**

Make sure your child is an **Oak Meadow attendance HERO** (Here, Every day, Ready and On Time) by arriving between 8:35 and 8:45am each morning. Every minute counts over the school year:

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!

10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost!

15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost!

20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost!

30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost!

Class Attendance for this week

Reception and Key Stage 1

RB	90%
RT	88.7%
1CB	94%
1HB	98%
2BT	93.8%
2H	97.2%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 1HB – well done!



Key Stage 2

3C	94.7%
3J	95.2%
4F	97.2%
4T	96%
5E	93.8%
5H	98%
6H	98%
6W	94.8%

Attendance HERO bear winners are classes 5H and 6H – well done!



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The NHS has recently released the following guidance. We hope the information will be useful to you.

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Other illnesses

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

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Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. But if your child has tested positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test.

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

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Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has [impetigo](#), they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics.

Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

If your child has [ringworm](#), see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP.

It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has [scarlet fever](#), they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [slapped cheek syndrome](#) because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#). But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of [tonsillitis](#).

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Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have [threadworms](#).

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

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