

Oak Meadow End of Year Summer Newsletter: July 2020

September Staffing:

A reminder of our staffing for September and the new school year. Please note that Miss Higgott is now Mrs Bristow and Miss Gough, Mrs Brain.

Dear Parents/ Carers.

Reflecting on this school year, I am sure your thoughts mirror ours about the memorable nature of the year and the impact COVID-19 has had upon our children's learning and social, emotional and physical development. We recall all the fun and meaningful events we have missed as a result of school closure which we had planned in our school calendar, events such as the Easter performance, Sports Day, Summer Fair and in particular, the celebrations and commemorative events wishing our Year 6 Leavers our best wishes for their continuing learning journeys. We will remember 2020 for lots of reasons, particularly the closing of school to all but critical workers' children.

Whilst thinking about events we have been unable to lead and celebrate, we do however, recall the successes of this year: our charity fundraising for The Good Shepherd; class assemblies and Christmas performances within the autumn and part spring term; our Magnificent Christmas Winterland Fair and the unforgettable, monumental success of The University of Oak Meadow Week. I am still able to recall the animated, spirited energy of the children within each of the faculties and their tangible enthusiasm and enjoyment, which was clear to see. It is therefore with these memories that propel us to look forward to September when we can welcome all our children back to school; we have missed everyone and look forward once again to 'aspiring to make a difference'.



Class RT: Miss Thwaites

Class RB: Mrs Bristow

Support Staff: Mrs Malia, Mrs Bradney and
Mr Godwin

Class 1B: Miss Billingsley

Class 1T: Miss Tomlinson

Support Staff: Mrs Welsh, Mrs Sadler and Mrs
Lakin-Jones

Class 2T: Miss Tolley

Class 2H: Miss Hague

Support Staff: Mrs Guy and Mrs Cooke

Class 3C: Mr Clarkson

Class 3P: Miss Parry

Support Staff: Mrs Mincher, Mr Godwin and
Miss Brown

Class 4F: Miss Findlay

Class 4B: Miss Bates

Support Staff: Mrs Baker and Miss Perry

Class 5CL: Miss Challenor/ Mr Lane

Class 5J: Miss Johnston

Support Staff: Mrs Hardwick-Dawson

Class 6B: Mrs Brain

Class 6W: Mrs Worrallo

Support Staff: Mrs Chapman and Mrs Holyhead

Funsters/ Breakfast Club

May we respectfully ask parents/ carers to pre-book Funsters sessions by calling the School Office to check place availability. Both Breakfast Club and Funsters attendance is strictly on a pre-pay system only.

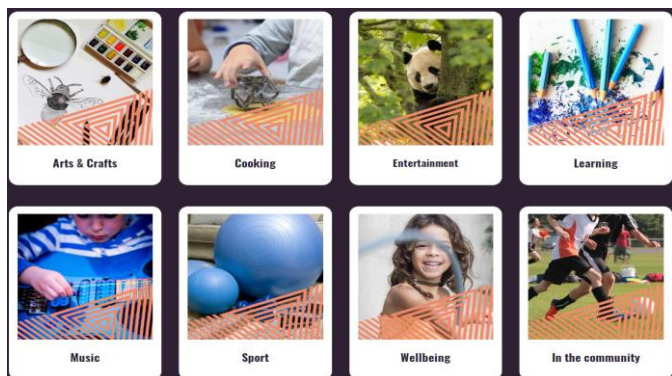
From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...



#WVHOLIDAYSQUAD

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Ian Brookfield, has asked all schools to signpost parents/ carers to the WV Holiday Squad. The Summer Squad was launched last year, offering hundreds of holiday activities and events for children and young people provided by organisations across Wolverhampton. It proved so popular that the WV Holiday Squad has become a regular fixture during not just the summer holidays, but other ones too. Please access the following website for further details:

<http://www.wvholidaysquad.co.uk/>



Many of the activities are provided free of charge.

Goodbye and Thank You...

At the end of the term, we say goodbye to a number of staff members whilst welcoming new members to our team.

Miss Kaur, who has been one of our Year 4 teachers this year, leaves us and we thank her and wish her well as she prepares to get married this month and undertake new work in Shropshire.

Mr Benjamin, who has been our Sports Plus coach for many years, also leaves us and we thank him for his commitment and support in leading our PE teaching and learning within school.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Fulford, who leaves us to pursue new working opportunities. Mrs Fulford has been one of our Funsters managers and a lunchtime assistant; we thank her for valuable support to our school.



Oak Meadow Football Squad

Congratulations to this year's football team, who under the direction, guidance and support from Mr Clarkson and Mr Godwin, have won the local area's league. Further congratulations must also be shared as it is the second year running the trophy has been awarded to Oak Meadow. I extend my thanks to the team members who have led us to victory for the last two years and widen my thanks and proudness to:

Year 5: Joseph, Kaiden, Theo, Liam, Joshua, Jobi and Ethan.

Year 6: Taran, Luca, Joshua, Alfie, Kylan and Nana.

We wish all our Year 6 footballers continuing enjoyment and success in their love of playing football in their new prospective schools. To our Year 5 footballers, we also look forward to continuing success for us to become hat-trick winners!

Black Country Commitment Award for PE & School Sport

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This is to certify

Oak Meadow Primary School

is awarded **EXCELLENT** status in commitment shown to PE and School Sport 2019 – 2020

Nicky Spittle

School Games Organiser



I write with tremendous proudness of our recent award of 'excellence' – awarded by Active Black Country.



I thank all staff for their contribution to PE and to Miss Gough and Miss Thwaites for their inspiring leadership.



Year 6 Leavers

I write wistfully thinking about our 2020 Year 6 Leavers and the celebrations we have been unable to lead given COVID-19. Year 6 staff, including Miss Challenor and I, met with most of our Year 6 parents, carers and children on Monday and shared with them commemorative videos, gifts and our very best wishes for their move to secondary school. We thank parents and carers for the sharing of their time on this day.

As with all other children, Year 6 have shown tremendous resilience this year, particularly in their return to school this term on their scheduled days. We wish them much success as they look forward to embarking upon the next stage of their learning journeys.

Receiving secondary schools are very lucky to be welcoming our Year 6 children for I know that they will take with them their energy, enthusiasm and motivation and apply them to their new learning. Goodbye and good luck Year 6!

Full Reopening of Schools: September 2020

As a staff, whilst looking forward to the summer holidays where school will be fully closed, we look forward to the new school year and to welcoming our new prospective Reception children and parents and all our other children and families to the new school year.

Whilst we remain living with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government continues to guide us in all operational procedures, which encompasses arrangements for September time.

Please look out for my further letter, which will be sent out on Friday detailing our plans for September. The information will build upon the letter I sent out last week informing you of the Government's plans for the full reopening of schools.

School Dinners for Key Stage 2 pupils.

School meals cost will increase to £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week. As stipulated by our catering providers, school dinners must be paid for in advance of the week. It is possible to opt for school meals on certain days of the week but we would ask you to let us know on Mondays which days your child is staying and make payments accordingly. Payment should be made via ParentPay only.

School Uniform: A reminder of our school uniform expectations...summer uniform can be worn until Friday 23rd October. Following the half term holiday, winter uniform must be worn. School shirts must be apple green in colour with collars for wearing a school tie. Black shoes must also be worn; trainers or footwear with a second colour on them are not permitted. In preparation for both September and the wearing of winter uniform, can I respectfully ask that all items are named. If you wish your child to return to school in their winter uniform to avoid additional expenditure, they can do so if this helps you.

2020 – 2021 School Term-Time Dates

Autumn Term:

Tuesday 1st September – Friday 23rd October 2020

Half Term – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2020

Spring Term:

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February 2021

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2021

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term:

Monday 19th April 2- Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021

Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July 2021

EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS

Term Time Holidays

Please note, holidays during term time are discouraged and will incur a fine unless circumstances are deemed "exceptional" by the Headteacher and Governors.

...and finally, we invite you to access the following link whereby you will see members of staff looking forward to September to seeing everyone safe and well: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZMkEGM5gZ8&t=5s>



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