

End of Summer Term '19 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week I have chatted to many of you at the start and end of the day about the speed at which this school year has passed by—it has indeed flown by.

As per usual our children-your children, have been amazing and we thank you for all the support you have shown this school year. It's been a busy one and an exciting one! We have organised and celebrated: A Million Dreams Art Week and Gallery; Science Workshops and University graduation ceremonies; Year 2, 4 and 6 residential; Dance Fest; Discos; More Heroes Needed; Fun on the Field, as well as special reading and maths themed days, class assemblies, music assemblies and lots more. With each and every event, your support has been gratefully received. Thank you.

End of Year Assessment Outcomes

It is appropriate at this time to share with you our standards and outcomes for 2018—2019

Reception

The proportion of children achieving a Good Level of Development are those achieving at least the expected level within the areas of: communication and language; physical development; personal, social and emotional development; literacy and mathematics.

	School	L.A.	National
GLD	88%	69.5%	71.5%

The following data refers to the proportion of children achieving Early Learning Goal 2 (expected standard) in reading, writing and number:

	School	National
Reading	90%	77%
Writing	90%	73.7%
Number	93%	79.6%

Year 1 Phonic Screen Check Results

School	L.A.	National
90%	81.4%	82%

Key Stage One Results

	School		L.A.		National	
	Expected Standard	Greater Depth	Expected Standard	Greater Depth	Expected Standard	Greater Depth
Reading	80%	25%	75%	22%	76%	26%
Writing	78%	13%	69%	14%	70%	16%
Mathematics	86%	23%	75%	19%	76%	22%

Key Stage Two Results

	School		L.A.		National	
	Expected Standard	Greater Depth	Expected Standard	Greater Depth	Expected Standard	Greater Depth
Reading	95%	46%	70%	24%	73%	27%
Writing	84%	23%	77%	20%	78%	20%
Mathematics	75%	28%	74%	27%	79%	27%

School Uniform

A reminder of our school expectations.... summer uniform can be worn until Friday 25th 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. Thank you.

Parent Workshops

This year we have organised many parent/carer workshops and have endeavoured wherever possible to offer them both in a morning, afternoon or twilight session. However, given your commitments, attendance has been low so therefore, next year you will receive invitations to work alongside your child/ren within their class where current pedagogy can be directly shared. We are also aware of giving you enough notice of these events and so you will receive a list of school events for the whole year in September.

Funsters/ Breakfast Club

May we ask all parents to ensure that all accounts are brought up to date with all balances being clear by 27th July. The cost for Breakfast Club will increase to £2.20 per day from September.



School Dinners for Key Stage 2 pupils.

School meals cost £2.20 per day, £11.00 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.



Holidays during term time

Please note that holidays during term time are discouraged and **will** incur a fine unless circumstances are deemed “exceptional” by the Headteacher and Governors.

Fun on the Field

The total sum raised was £1886.22. This is a terrific sum and all the money will go into our School Fund which supports the purchasing of consumable items, food items and equipment which supports our year groups' teaching and learning. I thank you most sincerely for your support. Please look out in the new school year for our invitation to join a planning meeting for our 'Christmas Wonderland Experience'.

Start of the Autumn Term

Governors have recently approved our planning of INSET Days in September and this year, Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September will be INSET Days. Therefore, school will commence for all children on Wednesday 4th September. Children must be in class by 8:55 am as the statutory register is called. Please support this by ensuring your children arrive punctually and are ready to start the day at 8:55 am in the classroom. Thank you.

We are also changing the doors by which some children exit at the end of the day. Therefore, starting on Wednesday 4th September, Year 5 will exit via the door between Year 1 and 2 classrooms and Year 6 will exit via the door next to the main entrance door. This will eliminate congestion and provide a safer handing over of children to you. For Year 6 children who walk home on their own, a letter of authorisation must be signed and returned to school in September.

Summer Squad Programme

I have been asked to help spread the message about a new "Summer Squad" programme of activities. Working together, city partners have planned over 200 events and activities for children and young people to enjoy the city this summer. I have been advised that many are free or cost just a few pounds. Information can be accessed via the Summer Squad website www.summersquad.co.uk.



Year 6 Leavers

With only one more day to go, we prepare to say good-bye to our current Year 6. We have enjoyed their Leavers' performance and with their disco and BBQ this evening, they only have one more day to spend gathering autographs and best wishes from all at Oak Meadow. We wish them every best wish for their futures and as I shared in my leaving speech to them, I remind them of our motto, 'From tiny acorns, mighty oaks grow', and within the acronym of acorns, I wish them:

A ~ ambition to be the best they can be;

C ~ continued curiosity to support them on their learning journey;

O ~ outstanding achievements within their lives;

R ~ resilience in facing new challenges;

N ~ a nurturing to enable them to develop as caring, responsible citizens and

S ~ success.

Thank you Year 6 You have been memorable.

From tiny acorns **mighty oaks** grow...



Staff Leavers

Finally, I extend goodbyes and all best wishes to our staff leavers and wish them well as they embark on new challenges and adventures: Mr Horton, Mrs Clare, Mrs Cunliffe, Mrs Booth and Mrs Rogers. We thank them for their tremendous support to our children and school and will miss them. They leave fond memories behind. Mr Horton has worked at Oak Meadow for 6 years and in that time has built excellent relationships with you or has developed further relationships having taught some of you many years ago in his former role at Perry Hall. Mr. Horton writes:

I would to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the children and parents I have worked with over the last 6 years. It has been a privilege to teach such a lovely group of children. I love the confidence and the personalities of our children at Oak Meadow and I wish all the children well on their continuing educational journey. I will miss their smiles, friendly greetings and their boundless energy. I hope they will always remember their early years experience at Oak Meadow with affection. Thank you once again and good luck in the future.

Finally, on behalf of all Governors and staff,, I wish you a happy, relaxed and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to welcoming all our children back to school safe and well on Wednesday 4th September.

Warmest regards, Mr Arnold