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Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the new half-term. I trust you are all safe and well having enjoyed a restful holiday with the children last week. I know how valuable time as a family is and I hope you shared in some memorable experiences together as we now look forward to a happy half-term in school with the thought of ever-warmer weather, longer days of sunlight and the new growth of springtime in the days, weeks and months ahead!

The second page of this letter outlines arrangements for a number of whole school events that are on the horizon as well as including year group specific activities to support your planning. We have a busy few weeks scheduled before the Easter holiday so I want to make sure you are as well informed as possible knowing that if there are any changes to the diary, you will be swiftly notified as well as additional letters that may be sent regarding some activities.

I have also included an up to date overview of Year group staff for your information detailing teachers and support staff below:

Year	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
Reception: RT and RB	Miss Z. Thwaites and Miss A. Blunt	Mrs S. Bradney, Mrs S. Hannon, Mrs E. Sadler, Mrs A. Perry and Miss K. Homer
Year 1: 1CB and 1HB	Mrs C. Bristow and Mrs H. Brain	Mrs. Lakin-Jones, Mrs D. Mincher and Miss. Braham
Year 2: 2H and 2BT	Miss E. Hague, Miss F. Billingsley, Miss K. Tomlinson and Miss C. Tolley	Mrs J. Foster, Miss Mears and Mrs K. Mills
Year 3: 3C and 3J	Mr D. Clarkson, Miss J Johnston and Mrs T. Welsh	Mrs N. Malia and Mrs L Clitheroe
Year 4: 4T and 4F	Mr M. Trott and Miss A. Findlay	Mrs S. Baker (HLTA), Mrs L. Hassell, Mrs K. Bennett and Mrs L. Head
Year 5: 5H and 5BC	Mrs B. Holmes, Miss H. Bates and Mrs T. Chapman	Mr A. Godwin
Year 6: 6W and 6H	Mrs E. Worrallo and Mr J. Hartland	Mrs D. Hardwick-Dawson (HLTA), Mrs V. Cooke and Ms S. Nicholls
Sports Coach	Mr R. Benton	

We welcome a new member of support staff this week as Miss. Homer joins our Reception team. Miss. Homer's arrival will see Mrs. Mincher move into Year 1 and Miss. Mills transition to Year 2. We also welcomed Mrs. Clitheroe to Year 3 shortly before half-term with Mrs. Head now taking up a new position in Year 4. As Miss. Tomlinson approaches her maternity leave in May, Miss. Tolley has returned from her own and will ensure a seamless transition for the children in 2BT working alongside Miss. Billingsley. Mrs. Holmes has already started a handover process with Miss. Tomlinson as she will fulfil the role of SENDCo in her absence. Finally, I would like to announce the appointment of Miss. Thwaites to the school leadership team. I am delighted with her acceptance of the role to lead EYFS and Year 1 as well as children's personal development school wide. The strength of the Oak Meadow staff team, and their unwavering desire for every child to achieve their very best, is a privilege to lead and work alongside. I am thankful for their continued hard work and dedication to our school.

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...



As stated on the previous page, please find below details of key events I have put together for this half-term. I have made the font for whole school events '**bold**' and included additional details where appropriate:

#### Week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – All children return to school.**
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Year 1 library visits begin.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Year 4 swimming starts. As detailed in letters from Year groups before half-term, Year 4 will now swim on a Friday until the end of the school year instead of Year 5.

#### Week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Reception and Year 1 dental checks.
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Computing Day with Engagedu.
- **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February – World Book Day at Oak Meadow.**  
**Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for the day as well as bringing in their choice of book to share with friends. Please note this is a week earlier than the nationally publicised date to ensure inclusion for every child at Oak Meadow with Year 4 away at their residential the following week.**

#### Week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Whole school assessment week.**
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 residential visit to Condoval Hall (returning Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March).
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – The School Book Fair arrives for the next week (until Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March).**
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Reception's Mothers' Day assembly – Families of Reception children welcome.

#### Week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March

- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – National Science Week begins. There will be themed activities linked to time and coding taking place across school on this day.**
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evenings. Letters will be sent shortly to arrange time slots with class teachers.**
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Times Tables Rockstars International Maths Day.**  
Children are invited to dress up as a 'Rock star' for the day to celebrate maths across the globe and 'rock out' in a variety of number related activities within their class.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 'Love of Reading' assembly – Families of Year 4 children welcome.
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day at Oak Meadow.**  
Children are welcome to wear their red noses along with a non-uniform theme of red, red and more red for the day! We are suggesting a voluntary contribution of £1 per child to raise money for the national fundraising cause.

#### Week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Years 1, 2 and 3 Parent/ Carer Workshops. At 8:50am, the parents/ carers of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 are invited into the school hall for a short presentation before the opportunity to work alongside their child in a morning maths lesson. Anticipated end time of 10:15am.
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Years 4, 5 and 6 Parent/ Carer Workshops. At 8:50am, the parents/ carers of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited into the school hall for a short presentation before the opportunity to work alongside their child in a morning maths lesson. Anticipated end time of 10:15am.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 5's Easter assembly – Families of Year 5 children welcome.
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3:15pm – End of the Spring Term. Children return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.**



I have also included the calendar of events for the Summer term at the end of this letter for notable days and dates following the Easter holiday.

Finally, the half-term holiday saw the removal of the main slide on the Key Stage 2 playground following advice from health and safety experts. This has been part of the Oak Meadow landscape for many years and although a gap has been left where it once stood, I can see a positive opportunity ahead with children always speaking to me about innovations they would like our playground to include alongside feedback and analysis from our whole school pupil survey in December...watch this space!

Thank you - as always - for your on-going support and partnership working hand-in-hand with us to help your child progress and enjoy all of the opportunities provided. Please feel free to speak with either myself, Miss. Billingsley, the school office or your child's teacher if you have any other questions or queries at all.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Lane (Interim Head of School).

### **Calendar of Events - Summer Term 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)

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



		13 <sup>th</sup> Local Governing Board Meeting
10	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> World Music Day
11	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	24 <sup>th</sup> Whole School Assessment Week 28 <sup>th</sup> Year 2 Topic Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am)
12	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July	4 <sup>th</sup> Sports Day (KS2: 9:15 to 11:30a.m, EYFS & KS1: 1:30 to 3:00p.m.) 5 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 Topic Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Y6 PGL Residential Visit (Date TBC by the PGL site)
13	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> July	12 <sup>th</sup> End of Year Reports to Parents/ Carers 12 <sup>th</sup> Summer Fair (3.30p.m.)
14	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	15 <sup>th</sup> Parent/ Carer Open Afternoon (3:30-5:30pm) 18 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 leavers' Assembly (8:50am) 18 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Leavers' Disco (5:00-7:00pm) 19 <sup>th</sup> End of Summer Term
15	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	22 <sup>nd</sup> INSET day (School Closed for all Children)

