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Friday 31st January 2025

Hello everyone and HAPPY FRIDAY!

Hope you have all had a good week, we certainly have here at Oakwood!

Super Swimming

Our Year 5 cohort have begun their 3 weeks' worth swimming coaching at the Life centre. The children have certainly enjoyed this experience and are looking forward to honing their skills in the coming weeks.

Year of the Snake

Chinese NEW year has been celebrated across the school this week, as you may have seen from our Facebook page the children have enjoyed learning about Chinese customs and culture.

Parent Forum

We held our second parent forum meeting on Tuesday this week, thank you to all those that attended. We discussed points raised at the previous meeting and everyone had the opportunity to ask questions and view opinions with the Senior Leadership Team. We value these opportunities for feedback and will hold our next parent form before the Easter break on Tuesday 1st April. I realise that this is April Fool's Day, but I can assure you I'm not joking, and I look forward to welcoming you all on the 1st April.

Trust Leadership visit

Mrs Nettleship, our Trust CEO, and Mrs Clark, our Director of Education, have spent a significant amount of time at Oakwood Primary over recent weeks. They have been in classrooms, observing teaching and learning, talking to pupils and giving feedback to staff and the Senior Leadership team. On the whole, these were positive visits and there is much to be pleased about at Oakwood Primary.

As a school, we will continue to act upon feedback and information to ensure consistency of approach and so we can continue on our journey of improvement.

Please continue to check our diary dates section on this newsletter, we've got a busy few weeks coming up!

Enjoy your weekend, Mr Arnold and the Oakwood Team.

Diary Dates to Remember

Monday 3rd-Friday 14th February

Tuesday 4th February
NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th February

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

THURSDAY 6TH - ALL IN PE KIT FOR CIRCUITS FRIDAY 7TH- PJ DAY

Tuesday 11th February
EYFS WOW SPACE DAY!

17th Feb to 21st Feb HALF TERM

MONDAY 3rd March

CAREERS DAY & DRESS UP

RECEPTION AND YEAR 6
PUPILS HEIGHT & WEIGHT
MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME

Week of 3rd March
PARENTS AFTERNOON/EVENING

Thursday 6th March WORLD BOOK DAY

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

7th April to 21st April EASTER BREAK

Monday 5th May MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Sunday 11th May SCHOOLS MARATHON CHALLENGE

26th May to 30th May
HALF TERM
Wednesday 4th June
EYFS AQUARIUM TRIP
Monday 30th June
NON PUPIL DAY

Family Support Network



Mrs J Chubb Assistant Head of School

Deputy Designated Oakwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding

Safeguarding

Education and Curriculum

Behaviour

Family Support

Service Families



Mrs Fliss Lock INCO

SEND Support

SEND and behavioursupport for parents

> School Nurse Referrals

DLA Applications

GP letters



Mr P Arnold Senior Head of School

Designated Oakwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding

Family Support

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Celebrating Chinese New Year at Oakwood! Year of the Snake

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This week, our school was filled with excitement as we celebrated Chinese New Year 2025 with a variety of fun activities! Children learned about the traditions and meanings behind the festival, created beautiful lanterns and snake crafts, practiced Chinese numbers, and even tried some traditional Chinese foods in the canteen. It was a fantastic way to explore a new culture and enjoy a joyful celebration together. Happy Chinese New Year!















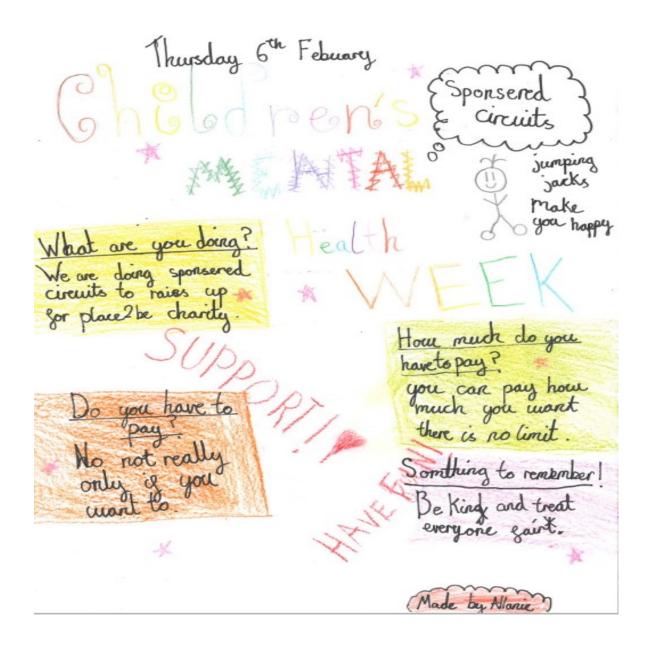
Foundation have been making lanterns, writing their names using Chinese symbols and they have also had a role play Chinese restaurant where they have been using chopsticks











We are proud to be taking part in Children's Mental Health week this year. Across this week, all children will be taking part in discussions in their classrooms to learn more about this. We have also enlisted the help of our School Champions and Happiness Heroes, who have decided that they would like to fundraise for Place2Be. This charity uses the money to help children and families across the country.

Thursday 6th February- Children are asked to wear PE kits so all children can have a go at completing circuits and asking those at home to sponsor them.

Friday 7th February- Pyjama Day

If you would like to sponsor a child or donate towards this charity, we kindly ask for any donations via our JustGiving page (no physical money please). To make this accessible to everyone, as even a small donation would be amazing, we ask these to be anonymous if possible. Oakwood Primary Academy Plymouth is fundraising for Place2Be.

We are so grateful to those who have donated already!

Space Day!

Tuesday 11th February



Brahms class are having a space themed WOW day.

As part of this, the children can come to school dressed as something linked to space.

Throughout the day they will participate in a range of space themed activities including going for a "walk on the moon" and tasting space food!

Plymouth and District Junior Netball League

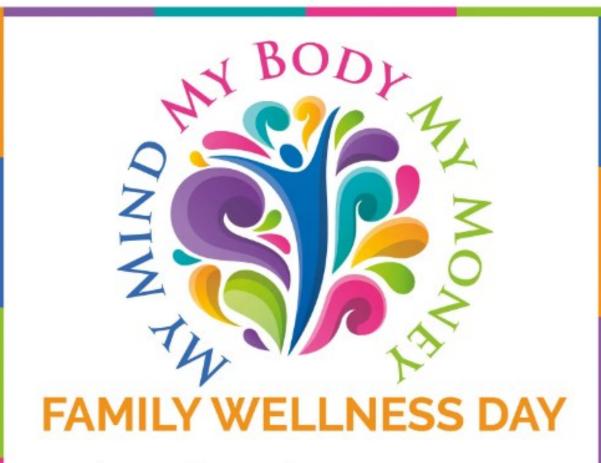
Devonport Royal Dockyard Sport & Social Club





Would your child like to try a new sport?

Junior Netball League are
offering FREE Taster netball
sessions for Boys and Girls in
years 3-6 who don't currently
belong to a netball club.
Boys 10-11.15 GIRLS 11.30-12.45,
Plymouth Life Centre, Saturday
1st February.
Please email
pdjnlenquiries@gmail.com to
book your place, and see why it is
one of the biggest sports for girls
in the UK and one of the biggest
growing for boys ©



Saturday 8 February from 10.30am to 2.30pm at Plymouth Life Centre

Join us for a wellness day for families in Plymouth. The focus of the day is supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families.

A range of organisations will be present to provide guidance and advice, alongside engaging activities such as dance, yoga, wrestling, and a bouncy castle.

Scan the QR code to book a space and view the full timetable of activities.









For ages 4

Derriford Church







Come along on:

£1 per family

Friday 10th January Friday 7th February Friday 7th March

3.45 - 5:30pm

Arts & Craft

Games

Bible Stories

Food

@ Derriford Church Powisland Drive Plymouth, PL6 6AB





Family members are welcome to join us!
Refreshments provided



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DAZZLE DANCE

DANCE YOUR WAY TO FAMILY FITNESS!



Ballet for Kids

Mondays & Thursdays - 16:00 - 17:00 (age 4 to 6) and 17:00 - 18:00 (age 7 to 12) Dance fitness and every other Monday Belly Dance Mondays -18:00 (Adults) Stretch & Tone & Belly Dance for All Ages Thursdays - 18:00 - 19:00 Stretch & Tone and every other Thursday Belly Dance

Woolwell centre
Contact Information: Mobile:
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Email:

amerissa2024@outlook.com











LUNCH MENU

Ham and cheese paninis are on the menu week commencing 4/11/2024 this will run alongside the new menu as a daily choice.

We have colours choices on parent pay,
Purple -cheese and tomato
orange -ham and tomato
It consists of half a panini with nachos.





WEEK 1

W/C - MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER, 25TH NOVEMEBER, 16TH DECEMBER, 20TH JANUARY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 10TH MARCH, 31ST MARCH WEDNESDAY

MUNDAI	L
CHOICE1 - H, W, V,	
Margherita pizza with	

potato wedges Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So), (Mi), m/c (E)

CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE

Katerveg meatballs

served with

homemade tomato

sauce & pasta

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So)

CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE

Chicken curry with rice

Chickpea & sweetcorn burger served in a bun

with potato wedges

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi, (So)

TUESDAY

CHOICE 2 - H, W

All day breakfast choose from meat or

climate friendly option Meat Option Allergens (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)

Climate Friendly Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)

CHOICE 2 - H, V Golden pastry topped

THURSDAY

CHOICE 1- H

Roast chicken, Yorkshire

pudding, gravy and

roast potatoes

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh,)(Mi), (E)

vegetable pie, gravy & roast potato

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Ce)

FRIDAY

CHOICE1 - H Homemade breaded haddock fillet served with fresh chips

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)

CHOICE 2 - H, V

Tangy cheese, quinoa & vegetable muffin served with fresh chips

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi)

SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW



DESSERT - V, VE Fruit Salad

DESSERT - H, W, V **Butternut** and date cake

Glu)(Wh), (E)

DESSERT - H, V, VE

Cornish fairing biscuits and fruit slices

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh) S DESSERT - H, V, VE

Fruit platter or Yoghurt

Allergens: (SU), (Mi)

OESSERT - H, W, V, VE

Fruity cornflake tart with custard

(Wh), (Bar)







W/C - MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER, 2ND DECEMBER, 6TH JANUARY, 27TH JANUARY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 17TH MARCH

THURSDAY FRIDAY MONDAY WEDNESDAY CHOICE 1 - H. W CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE CHOICE1-H CHOICE 1 - H CHOICE 1 Roast beef, Yorkshire Baked bean and Katerveg mince Chicken chow mein Fish fingers served sausage pasta bake chilli and rice pudding, gravy and with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Se), (So) roast potatoes Allergens: (So) Allergens: (Glu), (Wh) Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F) Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E) CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE CHOICE 2 - V, VE CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE CHOICE 2 - H, W, V CHOICE 2 - H. V Vegetable sausage, Quorn dippers with Tasty cheese wheels Roast Quorn fillet, Homemade cheese gravy and roast seasoned potato with herby diced mash and gravy and tomato quiche wedges potato potatoes served with fresh chips Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Ce) Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Bar) Allergens: (Glu), (Wh) Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu) Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Mi) SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW DESSERT - H, V, VE DESSERT - V, VE DESSERT -H, V, VE DESSERT - H, W, V DESSERT - H, V Fruit Salad Fruity flapjack Westcountry Fruit Platter Zesty cake root cake with custard Allergens: (Glu), (O) Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E), (Su), (Mi), m/c (Bar) Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E) m/c (Mi), (Bar) (So) m/c (Wh), (Bar) AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT



WEEK 3

W/C - MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 9TH DECEMBER, 13TH JANUARY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 3RD MARCH, 24TH MARCH

MONDAY CHOICE 1- H, W

Beef cobbler served with mash and gravy

Allergens: (Glu)(Wh) m/c (Mi)(Bar)

WEDNESDAY TUESDAY

> CHOICE 1 - H, V, VE Tasty Katerveg bolognaise with garlic bread & pasta

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (So) m/c (Se)

THURSDAY

CHOICE 1-H Roast gammon loin, Yorkshire Pudding, gravy & roast potatoes

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E)

FRIDAY CHOICE 1-H

Homemade fish cakes served with fresh chips

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (F), (E)

CHOICE 2 - H. V

Crispy samosa with rice Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (E)

CHOICE 2 - V. VE

Quorn nuggets with diced potato

CHOICE1 - H

Chicken paella

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)

CHOICE1-H. V

Creamy macaroni cheese with garlic bread

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (Mu) m/c(Se)

CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE

Golden crisp topped shepherds pie, gravy & roast potatoes

Allergens: m/c (Glu), (Wh), (Bar)

CHOICE 2 - V, VE

Quorn fingers served with fresh chips

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)

SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE / TUNA MAYONNAISE / COLESLAW

DESSERT - V VE

Fruit salad

DESSERT - H. V Orange honey cake

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh), (Mi), (E)

DESSERT - H, V, VE

Custard biscuits with fruit slices

Allergens: (Glu), (Wh)

DESSERT - H, V, VE

Fruit Platter

Allergens: (So)

DESSERT - H. W. V

Chocolate cake with chocolate sauce

Allergens: (Glu)(Wh)(E)(Mi) m/c(Bar)

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD BAR / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT



NOVEMBER

BONFIRE NIGHT (TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER)

Hotdogs with seasoned wedges, Warming chilli and rice, Jacket potatoes with bonfire beans and cheese, Toffee apple cake and custard



CHRISTMAS LUNCH (SEE YOUR SCHOOL FOR DATE)

See your schools poster for the full Christmas menu and date



SIX NATIONS (FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY)

Fish fillet and chips or pasta, Cheese and leek plait, served with French green beans and carrots, Melting moments



(MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY)

Winnie the Pooh honey chicken with seasoned wedges and coleslaw, Kung Fu Panda stir fried noodles with veg, Paddington Bear marmalade cake



INTER. SCHOOL MEAL DAY

(THURSDAY 13TH MARCH)

Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, Italian Frittata, Lamington tray bake, Salad bar includes Swedish beetroot and apple salad





STAY UP TO DATE: 1 fo







At CATERed, we pride ourselves that the majority of the food we serve is cooked from scratch every day, making Ed's lunchtime menu truly awesome! Because we use fresh, local, seasonal and organic ingredients we're also supporting local growers, farmers and the regional economy whilst we keep an eye on our eco-footprint.

We use:-

- Locally caught and landed Pollock and Mackeral
- Free range eggs (including in our mayonnaise)
- Westcountry milk
- Westcountry yoghurts
- · Organic herbs
- No fried food
- Fairtrade sugar
- · Wholemeal flour
- Seasonal fresh vegetables and fruit (which may vary due to availability)

Please visit our pages at www.catered.org.uk

UIFSM: All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a FREE school meal every day regardless of household circumstances. This is called universal infant free school meals. So you can come in and have a great tasting meal every day and pay Ed nothing!

We encourage everyone to take up this free offer!

FSM: If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child under aged 7 and for older children, information about free school meals can be found by following the link to Free School Meals within the CATERed webpages or by calling the FSM team on $01752\,307410^\circ$. Eligibility for FSM also provides schools with additional income via the Pupil Premium.

We encourage everyone one who's eligible to take up this free offer!

If you are buying a meal, one of Ed's Super Fantastic two course meals including a drink currently costs £2.75.

For a full allergen breakdown please contact us at catering@catered.org.uk, let us know what school your child attends so we can talk through the menu offer currently at that school.

Mandatory Food Standards apply to all school lunches details can be found by following the link from our pages or by visiting http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/











We want to know what you think about our food so if you have any questions, comments or want to send us some recipe ideas contact us on 01752 977166 or by email catering@catered.org.uk

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Plymouth Family Hubs MONTHLY UPDATE









Brainwaves Free mental health resources for secondary schools

Click <u>here</u> for more information





For more information on support for cost of living click <u>here</u>

Plymouth Family Hubs Autumn
Timetable



Scan the QR code above or click <u>here</u> to view our Autumn term timetable

Parenting Courses



For more information on our parenting courses across the city click <u>here</u>



Lark Children's Cetre (North Prospect Emerging Family Hub) are currently working on plans to move into a new centre in North Prospect. Whilst this transition is underway, we continue to offer a service and will be operating temporarily out of St James The Less Church Hall. This is next door to our previous Ham Drive delivery space, to ensure our community can still access us with ease.

Whilst work is underway to prepare our new building, we may have some changes to our programme and group services, however we are still accepting referrals and will continue to deliver our service during this transition period. We are looking forward to launching our new family hub in the new year!

For more information, or for enquiries about Lark please contact 01752 313293.











Plymouth Family Hubs MONTHLY UPDATE

December 2024



COMMUNICATION - CARING DAD'S PROGRAMME

Caring Dads is a 17-week FREE to agency and attendees programme designed for Dad's who acknowledge they need to change their behaviour towards their partner (or ex-partner) and children who they are having contact with.

What are the programme aims?

- · Help Dad's improve their relationship with their children.
- · End controlling, abusive and neglectful behaviours with relationships.

Criteria for the programme:

- · Dad is to be having at least weekly contact with child/ren.
 - · No previous sexual offences
 - · Abstaining from using alcohol and other substances

Referrer needs to remain involved with the Dad throughout the programme or take responsibility for constructively passing the case o to another case holder, for at least the remainder of the group.

· We cannot work with men in total denial. Most men are likely to minimise, deny, blame etc. we can consider a man for assessment if he regrets some of his actions and accepts, he needs to change something.

What is required of Referrers?

- · Talk with the Dad and encourage his interest.
- · Ensure you can identify some realistic positive outcomes for the mother and children from the Dad's participation in the programme.
- · Agree that you will retain responsibility for the Dad throughout the programme or ensure that some other person/agency will take on that role.

Attend a pre assessment interview with the Dad and a Caring Dad's facilitator, a mid-way meeting and one at the end of the programme • Engage with us over you experience of the programme and inform us of any ways we need to improve.

When: Course starts on Thursday 6th February 2025 Course Finishes on Thursday 29th May 2025

Where: Manor Street Children's Centre, Stonehouse, Plymouth, PL1 1TL

Closing Dates for referrals will be the Friday 17th January 2025.

Any further questions please contact Francesca.green@actionforchildren.org.uk















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7Stars Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,500 for registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £1.5 million across the UK to deliver projects and activities that support young people aged 16 years and under across the priority themes of abuse, addiction, child carers, and homelessness.

Apply for funding here



Plymouth City Council has received funding from the Department for Education to coordinate a city-wide holiday activity and food programme during the 2024 Easter, summer and Christmas holidays to primarily support families with children who receive benefit related free school meals.

For more information please click here



Free Family Activities

Family Swim National Marine Aquarium



Ice Skating **Tenpin Bowling**





Only for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals

Enquire now at www.plymouth.gov.uk/fitandfed

Email getactive@plymouthactive.co.uk













lymouth Family Hubs

MONTHLY UPDĂTE

December 2024



Neurodiversity Fun Day Reserve your tickets at Eventbrite -Neurodiversity Fun Day- Plymouth AMOAZE HOUSE GEORGE STREET MOUNTWIS PLYMOUTH PL14JQ January EMAZDAD RAFFLE QUIZ BASKETBALL PRINCESSES

Clare Young - Community Support Worker, CYP&F Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team Please see the link below for our free Family Fun Day in January.

Book a space here

My Mind, My Body, My Money -A Family Wellbeing event



Saturday 8 February Plymouth Life Centre 10.30 to 2.30

Find out and experience some of the amazing services available to children, young people and families across Plymouth.

Workforce Development - Support for Young People Worried about their sexual behaviour -SHORE

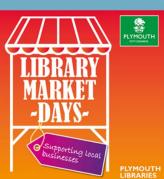


Click here to join the meeting

16th January 2024 4-5pm

Libraries news





Plymouth Libraries will be hosting three Library Market Days in December: St Budeaux Library - Tuesday 3 December, 10am to 4pm Plymstock Library - Friday 6 December, 10am to 2pm Plymstock Library - Tuesday 17 December, 10am to 2pm During these events, you can expect to find a variety of local and small businesses, a library book sale, festive

Library Market Days

coffee mornings and craft activities for children and families. To find out more click here

Christmas activities in libraries We have some exciting festive activities happening in libraries over the next few weeks including coffee mornings, carol singing, craft activities and even a sprout themed treasure hunt!

We are also delighted to announce that Santa with be making an appearance at some of our

Rhymetimes!

Browse our online calendar to discover free, fun, festive events and activities happening at your local library and to check Santa's timetable!

To find out more click here











Any parents who missed the consenting process and still wish their child to have the flu vaccine, please ask them to call us on 01392 342 678 and we will complete a consent form over the phone and refer them to book into one of our community clinics to be vaccinated.



School Trip payment reminders

Nethercott Farm

Further instalment payment of £50 due 31/01/2025 Please contact the school office if you require any assistance. Thank you.

London Trip

Further instalment payment of £50 due by 31/01/2025. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance. Thank you.

PGL 2025

Further instalment payment of £30 due by 31/01/2025. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance. Thank you.

Free School Meals

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive the following benefits:-

- Universal Credit, Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance,
- Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance,
- Guaranteed Credit element of Pension
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to either apply on-line through the Plymouth City Council website or contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a

Please do not confuse this with Universal School Free School Meal entitlement for children Meals in Years Reception to Year Two.



KS2 REN reading word count

The winners of this weeks word count for is:-

Years 1 and 2 – Zimmer Class – 8073 words

Year 3 – Lloyd Webber Class – 295 791 words

Years 4 and 5 – Bernstein Class – 106 729 words

Year 6 - Elgar Class - 536 080 words



CHILD ABSENCE

If your child is unwell and is due in school. please leave a message on the child absence line by 9.00am each morning. Thank vou.



Keeping in Touch

Can we please remind parents that the vast majority of contact between school and parents is done by telephone or email. Please could you ensure that we are kept updated with you current contact details to enable us to keep in touch with you when needed.

Parent Pay

Please activate your parent pay account as this allows us to send Newsletters, trip letters and other important information that we may need to convey to you. Please contact the school office if you need assistance.

Facebook and Website

Please follow us on our Facebook page at Oakwood Primary Academy. Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.

Email Addresses to Remember

Year 6 - Elgar Class - r.sherrell@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 6 - Tchaikovsky Class - s.betts@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Bernstein Class - j.kelleher@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Dun Class - k.loftus@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Holst Class - I.crocker@discoverymat.co.uk or k.harvey@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3 - Britten Class - a.moore@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3 - Lloyd-Webber Class – s.wieprecht@discoverymat.co.uk or a.blakeston@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 2 - Zimmer Class - m.francis@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class - t.ocarroll@discoverymat.co.uk or g.chandler@discoverymat.co.uk

Year R/1 - Price Class - c.wye@discoverymat.co.uk

Rec - Brahms Class - m.kelly@discoverymat.co.uk