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Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's lovely to be writing to you at the end of a busy and purposeful week at Oakwood Primary.

I've been into every classroom over the course of the week and it was lovely to see all the children and staff during our first whole-school assembly at the start of the academic year on Monday.

Your children have already been getting involved in their new curriculum topics and I have seen some fantastic writing across Key stage 2 in recent days, well done everyone.

Thank you to those attended 'Meet the teacher meetings' on Thursday, it was great to welcome so many of you into your children's classrooms. Don't worry if you were not able to make it to the meetings, copies of the PowerPoints used will be emailed out to all parents next week.

Special thanks to must also go to our school cook, Susan, who produced a wonderful taster menu for parents, children, friends (and the odd teacher and headteacher to try.) I can certainly recommend the meatballs and the flapjack..... And the sponge cake, delicious! If your child/children would like to have a school dinner, cooked by Susan and the team, please book this by using ParentPay.

Have a great weekend everyone, let's hop the sun keeps shining. All at Oakwood Primary look forward to seeing you on Monday for another exciting week.

Mr Arnold and the Oakwood team.

Diary Dates to

Remember

Thurs 19th September—8:30am
Parent Math meeting—Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)

Thurs 3rd October
National Poetry Day

Thurs 10th October
Nasal Flu Vaccination

Tues 15th October
Individual and Class Photographs

28th October to 1st November
HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 2nd December
NON PUPIL DAY

23rd Dec to 3rd January
CHRISTMAS BREAK

17th Feb to 21st Feb
HALF TERM

7th April to 21st April
EASTER BREAK

Monday 5th May
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

26th May to 30th May
HALF TERM

Monday 30th June
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Wed 23rd July
SUMMER BREAK

NSPCC's PANTS RULES SCHOOL UNIFORM



On Monday 16th we will be discussing the NSPCC's PANTS rules in assembly. These will be covered further during our PSHE lessons throughout the year and parents will be informed when these lessons will take place. Lessons will be starting in Year 6 during the Autumn term.

The PANTS rules are:

P: Privates are private

A: Always remember your body belongs to you

N: No means no

T: Talk about secrets that upset you.

S: Speak up, someone can help

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign, including a short film and parent guide to help you continue the 'Talk PANTS' conversation at home, more information can be found at: Let's talk PANTS with Pantomaurus! | NSPCC

Please come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns

The Plymouth Early Help Collective warmly invites your school to our **Strengthening Families and Community Event** on Tuesday, 1st October.

Plymouth is home to a vast network of community groups, organisations, and services dedicated to supporting families. This event will showcase the wide range of community voluntary organisations, alongside professional services and businesses, all committed to the well-being of children, young people, and families. It's a unique opportunity to connect with valuable resources that can enhance the support your school provides to families.

- **Event Details:**

- o Date: Tuesday, 1st October
- o Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- o Location: YMCA Plymouth, PL5 3NG

We highly encourage your school to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to expand your network and explore the wealth of support available within our city. You do not need to attend for the full duration just pop in and take advantage of the organisations on offer.

To book your spot, please complete the form using the attached QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/T2UTMxAJpA>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB Southway Playcare

Just a reminder to all our parents (old and new) that Southway Playcare offer after school care for pupils aged 4 -11yrs at Beechwood and Oakwood schools. Their contact details are 07731830522 or 01752 703581 Pupils are collected from school at the end of the school day by members of Southway Playcare and then walked to their nearby provision at Southway Youth Centre.

Please get in touch with the Team if you have any questions or wish to book a space.

<https://southwayplaycare.co.uk>

Secondary Admission Information

Is your child starting secondary school next September?
Please see below admission information



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IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SECONDARY SCHOOL IN
SEPTEMBER 2025?

It may seem a long way ahead but now is the time to start thinking about your child moving from primary school onto secondary school. If your child was born between **1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014**, you will be eligible to apply for a secondary school place.

Information about applying for a place and the individual secondary schools will be on our website from **Tuesday 3 September 2024** at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. From here, you can apply online for school places and read the guide for parents which contains the links to the individual school's admission policies and forms.

Applying online is quick and easy - all you need is an email address. Once you have applied, we will let you know which school your child has been allocated on **Monday 3 March 2025**.

You can apply for a school place via the Citizen's Portal by visiting our website at: www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The deadline to apply is the **31 October 2024**.

Remember:

- All Plymouth's 18 secondary schools hold 'open events' for families to visit the school and speak to staff. Please refer to the individual school's websites for dates and further information.
- Some schools give priority to with exceptional medical or social need and will ask for submission of a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as proof.
- If you are applying for a place at a faith school on faith grounds, you must also fill out a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which you can obtain from the school.
- Some schools give priority to children of members of staff and will ask for submission of a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as proof.
- Please read the admission policy for each school carefully.
- If you are applying for a place at a girl's grammar school, you must register to take the 11+ examination through the school's website. The closing date for registering is 31 August 2024 at 12 noon. Please refer to the individual school's website.
- For the boy's grammar school please refer to the school's website. The closing date for registering is 31 August 2024.

from Plymouth City Council

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 Credit
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

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 result.

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



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 your 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 - l.crocker@discoverymat.co.uk or k.harvey@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

Family Support Network

		
Mrs J Chubb Assistant Head of School	Mrs Fliss Lock INCO	Mr P Arnold Senior Head of School
Deputy Designated Oakwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	SEND Support	Designated Oakwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding
Safeguarding Education and Curriculum <u>Behaviour</u> Family Support Service Families	<u>SEND and behaviour-</u> <u>support for parents</u> School Nurse Referrals DLA Applications GP letters	Family Support