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Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello everyone, I hope you've been able to enjoy the sunshine this week, summer has finally arrived!

It has been another busy week at Oakwood Primary and I've continued to be impressed by your children's focus, engagement and enthusiasm for school and for their learning.

Our reception age children in Brahms class have been learning all about families this week and more specifically their own family. I have seen some 'amazing' pictures of parents drawn by our very talented reception children, well done Brahms class and the early years team.

Year 4/5 continue to work hard on learning their times tables and Key Stage 1 pupils have enjoyed immersing themselves in their new story book, Old Bear. In addition to this they have been studying the work of David McKeown, an Antarctic landscape artist, great stuff, well done everyone.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you back at Oakwood Primary on Monday.

Mr Arnold and the Oakwood team.

Diary Dates to Remember

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

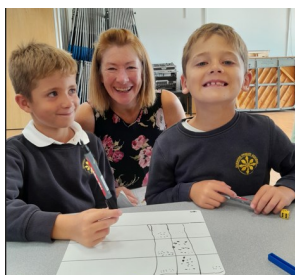
Monday 30th June
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Wed 23rd July
SUMMER BREAK

Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) Parent Meeting

Thank you to all parents, carers and friends that attended the KIRFs workshop with Mrs Francis on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many of you, we even had to dig out the emergency chairs! Thank you for all the positive comments, it means a lot to the staff involved in putting the session together.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, all the resources shared and interactive games to play with your child at home can be found on our school website by clicking here: [Oakwood Primary Academy - Mathematics \(oakwood-primary.co.uk\)](http://oakwood-primary.co.uk)



Extra-Curricular Activities



In addition to offering a rich and varied curriculum, Oakwood Primary Academy is proud to offer numerous extra-curricular activities to further enhance the experiences of our children. These clubs, which are mostly run by staff, give children the opportunity to develop their confidence, make new friends and learn new skills.

Please fill in the following form to sign your child up to a club: <https://forms.office.com/e/pudKs49qx1>



To see the whole—year overview/schedule for clubs, please click here: [Oakwood Primary Academy - Extra - Curricular Activities \(oakwood-primary.co.uk\)](http://oakwood-primary.co.uk)

Flu Nasal Immunisation

In 2024/25 all children in Primary Schools from Reception to year 6 (inclusive) will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose.

Kernow Health CIC are due to visit our child's school on the 10th of October 2024. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link: [Flu Vaccination Consent Form \(kernowimmunisations.co.uk\)](http://kernowimmunisations.co.uk)

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: **DV143305** Please submit your consent form by midday on the 7th of October 2024 to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

If you experience any problems accessing the form, please telephone 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools and 01392 342678 for Devon schools and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years you must opt into the programme. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.

Reception Children and Grown-Ups

Please come and join us for:



Storytelling with Ginny



We are delighted to welcome back Ginny the Storyteller for some fun and exciting storytelling sessions. Each week, Ginny will share a well-known and beloved book in a special interactive way, using props and puppets.

All parents and families of our Oakwood Reception children are invited.

Please come and join us. No booking is needed. Just come along to the community entrance at 2:45 p.m. on the following dates:

Tuesday 24th September

Tuesday 8th October

Tuesday 15th October

Thursday 24th October

Message from our INCO—Spaces still available

I would like to invite you to a parent information session about Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA). If your child has struggled to attend school over a long period of time due to social, emotional or mental health needs, this is sometimes referred to as Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA). Anna Sutton, our Multi Agency Support Team (MAST) Educational Psychologist, will be sharing what we mean by EBSA and what we can do together to support your child in their transitions to school and to improve their attendance. We know that there is a link between attendance and attainment, particularly for children with Special Educational Needs (SEN).

The session will run on Tuesday 24th September at 1:45 – 3:20pm at Oakwood Primary. There will then be a follow up session on Tuesday 12th November at 2pm. Please can you email me at f.lock@discoverymat.co.uk to confirm your attendance, so I can ensure that we provide enough refreshments. When attending please arrive at the community entrance gate.

I look forward to seeing you there.



School Admissions 2025

Oakwood Primary Academy will be holding open events for the parents and carers of children who are due to start in September 2025. These will take place on:

- Monday 30th September at 2:30pm
- Wednesday 2nd October at 10am
- Thursday 3rd October at 4pm
- Tuesday 8th October at 2:30pm
- Wednesday 9th October at 4pm



Dancing Daisy!

A big congratulations to Daisy (Year 4), who during the summer holidays has worked her socks off and had the amazing opportunity to perform at Disneyland Paris!

Daisy works really hard in all areas of her dance and is very proud of herself in what she has accomplished so far.

We are always impressed, amazed and often surprised by what our talented Oakwood pupils achieve outside of school, and Daisy is no exception. This is an amazing achievement Daisy and one you and family are rightly very proud of.



KS2 REN reading word count

The winners of this weeks word count for w/c 19th September is:-

Year 3 - Britten Class - 2 483 words

Year 4/5 - Dun Class - 216 055 words

Year 6 - Elgar Class - 377 217 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 you.

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 - 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

Deputy Designated
Oakwood Academy
Lead for Safeguarding

Safeguarding

Education and
Curriculum

Behaviour

Family Support

Service Families



Mrs Fliss Lock
INCO

SEND Support

SEND and behaviour-
support for parents

School Nurse
Referrals

DLA Applications

GP letters



Mr P Arnold
Senior Head of School

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