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## Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello everyone, and HAPPY FRIDAY! I hope you've all had a good week, we certainly have here at Oakwood.

During the week Mrs Nettleship, our Trust CEO, and Mrs Clark, our Director of Education, spent time in classrooms and across Oakwood Primary as a whole.

You will be pleased to hear that their feedback was positive. Pupils are engaged with their learning and classroom environments are positive, purposeful and contribute effectively to learning. In addition to this, they commented on the calm and caring feel around school.

Well done everyone, a great start to the new school year.

We also welcomed Ginny the storyteller into school this week. She spent time in our reception classroom reading stories to the children and it was lovely to see that a number of Brahms class parents were able to join us for this special time. Thank you for coming and thank you Ginny!



Just to let you know that from next week lunchtime for pupils in years 1 to year 6 will be 45 minutes. We have decided to make this alteration for a number of reasons but the key one is that this gives us 1 hour (Mon - Thurs) of extra learning time in the classroom.

I've spoken to your children about this today, thanks for your support.

Have a brilliant weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back at Oakwood on Monday.

Mr Arnold and the Oakwood Team.

### Diary Dates to Remember

**Monday 30th September**  
**EYFS Phonics meeting at 3:30pm**

**Thurs 3rd October**  
**National Poetry Day**

**Thurs 10th October**  
**Nasal Flu Vaccination**

**Tues 15th October**  
**Individual and Class Photographs**

**Tues 22nd October**  
**SEND parents coffee morning**

**Fri 25th October**  
**Foundation Class—dress up day**

**28th October to 1st November**  
**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

**Thurs 7th November**  
**Parents/Carers invited for lunch for remembrance**

**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**

## Harvest Festival Donations

This year at Oakwood we will be collecting Harvest donations for Devon and Cornwall Food Action Plus, to help families when they need it the most. All donations are greatly received but to help we have listed items needed by our local food bank:

Tinned food, such as soups, vegetables, or chopped tomatoes, cereals, tea bags, coffee, and any pasta sauces.

Please pass your donations to your child's class teacher by Thursday 3rd October.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

Wow! What a first week of our extra-curricular clubs! We have a record breaking number of children participating in these and the feedback we have received has been extremely positive from the children. We look forward to seeing how our clubs progress across the year and our sport club children representing our school.

**Please note: There is NO EYFS/Y1 Drawing Club on Monday 30th due to a RWInc meeting taking place for Foundation parents.**

## 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 \(kernowimmunisations.co.uk\)](https://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**





Foundation parents and carers are invited  
to attend our Read Write Inc

parent workshop on:

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 3:30pm**

This will be an opportunity to learn about  
early reading skills and how we use Read  
Write Inc to support this at Oakwood  
Primary Academy.

The session will be held in Brahms  
classroom and hosted by our early reading  
lead, Mrs Wye and our Foundation Class  
teacher, Miss Kelly.

We look forward to seeing you there!



For ages 4 to 11

Derriford Church



# Kids Club



Every first Friday of the month  
3.45 - 5.30pm

@ Derriford Church  
Powisland Drive  
Plymouth, PL6 6AB



- Activities:**
- Arts & Craft
  - Games
  - Bible Stories
  - Food

Come along to our open evening on Friday 4th October!

£1 per family

and the following dates:  
1st November 2024  
6th December 2024  
3rd January 2025



Family members are welcome to join us for food at 5pm

visit us online at:  
[www.derrifordchurch.co.uk](http://www.derrifordchurch.co.uk)

## 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.



## KS2 REN reading word count

The winners of this weeks word count for w/c 23rd September is:-

Years 1 and 2 – Vivaldi –1831 words

Year 3 - Britten – 64 958 words

Years 4/5 - Dun –143 664 words

Year 6 - Elgar – 478 421 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



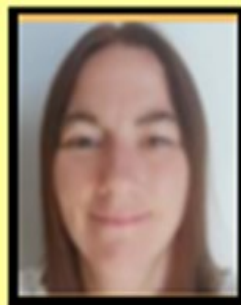
# Family Support Network



**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

Designated  
Oakwood Academy  
Lead for Safeguarding

Family Support