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Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello everyone, I hope that you've had a great week, it's been nice to see the sunshine!

Wonderful writing

This week at Oakwood we have spent time as a staff in meetings looking at writing across the school. We have been discussing the writing process and the how the planned unit of work supports the final written outcome for the children.

It was great to see the progress in pupil's presentation, in just 3 weeks, and staff were keen to share some excellent examples of independent writing across the year groups, well done everyone, a great start to the new school year and definitely something to write home about!

Raring to Read!

Also, this week Miss Crocker and Mrs Rust, having popped over from Beechwood Primary, spent time in classrooms observing and immersing themselves in reading fluency lessons in years 3 - 6. They were impressed with what they heard and saw, with children reading aloud confidently both independently and as part of group or class. Great work Oakwood!

Perfect Poetry

It was National Poetry day on Thursday this week, with numerous activities and webinars for our children to get involved with. Look out for further information regards this day on next weeks newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Have a great weekend everyone, we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mr Arnold and the Oakwood Team.

Diary Dates to Remember

Thurs 10th October
Nasal Flu Vaccination

Thurs 10th October
CPG and Cake Year 6 Meeting

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

Weds 6th 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

5 reasons to vaccinate your child against flu

- The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- Flu can be really serious, especially for children with medical conditions like heart disease and diabetes
- If your child gets flu you may have to take time off to look after them
- Protecting your child can stop flu spreading to other children and the family, especially babies and grandparents, who may be at higher risk from flu.

What should I do?

This year all 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds and children in school years 1, 2 and 3 are being offered the free flu vaccination. You will be contacted to let you know where your child will be vaccinated.*

*In some parts of the country, all primary school-aged children will be offered the vaccine.

For more information visit: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

STAYWELL
THISWINTER

Flu mmunisation 2016/17
Helping to protect everyone, every winter

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



CGP AND CAKE

Calling all Year 6 Parents

Come and join your child to celebrate their learning and understand more about year 6 and the opportunities and expectations throughout the year.

Date: Thursday 10th October

Time: 3pm – 3:25pm

Please arrive at the community entrance.



For ages 4 to 11

Derriford Church



Kids Club



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

Every first Friday of the month
3.45 - 5.30pm

@ Derriford Church
Powisland Drive
Plymouth, PL6 6AB



£1 per family

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

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

Mobile Phones

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has come to our attention in recent days that some pupils are leaving their mobile phones in their coat pockets or bags during the school day.

To avoid any upset, loss, damage or other possible issues, mobile phones need to be handed to either the class teacher on entry to school or to the staff in the school office at the beginning of each day.

Teachers will put phones in a lockable draw until the end of the day.

Ideally, children would not bring mobile phones to school, however I do understand that for those pupils who have walking home permission, a phone may be useful so they can be in communication with you if need be.

Thank you for your support, please feel free to get in touch should you have any questions.
Mr Arnold.

Book at: <https://www.plymouthias.org.uk/workshops/the-next-step-primary-to-secondary-for-children-with-send/>

PLYMOUTH INFORMATION ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR SEND



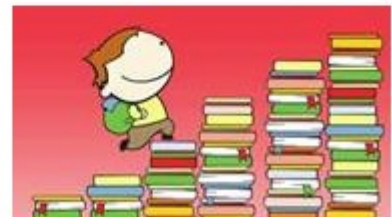
SEND Workshops

Due to popular demand we have added some more dates for the following free workshops.

Choosing a Secondary School for September 2025

This workshop is for parents/carers of children in years 5 or 6 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and/or an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)

- Thursday 10 October 2024,
10:00am-12:00pm – Face-to-Face (Jan Cutting
Healthy Living Centre)



Children, Young Person and Families' Neurodiversity Wellbeing Team

A casual meet up for parents and carers of neurodivergent children (no diagnosis required). Come along and meet our Community Support Workers and have a cuppa and a chat. No need to book, just turn up - and your little ones are more than welcome!



Coffee & Connect - sessions start Monday 7 October

Mondays, 9-10.30am
Rees Centre Wellbeing
Hub, Plympton
PL7 2PS

Weds, 9.15-10.45am
DELL Emerging Family
Hub, High View School,
Efford PL3 6JQ

Weds, 1-2.30pm
Manor Street Children's
Centre, Stonehouse,
PL1 1TL

Thursdays, 1-2.30pm
Four Woods Family
Hub, Crownhill Road,
PL5 2LN

For further information please contact our advice line
Monday to Friday from 09.00-11.00 or 14.00-16.00

Tel: 01752 435404

We support people to lead independent, healthy lives

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 30th September is:-

Years 1 and 2 – Vivaldi – 2630 words

Year 3 – Lloyd Webber – 52 468 words

Year 4/5 – Dun – 296 500 words

Year 6 – Elgar – 280 713 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 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

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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