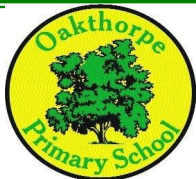


Oakthorpe News



Dear Parents

The weeks are flying by and the children have accomplished so much already since September. We launched the school year with our traditional Heritage Week events when children learnt about different countries, continents and cultures. Our Sports Teams have got off to a fantastic start with wins for the girls' netball and boys' football teams.

The children are continuing to show a real thirst for learning and we are very much looking forward to meeting you for Parents Evening in November where you will be able to discuss your child's learning.

A highlight of the last term was our amazing Book Week. Thank you to Ms Graham and her team for organising such wonderful activities. Read more about this on page 2 of the Newsletter.

Mrs Garrad

Starting School

We have welcomed 78 new children to school in our reception classes. They have very quickly settled in, made new friends and adapted to new routines.

We asked parents for their feedback on how well they feel that their children have settled into school and some of their comments are below:

'Always being greeted by a friendly face from all the teachers is lovely.'

'The Home Visit was useful and helped to build trust.'

'The gradual start dates and times helped my child to settle in more easily.'

'I have nothing to worry about as she is settling well at the school and we have no concerns.'

Thank you for your positive feedback.

School Council

We have held interviews for some key roles in our new School Council. Year 6 children had been invited to apply for jobs and wrote letters of application. Just before half term Mrs Garrad and Ms Field invited a number of children to attend an interview for their chosen role. Following this process we can announce that the School Council this year will be led by the following children:

Chairperson - Kesaiah

Vice Chairperson - Alice

Secretary - Laila

Vice Secretary - Ray

Treasurer - Luka

Vice Treasurer - Faisal

Social media team - Anjali, Daisy and Lindsey

Each class will now vote for their class representatives.



Fireworks

Thursday 7th November 6pm—8.30pm

This is a fabulous event for all the family.

Food and drinks will be on sale with a spectacular fireworks display at approx. 7.30pm.

Tickets are on sale via Parent Pay



End of Autumn Term—1.15pm on Thursday 19th December 2019

Book Week



Year 6 walked to Palmers Green Library and discovered the exciting range of books available for loan.

The theme of book week this year was Poetry and Performance and the week was enhanced by the visit of three authors : Karl Nova, Chris White and Kev Payne. Each introduced their own unique style of writing to the children and inspired us all. Each class read and wrote poems and prepared for a Poetry Slam on Friday. During the 'Slam' each class performed a poem complete with actions and drama.

Why not take a trip to the library and see if you can find a book written by one of our visiting authors?



We made £1536.09 which means that we have earned £921.65 to spend on new books for our school. Thank You



We all enjoyed dressing up as characters from our favourite books. Even the staff joined in!

No Smoking



By law, smoking is not permitted within the school grounds. We aim to provide a smoke free environment for our children and therefore would ask you to support this by not smoking at the school gates. Thank you for your co-operation.

Children in Need



Friday 15th
November
2019

Non uniform day—for a donation of £1

Please wear spots if possible!

Please make sure that we have your up to date contact details. You may email them to the office staff : office@oakthorpe.enfield.sch.uk

School Streets



School Streets meetings:

Tuesday 12th November at 9am.

Tuesday 12th November from 6pm
(during parents evening)

This will be your opportunity to find out how the programme will operate and ask any questions you may have.

For years we have been concerned about the safety of our pupils whilst walking down Tile Kiln Lane and many of you have spoken to me about this over the last year. I am now able to inform you that we have been selected to be part of a London wide initiative. The London Borough of Enfield is launching a *School Streets* programme to contribute to a safer and greener borough.

Tile Kiln Lane is soon to become a 'School Street'. This is when the roads immediately surrounding a school are closed to motor traffic. For us this will be Tile Kiln Lane. This will operate Monday to Friday in term time, during set times at drop-off and pick-up.

We are working with the local council and an organisation called Sustrans to implement this and they have arranged a number of events and meetings over the next few weeks

You can find out more about **School Streets** online at <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/>

Spurs Women vs Arsenal Women.

Apply for free tickets to watch Spurs Women vs Arsenal Women at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on Sunday 17th November. Go to <https://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/fans/spurs-women-arsenal-schools/>

Headteacher's Award



I have been impressed with the creative writing of Year 6 children over the last half term. Over three occasions I have had six Year 6 children visit my office to share with me their amazing writing.

Well done to Alexandra, PJ, Andrew, Altan, Christian and Ali.

Cake Competition

Well done to Christian, Avah, Maria, Vaden and Salih for their fabulous homemade cakes. I'm sure that they tasted as good as they looked!



Please return the slip for Parents Evening to your class teacher as soon as possible.

Open Afternoon



Oakthorpe Primary School
OPEN AFTERNOON
For Prospective Parents
Wednesday 20th November
1.30-3.00pm

We would like to invite you to come and see our unique community school in action.

Pupils receive a rich and creative curriculum, which includes a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Leaders and teachers prioritise pupils' social and personal development.

OFSTED March 2019

If your child is approaching school age (born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016) we welcome you to our open afternoon where you can meet our Headteacher and have a tour of our school. Children are welcome to visit with their families.

Please feel free to contact us for further information or if you or a member of your family require any special arrangements.

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FOO News

We are grateful to have a number of parents who volunteer to help organise and run events from the school as FOO (Friends of Oakthorpe). I would like to say a big thank you to Cristina Viadero who has been the treasurer for the group during the past year. She is unable to continue in this role and we are in need of someone who could support in organising the finances for the group. This role does not take up a huge amount of time. If you would like to find out more about what is involved please pop into the office and have a chat with Mrs Garrad or Ms Donovan.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous donations for our Harvest festival earlier this month. A representative from Enfield Food Bank came and spoke to the children in assembly and collected 245.3kgs of food.



We raised over £300 for Macmillan during our Coffee Morning.

Attendance

Our whole school target for attendance continues to be 97%.

So far this term we have a whole attendance of 96.54% so at this point we are just below our target. Currently 240 children have 100% Attendance since September.

1S	99.28%
6G	98.54%
4R	98.48%
6L	98.41%

Online Safety

Thanks to the internet, there are now many ways for your children to watch TV, both the old fashioned way on a big screen and via the internet with on-demand programming. Restricting and controlling what children can watch has become harder than ever. Look up the link below for a helpful guide: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/managing-what-your-children-watch-on-tv/>

November value of the month is:

Resilience

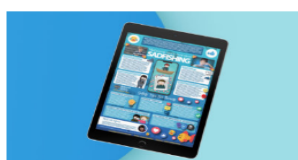


The National Online Safety site has numerous guides to help and support parents.

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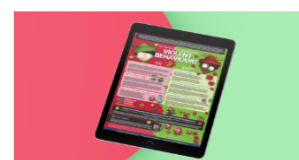
Suggested Apps & Games



Sadfishing



Fortnite Chapter 2



Do Video Games Actually Cause Violent Behaviour

Diary of Events

Hearing Screening	Reception	Monday 4th & Tuesday 12th November 2019
Diwali Show	Year 3	Wednesday 6th November 2019 (9.30am)
Fireworks Extravaganza	Whole School	Thursday 7th November 2019 (6-8.30pm)
Parents Evening	Whole School	Tuesday 12th November 2019
Parents Evening	Whole School	Thursday 14th November 2019
Children in Need—No Uniform	Whole School	Friday 15th November 2019
Maths Meeting	Reception	Tuesday 19th November 2019 (9am)
Year 5/6 Show	Whole School	Tuesday 10-11th December 2019 (2pm)
Year 5/6 Show	Whole School	Thursday 12th December 2019 (6pm)
Christmas Jumper & Christmas dinner Day	Whole School	Friday 13th December 2019
Reception Nativity	Whole School	Tuesday 17th December 2019
Break up for Christmas Holidays	Whole School	Thursday 19th December 2019 (Finish 1.15pm)
Inset Day	Whole School	Monday 6th January 2020
Back to school—Spring Term	Whole School	Tuesday 7th January 2020

Happy bag collection Monday 4th November.