

# Oakthorpe News



## Dear Parents,

I am pleased to report that the children are continuing to come to school with smiles on their faces and some wonderful work is beginning to appear in Maths and English books.

We have had a successful week and this is down to your amazing children, who are coming into school keen and eager to get on with their learning. This has been, and continues to be, a challenging period, but I know that we are all aiming to work together to ensure that the past and continuing restrictions do not hinder the social, emotional and academic development of our pupils.

I also want to praise our fantastic staff team who are relentless in their energy and commitment to the school and your children. They have many exciting things planned for the weeks ahead.

Please have a look on the second page of this newsletter to see some wonderful examples of art work that has already appeared around school.

Thank you for your continued support. *Mrs Garrad*

## Medical Appointments

Please remember to make any routine appointments after school or during the school holidays. We are trying to keep children within their 'bubbles' and we cannot bring children to the Reception area for collection. If your child has to attend an essential medical appointment, please notify the office beforehand. We will contact you to arrange a meeting time and collection place.

## Year Group Meetings

Due to the current restrictions we are not able to host our usual evening Phase Meetings in the school hall. Therefore, we will be sending out an information booklet and presentation. This information will be sent by email early next week and uploaded to the school website.

Due to the current restrictions we have to find different ways of doing what we normally do and for this reason we will continue to send home information by email. If you change any of your contact details (phone, email or postal address) please let us know.



## Secondary Transfer

If your child is currently in Year 6 they will have brought home a Secondary Transfer Guide.

Mrs Garrad and Mrs Pitsillides will be online at 5pm on Monday 21st September. They will explain how to apply for a Secondary school place and give you the opportunity to ask questions. Parents of children in Year 6 have been sent a letter and link to the meeting. We hope you can join us.



**Virtual Meeting 5pm**  
**Monday 21st September**

**End of Autumn Term — Friday 18th December @1.15pm**

# Drop offs and Pick Ups

**Drop off** at the beginning of the school day is running relatively smoothly in terms of pupils entering the building.

If you arrive before the start time of 8.45am or 9am, we ask that you queue or stand respecting social distancing. We will get the children into school as quickly as possible so you can move quickly away. You do not have to arrive at exactly 8.45am or 9.00am as we have allowed up to 15 minutes for each year group to enter. Your child will not be marked as late, unless you arrive after 9.15am. We need you to arrive on time within the allocated time slots. We are unable to operate a late gate as staff are not available to accompany your child to their classroom.

At the **end of the school day** we need to make sure that children are reunited with the correct adult in an organised and safe way. The system we have set up (whilst not perfect) is improving and already is working better in some year groups. Whilst we are welcoming our Reception classes we are not proposing any significant changes.

As we work together to put these protective measures in place, we need your support and patience. Therefore, we ask you to:

- Queue and/or stand apart, maintaining social distancing.
- Respect those around you whilst waiting for your child.
- Consider wearing a mask whilst waiting. This is not compulsory but if you are waiting close to others it supports those around you and reduces face to face risk whilst standing in a group.
- Move away from the gates as quickly as possible after drop off and pick up and avoid gathering in groups.
- Contact the school via email or phone if you need to speak to a member of staff rather than try to talk to the adults at the gate.

**Why should I do this?**

- There have already been a small number of positive cases of Covid within local schools who have had to partially close. We want to keep the whole school open.
- Local transmission rates are rising and we can't be complacent.
- Out of respect for each other during these difficult times.
- Social Distancing is especially important for people who are at a higher risk of severe illness from Covid-19.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US WITH THIS**



# Here We Are : Notes for Living On Planet Earth

All of the classes have been reading a thought provoking book called **HERE WE ARE**. It has inspired us all to think about who we are and what is special about each one of us.



**Please make sure that we have your up to date contact details. You may email or phone the office staff : [office@oakthorpe.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:office@oakthorpe.enfield.sch.uk) 020 8807 4689**