

Newsletter



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Dear Parents

I am very pleased to announce that we raised a total of **£1,694-23** for Mary's Meals. This is a tremendous achievement and we are very proud of the children's efforts. We have now launched the Back pack appeal (a separate letter was sent home on Monday about this initiative).

Congratulations to all the Year 5 & 6 children and staff for the wonderful performance on Friday night. It was highly entertaining and we now look forward to the Lower Junior Production next term! A full write-up and photos will be included on the website shortly.

I am sorry to report that just this week alone, we have received two separate complaints about parking in St James' Road. Parents are parking too close to the bend, making it unsafe for both our own children and members of the general public. An application has been passed to restrict parking in St James' Road up to the church. In the next month or so Croydon Council will be painting double yellow lines as a result. This will mean that parents will either need to park higher up St James' Road and walk, or they will need to find alternative roads to park in (ie. other local roads opposite the school). Parents are also encouraged to consider sharing lifts as this will help to ease congestion at the beginning and end of the school day. Your co-operation in this matter will be appreciated.

I would like to wish you all a very happy & holy Easter.

PUZZLE CHALLENGE DAY

On **Tuesday 20 April**, all the children from Reception to Year 6 will be involved in a 'Puzzle Challenge Day'. This will involve different sessions throughout the day for each class, centered around developing children's thinking skills, building communication and team skills, improving self-confidence and encouraging creativity. Also, from **3.30pm that day**, parents will be invited to a sale of 3-D puzzles, games, challenges and puzzle books for both children and adults. There is a free Thinkathon Book with any purchase over £5 (available while stocks last). There will be a small charge for running the day. More details to follow.



SUMMER UNIFORM

Please remember that all children should wear their summer uniform next term. For the girls this means: tartan dresses and short, plain white socks, and for the boys: short-sleeved shirts. Tights are not permitted, whether navy or white. The Year 6 girls should continue to wear their navy skirts but with a short-sleeved open-neck blouse from Lester Bowden. Girls may wear navy closed-toe sandals if preferred to their black winter shoes. Please could I ask parents to check all items of uniform over the holidays for wear and tear and discolouring.

SPORTS NEWS

Well done to those Year 5 & 6 girls who participated in the netball tournament at Royal Russell. The A team won 5 out of their 6 matches, and the B team won half of their matches.



The children once again excelled at the annual cross-country event at Waringham Park School on Monday. The boys were the overall winners out of 11 teams (for the second year in a row) and the girls came 6th out of 12 teams, also a tremendous effort. Congratulations in particular go to the first Oakwood runners home: Ben Charnock (who finished in first place!) and Sofia Osman who finished 8th out of 80 girls.

Well done to the U11 boys who came home with the trophy from the football tournament at the Lodge yesterday – a tremendous achievement! Congratulations to Xavi Teague who was named player of the tournament.

We look forward to a full fixture list again next term. The Year 5 & 6 children will also be travelling to a local tennis club as part of their sports provision on Wednesday afternoons in the summer.

The swimming programme at Purley Pool for children in Years 1 & 2 will begin on **Wednesday 21 April**.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be coming in on **Friday 23 April**. Due to the size of the school, we have decided to have class photographs taken every year and a whole school photo every second year. Next term we begin the cycle with separate class and sports team photographs. If your child is in the nursery and they do not normally attend on a Friday morning, please bring them in at 9am in their school uniform.

CLASS ASSEMBLY

A reminder about the Year 2 class assembly this **Friday 26 March at 8.50am**. All parents are welcome.

NURSERY NEWS.....

The children enjoyed the visit from a local fireman as part of their topic '*people who help us*'. They learnt about fire safety and had a chance to try on some uniform items.

DADS' FOOTBALL

All Oakwood dads are invited to play football every Tuesday from **6 April** at the Waringham School astro turf pitch, Tithe Pit Shaw Lane. Arrival should be at 7.45 for an 8pm start, and players should bring £4 to go towards the hire & floodlight costs. For further details please contact Paul Torre on 07766 330 315.

LITERARY CIRCLE

Stephen de la Bedoyere is very keen to revive the Oakwood Literary Circle! A few years' ago, a parent/teacher literary circle met once a term to discuss various titles and authors (often with qualified critics) distribute seasonal booklists and write reviews for the school website. A legacy of this is our own (somewhat outdated) literary website: <http://oakwood.goodtoread.org> To know what our children are reading is as important nowadays as what they are watching on TV, what computer games they are playing and almost as important as to who their friends are. If any parents are interested in either leading or joining the circle, please could they contact Mr de la Bedoyere directly on 020 8675 6218 or swabed@btinternet.com.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

If you have any items of school uniform you'd like to sell (or purchase), in particular summer dresses, please contact Jackie Jasiczak on 020 8763 0450 or by email: jjasiczak@hotmail.com.

Merit Badge

Merit Badges for the past 2 weeks were awarded to:



Reception P: Shaun Dei & Sophia Modaresi
Reception M: Archie Green & Sophia Hashemi
Year 1: Miguel Alvarez Vazquez & Emma Hourihan
Year 2: Asha Reid & Oliver Preest
Year 3: Caitlin Osman & Keisha Frimpong
Year 4: Joshua Grey & Georgina Teague
Year 5: Ona Ojo & Matthew Candia
Year 6: Sofia Osman & Rochelle Hesse-Lampthey

Congratulations children!

SAVE THE DATES

FRIDAY 26 MARCH

Year 2 class assembly – 8.50am

School closes for Easter holidays

MONDAY 29 MARCH

Lenten retreat for ladies begins

THURSDAY 15 APRIL

School re-opens

TUESDAY 20 APRIL

Puzzle Challenge Day (whole school)

FRIDAY 23 APRIL

Fr Frank talk for mums – 9am

School photographer – 9am

MONDAY 26 APRIL

Global Citizenship week begins

FRIDAY 30 APRIL

Music assembly – 8.50am

TUESDAY 4 MAY

Art week begins

FRIDAY 7 MAY

Art Exhibition with cheese & wine – 7.30pm

MONDAY 10 MAY

Key Stage 2 SATs week begins

FRIDAY 14 MAY

Fr Frank talk for mums – 9am

African drumming workshop for infants

SATURDAY 15 MAY

Fundraising Ceilidh (more details to follow but put this date in your diary and book the babysitter. Limited tickets and great fun!)

MONDAY 17 MAY

Assessment week begins (Years 1-5)

All these dates (and more!) can be easily viewed on the calendar section of the school website:

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