

Newsletter



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FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the Easter break. Let's hope that the sunshine we experienced over the holiday returns soon!

We welcome some new pupils to Oakwood. We have Daniel, Ines and Rosario (Nursery), Hubert (Year 2), Alfred and Grace (Year 4). For this term only we also have 3 pupils from Spain, Cinta (Year 5), Alfonso and Saleta (Year 6).

I would like to thank all those families who contributed towards this year's Lenten charity 'HCPT'. I am pleased to announce that the final amount raised at the end of last term was **£1,558.24**. In financially challenging times this says a lot about the generosity of our families and friends and we are grateful for your support.

Next week sees the beginning of May, the month that is dedicated to Our Lady and known in many places around the world as 'Mary's Month'. At school we will be talking to the children about what we can offer to Our Lady in the coming weeks. Each class will try to say a decade of the Rosary every day so please encourage your children to bring in their own Rosary Beads. We will also be having our annual May procession in honour of Our Lady on Monday 20 May. As a Catholic school, I think it is important to keep alive the devotion to Our Lady which is such a key part to our ethos. I hope that the month of May will be a special one for all of us.

Please note that my Head's Talk this year is with a guest speaker Mr Robert Teague, Headmaster of The Cedars School. More details about his talk will be emailed to parents shortly. The evening is for all parents and will take place on **Wednesday 15 May at 7pm**. This is a key parent function so please make a note of the date in your diaries now. The evening will help to develop the collaborative approach that exists between parents and teachers at the school. Therefore, it is important that at least one parent from each family attends.

Finally, my coffee with the Head will take place on **Thursday 23 May at 8.50am**. I look forward to those of you who wish to join me for an informal chat about school life.

Ciro Candia – Headmaster

TALK & TOUR DAY

Our Talk & Tour Day takes place on **Tuesday 30 April at 9am** for any prospective parents. If you have friends who might be interested in the school, please invite them to come along.

REGISTERING YOUNGER SIBLINGS

If you have children born between September 2015 and August 2016 who will be joining the Oakwood Nursery, please remember to register them! Application forms are available from the school office or on the website. No application fee is payable when registering younger siblings. You may also consider completing applications if you have any children for the following year, born between September 2016 and August 2017.

LUNCHMUNCH4KIDZ

It is not too late to register children to have hot lunches this term. Lunches are prepared offsite and sent to school in heat retaining, fully recyclable boxes complete with wooden cutlery. The cost is £3.65 per lunch which includes fresh fruit and yoghurt. On Wednesdays the children receive a treat such as ice cream, chocolate muffins or baked doughnuts. This term sandwiches have been introduced to the menu (see attached). If you would like to register or need more information, please email LunchMunch directly on admin@lunchmunch4kidz.co.uk.

SUMMER TERM ENDS

Please note that school will finish at the earlier time of **12.30pm on Wednesday 10 July**.

MERIT BADGE WINNERS FOR THE LAST WEEK OF SPRING



Year 1 – Isabella Sadler
Year 2 – James Thomas
Year 3 – Sofia Slon
Year 4 – Ayaan Fada
Year 5 – Marin Singh
Year 6 – Olohirere Eboeime

CONGRATULATIONS!

SAVE THE DATES

MONDAY 29 APRIL

Most clubs & extra-curricular activities begin this week

TUESDAY 30 APRIL

Talk & Tour Day – 9am

FRIDAY 3 MAY

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

Year 4 class assembly – 3.10pm

MONDAY 6 MAY

School closed for the Bank Holiday

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY

U11 Oakwood 7th Annual Football Tournament at The Cedars (1-3.30pm)

FRIDAY 10 MAY

Coffee morning for parents in the Art Room – 8.30am

Year 3 class assembly – 3.10pm

MONDAY 13 MAY

SATS & assessment week

****No Prep or I1+ this week****

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY

Head's Talk for all parents – 7pm

FRIDAY 17 MAY

Family Comedy Show – 4pm

MONDAY 20 MAY

Speech & Drama LAMDA exams

Walk to School Week

Take One Initiative Week

May procession & picnic

TUESDAY 21 MAY

Class Photographs with Gillman & Soame – 9am

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY

Year 3 Tate Gallery Photography Workshop

THURSDAY 23 MAY

Coffee with the Head – 8.50am

Puzzle Challenge Day (Reception – Year 6)

FRIDAY 24 MAY

Oakwood in Bloom

School closes for the half-term – 3.45pm

HALF-TERM Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

MONDAY 3 JUNE

School opens – 8.30am

Reception BASE assessment week



SAVE THE DATES CONT:

TUESDAY 4 JUNE

Tutor meetings and Year 4 optional meetings with Mr Candia (4.15-8pm). Details to follow.

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE

Year 6 Residential trip (returning Friday 7 June)

THURSDAY 6 JUNE

Balance Bike Training for Reception

Quiz Club for selected Year 6 pupils

U11 cricket VS Royal Russell School (away) – 2.30pm

FRIDAY 7 JUNE

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

Music Concert for Years 2, 3 & 4 – 2.45pm

MONDAY 10 JUNE

Year 1 Phonics Screening check

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

Celebration of Work Evening, Junior Subject Specialists meetings & Mrs Rhodes SEN reviews (4-6.30pm). Childminding available. Details to follow.

****No Prep or football club****

THURSDAY 13 JUNE

Reception class assembly – 8.50am

TUESDAY 18 JUNE

Talk & Tour Day – 9am TBC

Tutor meetings and Year 4 optional meetings with Mr Candia (4.15-8pm). Details to follow.

****No I1+****

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

Art Exhibition – 7pm

THURSDAY 20 JUNE

U10 cricket vs Caterham (away) – 2pm

FRIDAY 21 JUNE

Sports Day (reserve date Monday 24 June in case of bad weather). More details about timings to follow.

TUESDAY 25 JUNE

Year 5 & 6 matinee performance – 1.45pm

THURSDAY 27 JUNE

Transition morning & new pupil taster day

New & secondhand uniform sale (8.45-10am)

Year 5 & 6 evening performance – 7pm

FRIDAY 28 JUNE

Coffee morning for parents in the Art Room

Music Concert for Years 5, 6 & groups – 2.45pm

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF TERM

Monday 1 July – Year 6 leavers party in school (2pm)

Wednesday 3 July - Leavers Mass (6pm) & Junior Prizegiving (7pm)

Friday 5 July - Year 3 Thanksgiving Mass (2.30pm)

Monday 8 July - Whole school trip to Aylesford Priory

Tuesday 9 July - End of Year Mass at St John the Baptist Church, Purley (2pm)

Wednesday 10 July - School closes for the Summer holidays (12.30pm)

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN by Mrs Askew

As part of our commitment to keeping children safe, teachers will be discussing various guidelines with their class during one of the 'Rights & Responsibilities' CD lessons in May, using age appropriate language and stories/illustrations. This is largely based on the NSPCC 'Speak out. Stay safe.' programme. The guidelines that teachers will be using are attached for your information.

CLUBS & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

A reminder that most clubs start next week, including Prep & 11+. Please find attached the list of clubs & activities that children can sign up for this term. Please note that these activities run for different lengths in the term and they do not always finish at the same time, so please check with the individual providers. A reminder that cash cannot be accepted in the office as payment for any extra-curricular clubs or other lessons.

SCHOOL TRIPS & VISITS

On **Wednesday 22 May** Year 3 children will have the opportunity to take part in The Tate Year 3 Project, which is a photography workshop organised by Mrs Easthope. More details, along with a consent form, have already been sent home.

All children from Reception – Year 6 will be participating in a 'Mind Missions' workshop on **Thursday 23 May**. They will experience age-appropriate, hands-on activities that require a variety of mathematical and thinking skills, collecting pieces of information that will enable them to complete their missions. The day will be run by the Happy Puzzle Company, and parents are invited to come along to their shop in the hall between 3.30 & 4pm (details to follow). A small charge (between £4.50 & £5 depending on the year group) will be added to parents' bills, as part of the annual allowance for trips.

Year 6 will be leaving for their Residential Trip to Marchants Hill on **Wednesday 5 June** and returning on **Friday 7 June**. More information has been sent home.

LADIES MEDITATION

The next meditation with Fr. George will be held on **Friday 3 May** at **8.50am**. The talk will be about Our Lady. All mums, aunts and grannies are welcome.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

The Year 4 class assembly takes place on **Friday 3 May** and the Year 3 assembly is on **Friday 10 May**. These assemblies start at **3.10pm**, and all parents are welcome to come along.

COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS

Parents are welcome to come along to our next coffee morning on **Friday 10 May** from 8.30am in the Art Room.

FAMILY COMEDY SHOW

Mrs Martin (one of our mums) has arranged for the comedian Jonny Awsum to host a Comedy Show at Oakwood (flyer attached). This takes place on **Friday 17 May** at **4pm** and the whole school is invited. Jonny was a 2017 finalist in the hit show 'Britain's Got Talent' and is sure to get you laughing in your seat! The cost is £3 per head and details on how to book will be available in the next few weeks. Please note that children from Nursery – Year 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

MAY PROCESSION AND PICNIC

The children will be taking part in our annual May procession on **Monday 20 May** to honour Our Lady. All children should bring in a flower to lay around the statue of Mary. After the procession we will be having a picnic lunch. LunchMunch will provide a suitable picnic lunch for those children who normally have hot lunches so there will be no need to cancel for this day. All other children should bring a suitable packed lunch in a carrier bag.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographer, Gillman & Soame, will be at school on **Tuesday 21 May** at **9am** to take class photos (Nursery – Year 6). Please ensure that the children are sent into school looking as smart as they can in their summer uniform. Nursery children who do not normally attend on a Tuesday may come to school for the photo and be taken home directly afterwards.

OAKWOOD IN BLOOM by Mrs Easthope

Our Oakwood in Bloom competition takes place on **Friday 24 May**. There is no set theme this year, just have fun creating your dream garden in miniature. Please ensure that your garden is brought into school by **9am** on the day for judging, as Mr Buttress (from the RHS) will announce the winners that afternoon. Good luck and happy gardening.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

We will be taking part in the 'Walk to School Week' initiative which commences **Monday 20 May**. As in previous years we would like to run the 'walking buses' from St John the Baptist Church and Riddlesdown Common. To do this we will need some parent volunteers to help out. If you can spare 15 minutes to walk to school for an 8.45am arrival, then please email Mrs Clarke at liz.clarke@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

SPORTS NEWS by Mr Kurti

A wide range of sporting activities will be taking place during our PE lessons this term including cricket, rounders, golf, tennis and athletics. This half-term the Junior children (Years 3 – 6) will have tennis lessons at Sanderstead Lawn Tennis Club in Penwortham Road. We do have tennis rackets but if your child would prefer to bring their own then please make sure it is brought into school and labelled with their name.

We have introduced a new initiative called the 'Daily Mile' for children in Years 1 - 6. This is a program which is simple and free and takes place each Wednesday morning at 8.30am to 8.45am. It gets children out of the classroom for fifteen minutes to run or jog, at their own pace, with their classmates, making them fitter, healthier, and more able to concentrate. If your child would like to come along please meet me in the top playground starting Wednesday 1 May.

We are currently finalising a few more Junior sports fixtures so please look out for dates in the school newsletters. Full details will be sent home with those children selected to play. A reminder that children should have their full kit (clearly labelled please) in school for PE lessons. The Year 5 and 6 boys will be loaned full cricket whites which they will need to wear during cricket practices and fixtures.

If you have any sports related questions, please contact me on alberto.kurti@oakwoodschool.org.uk. We look forward to a busy, enjoyable term ahead.

CHESS CHALLENGE by Mrs Kuc

Last term, 18 pupils from Years 2 - 6 took part in the first round of the Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge, held each week at school. The competition was strong and I was impressed with the skill, concentration and sportsmanship shown by the pupils, even amongst our younger players. I would like to congratulate those pupils who have made it through to the second round: James, Matthew, Amelia, Ptolemy, Bryn, Aidan, Cyprien, Fatima and Isaac. Special congratulations to Isaac, who scored 20 out of 21 points and was awarded the School Chess Champion trophy for this year's competition.

CHARACTER STARS FOR THE LAST WEEK OF SPRING

Target:

Mistakes don't make me give up.



Year 1 – Tohma Okamoto
Year 2 – Saria Scott-Kurti
Year 3 – Samuel McKenzie
Year 4 – Francesca Schofield
Year 5 – Therese Kobus
Year 6 – Max Baladasan

WELL DONE!

ARTIST OF THE MONTH by Mrs Easthope

The 'Artist of the month' topic for the month of May is to paint a picture of a scarecrow. All children from Reception to Year 6 are invited to participate, and some of the artwork will be displayed around the school. All work should be handed directly to me.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Responsibility

Responsibility is "taking ownership of my thoughts, words, and actions." This virtue is essential for becoming a healthy, happy, and productive person and is the basis for a free and civil society where each person does what he or she is expected to do.

Responsibility begins with taking care of our own possessions, our home/school/wider environment and the people who share it with us. It means working with a responsible attitude, resolving conflicts peacefully (including not jumping to hasty conclusions or passing on gossip) and owning up to mistakes. In order to become responsible, children need to be *responsible for something* so this may be a good moment to give the youngest members of the family a small job at home and also to see what additional contributions the older children could make.

The key points of our teaching will be:

- Know what's expected and do it, even if there's no-one there to see
- Keep my commitments
- Do my best
- Don't make excuses or blame others – and own up when I've done something wrong
- Make use of my mistakes to learn and change

At the end of this unit, we'll be encouraging the older children to "take charge of their destiny" – evaluating their strengths and recognising the areas they'd like to improve as they move on to a new class or new school.

As always, we'll be drawing examples from school and home contexts so do discuss the week's target with your child and talk about how s/he can put it into practice. The targets will be displayed in school and are given below for reference:

Week commencing

29 April - I take care of the spaces I share with others.

6 May – I don't make excuses when it is my responsibility.

13 May - I look out for everyone around me.

20 May - I never settle for less than my best!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Jean Gardner
Director of Ethos

