

# Newsletter



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## FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents

Last week the Year 6 children went on their PGL trip to Marchants Hill. They had a wonderful time, and I am impressed by their willingness to get 'stuck in'. Whether fighting the elements in the water rafting or conquering their fear of heights, the trip was a great opportunity for children to develop their teamwork skills and a sense of courage!



It was lovely to see so many parents at our Celebration of Work Evening on Wednesday. It is a wonderful occasion for children and parents to sit together and to share the 'wonder of learning'. I am sure you are all proud of the achievements over the last year as I am.

Traditionally, at some point in the second half of the summer term, I have allowed a discretionary period when caps, berets and blazers are not compulsory. As the weather is finally improving, and we are likely to experience warmer days, this discretionary period will begin as from Monday. The regulation summer cap can be worn. Please refer to the uniform list for all other compulsory summer uniform items.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass in honour of St Josemaria on **Wednesday 26 June at 7.30pm**. It will be held at the Sacred Heart Church, Essendene Rd, Caterham CR3 5PA. Confessions will be available from 7pm onwards. There will also be an opportunity to view a small display about the life of Blessed Guadalupe Landazuri, the first lay person of Opus Dei to be beatified by Pope Francis. This display will be available for viewing in school next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after which it will be transported to the Sacred Heart Church and from there to The Cedars for the rest of the week. The life of Blessed Guadalupe reminds us that everyone can find holiness in and through the ordinary activities of everyday living; so please feel free to have a look and be inspired!

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Ciro Candia - Headmaster

## PARENT/TUTOR MEETINGS

A reminder that the next **Tutor meetings for Junior parents** will take place on **Tuesday 18 June**. Mr Candia also has his optional Year 4 secondary school appointments on this date. The booking system to make appointments is now closed, so for parents who have their meeting already booked please refer to your confirmation email if you need a reminder of the time. Please note that there is **no 11+** on this day so those children should be collected at the normal time (either 3.45pm or 4.45pm if they are attending Prep).

## EVACUATION PROCEDURES

As there are several school events over the coming weeks, this is a good opportunity to remind parents about our emergency evacuation protocols (as they are different from those during normal school hours). To give you a brief outline, if an emergency (eg. fire evacuation) arises during any evening event, the Head or other members of staff will advise the location of the assembly point (as this will more than likely be the school car park instead of the top playground). You should leave the building as quickly as possible using the nearest available and safest exit – together with everyone who you came to the event with. As formal registers would not have been taken, you will need to inform staff if anyone is missing. Please ask if any assistance is needed (for example for anyone who is elderly or disabled). The Head or other members of staff will take overall charge of the situation, so please follow their instructions.

Let's hope these procedures will never be required but we thought it would be helpful to clarify them.

## MERIT BADGE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK



Year 1 – Ralph Taylor  
Year 2 – Mark Hewitt  
Year 3 – Francesca Baladasan  
Year 4 – Santiago Torre  
Year 5 – Jacob Leonard  
Year 6 – Ayla Fada

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## SAVE THE DATES

### TUESDAY 18 JUNE

Tutor meetings and Year 4 optional meetings (from 4.15pm). No childminding. **\*\*No 11+\*\***

### WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

U11 cricket tournament at The Cedars (9am-3.30pm)

Art Exhibition – 7pm

### FRIDAY 21 JUNE

Sports Day at The Cedars (reserve date Monday 24 June in case of bad weather)

### TUESDAY 25 JUNE

Year 5 & 6 matinee performance – 1.45pm

Last 11+

### WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

Reception Medieval lunch

Mass in honor of St Josemaria Escriva at Sacred Heart Church, Caterham – 7.30pm

### THURSDAY 27 JUNE

Transition morning, new pupil taster day & uniform sale

Year 5 & 6 evening performance – 7pm

### FRIDAY 28 JUNE

Coffee morning for parents in the Art Room – 8.30am

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

### MONDAY 1 JULY

Early Years picnic

Year 6 leavers party (2-3.30pm)

### WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

Last swimming for Years 1 & 2

Leavers Mass (6pm) & Junior Prizegiving (7pm) **\*\*No Prep\*\***

### THURSDAY 4 JULY

Years 4 – 6 Barclays Money Skills TBC

Reception picnic at Sanderstead Recreation Ground

### FRIDAY 5 JULY

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

End of Year Mass at St John the Baptist, Purley – 2pm

### MONDAY 8 JULY

Whole school trip to Aylesford Priory

### TUESDAY 9 JULY

Summer music concert – 10.45am

Year 3 Thanksgiving Mass – 2.30pm

### WEDNESDAY 10 JULY

**School closes for the Summer holidays – 12.30pm**

## CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

### Friendliness

For the remainder of the summer term the Character Development lessons in Years 1-6 will focus on the virtue of Friendliness.

In young children, friendship is often ephemeral, with “You’re not my friend anymore!” being used after many minor disagreements. But children may also be very possessive and feel slighted or intensely jealous if “their” friend plays with anyone else. We can help them to see that they can have more than one friend, and likewise, each friend may have other friends besides them.

Lessons will explore the concept of a friend, using scenarios which are familiar to children, with the aim of helping each one to grow his/her understanding a little, in accordance with their emotional maturity. In particular, we will emphasise that friendship is about **giving of oneself**, thinking about the friend and trying to put ourselves in another’s place.

Weekly targets as follows:

w/c 3 June: I try to get along with *everyone*.

w/c 10 June: I can *share* with others.

w/c 17 June: I try to *understand* others’ feelings.

w/c 24 June: I always use *kind* words.

As always, best outcomes for the children are achieved when teachers and parents work in partnership! Do please ask your children about their CD lessons and praise their efforts to live up to the targets.

Jean Gardner – Director of Ethos



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The class photograph proofs have now been sent home. If you would like to make a purchase, you can order online (via Gillman & Soame) using the login provided on the proof or send the order directly to them by post. Please do not hand these in to the school office. Photographs can be delivered to the school providing you order by **23 June**. After this time a delivery charge will incur.

## SCHOOL TRIPS & VISITS

Reception will enjoy a Medieval Lunch on **Wednesday 26 June**. They will also enjoy a picnic at Sanderstead Recreation Ground on **Thursday 4 July**.

On **Thursday 4 July**, we are planning to have a visit from Barclays Bank staff for Years 4 – 6 to give advice about managing their own money through their ‘Money Skills’ resources.

## UPPER JUNIOR PRODUCTION

The Year 5 & 6 production of 'Sherlock & Cinders' will be performed on **Tuesday 25 June at 1.45pm** and **Thursday 27 June at 7pm**. The entry fee is **£2** for the matinee and **£5** for the evening performance. This can be paid at the door (children under 16 and senior citizens are free). Group discounts apply; please speak to the school office for more information.



For the evening performance, pupils will need to be in school by 6.15pm (unless otherwise requested) in their uniform. Refreshments will be served from this time, so parents are encouraged to stay once they have dropped off their children. Please note that the car park will be **CLOSED** to parents (apart from a few helpers) as we are unable to accommodate many vehicles.

A DVD recording will be made during the evening performance, and order forms have been sent home. These can be returned to Epsom Video directly or handed in to the school office by Friday 5 July. Please note that no photographs may be taken during the performance. Professional photographs will be taken during the matinee and these will be available to order at the evening performance.

## UNIFORM SALES

Stevensons, our school uniform supplier, will be holding a uniform sale to help parents who cannot get to their shop in Epsom, or would like to avoid the busy period during the summer holidays.

The sale will take place in the hall on **Thursday 27 June between 8.45 – 10am**. So please drop in if you need to purchase any item of uniform for the new school year. They also hold stock of ties and elasticated bows, however please continue to purchase the tartan ribbon and bags from the school office. Personal appointments can be made for instore visits, for more information please call Stevensons on 01372 747474

A secondhand uniform sale run by Mrs Thompson will be held in conjunction with the Stevensons sale. If you are looking to purchase good quality used items at reasonable prices, then please do come along. If you have any good quality uniform items you no longer need, please consider donating these.

## ART EXHIBITION by Mrs Easthope

A reminder that the Art Exhibition takes place on **Wednesday 19 June at 7pm**, where children's artwork will be displayed in a galleried style setting. Parents from Nursery to Year 6 are encouraged to come and view their children's framed artwork with the option of purchasing this. The cost of the framed artwork is £8.50 and will be added to your bill. If you do not wish to buy your child's artwork, please let me know by emailing me at [lorna.easthope@oakwoodschool.org.uk](mailto:lorna.easthope@oakwoodschool.org.uk). Please see the attached flyer for details.

## SPORTS DAY

A reminder that Sports day will be held on **Friday 21 June** at The Cedars School, Coombe Road, Croydon. In case of bad weather, the reserve date is Monday 24 June. For detailed information (including parking arrangements) please see Mr Kurti's email sent on 7 June. The programme is as follows (all timings are approximate):

9.15am – Early Years (Nursery & Reception)  
10.45am – Infants (Years 1 & 2)  
1.30pm – Juniors (Years 3-6)

## TRANSITION MORNING & TASTER DAY

On **Thursday 27 June** we will be having a whole school transition morning, when pupils across the school will spend some time with next year's teachers. This will also be a taster day for new pupils joining Oakwood in September.

## COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS

There will be a coffee morning for parents on **Friday 28 June at 8.30am** in the Art Room. All parents are welcome to come along.

## MUSIC CONCERT by Mr Woolmer

The final Music Concert of the year will take place on **Friday 28 June** at 2.45pm for Years 5, 6 & groups. Parents are welcome to attend.

## YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PARTY

The Year 6 leavers' party for staff and Year 6 children will take place in the hall on **Monday 1 July at 2pm**. It has become a tradition for the staff and children to come together at the end of their final year to reminisce and have some fun.

## JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING & LEAVERS MASS

The Junior Prizegiving & Leavers Mass will be held on **Wednesday 3 July**. The Mass for Year 6 and their parents will take place in the Oratory at **6pm** followed by the Prizegiving itself at **7pm** in the hall with all the Juniors.

Prizes will be awarded across the Juniors, so it is essential that all pupils and their parents from Year 3 upwards attend (but no younger siblings please). An email will follow shortly with further details.

## LADIES MEDITATION

The next meditation with Fr. George will be held on **Friday 5 July at 8.50am**. The talk is about 'The Sacred Heart'. All mums, aunties and grannies are welcome.

## END OF YEAR CELEBRATION MASS

On **Friday 5 July at 2pm** we will be holding our End of Year Celebration Mass at St John the Baptist, Dale Road, Purley. All children from Nursery – Year 6 and staff will be attending this special Mass and parents are invited to join us. There will be **no 12noon Mass**.

## OAKWOOD SUMMER CONCERT

We look forward to the end of year 'Summer Concert' performed by Mr Moore and the Oakwood Band on **Tuesday 9 July at 10.45am**. The concert will include a mixture of songs that the band have been rehearsing. They will even be playing their own Oakwood Theme Song! All parents are welcome to attend. The concert will take place in the top playground (weather permitting, otherwise in the hall). It will be a great way to end off the year!

## YEAR 3 THANKSGIVING MASS

The Year 3 children will be having a special Thanksgiving Mass on **Tuesday 9 July at 2.30pm**. Invitations and details have already been sent to Year 3 parents. Please note that there will **no 12noon Mass**.

## PUNCTUALITY CUP

Well done to Year 2 who are the winners of the punctuality cup with a perfect score. The statistics are based on 8 school days (3-12 June). Punctuality statistics for the classes are as follows:

Reception – 7.93	Year 4 – 7.58
Year 1 – 7.79	Year 5 – 7.69
<b>Year 2 – 8.00</b>	Year 6 – 7.84
Year 3 – 7.86	



## JUNIOR PE TRACKSUIT

We have been advised by Stevensons that they have had to change supplier for the Junior tracksuit. We have agreed a new design with them, but there is very little difference. The navy colour is a slightly different shade and the piping is white as opposed to a pale grey. The bottoms have an elastic cuff rather than open at the ankle. There is a small increase in the cost, but we do feel this is reflected in the better quality of the items. Please rest assured that we are not asking you to replace what your child already has, but just so that you are aware of the change should you be purchasing in the future.

## FAMILY FUN DAY

Please save the date in your diaries now for our Family Fun Day on **Saturday 14 September from 12.30 – 3.30pm**. More details will be sent home at the beginning of the new school year. If you would like to help with this event, please contact your Class or Associate Class Couple.

## CHARACTER STARS FOR LAST WEEK

Target:

- I try to get along with others.*
- Year 1 – Ananiya Manivasagam
  - Year 2 – Ivy Balcombe
  - Year 3 – Olivia Bong
  - Year 4 – Pranati Srinath
  - Year 5 – Stella Pellegrini Perez
  - Year 6 – None due to PGL trip



**WELL DONE!**

## QUIZ CLUB

Last Thursday selected Year 5 children took part in the Area Heat of the National KS2 Maths Inter-School Quiz Championship 2018- 2019 at St Dunstons School, Cheam. Competing against 11 other teams from local schools the children faced 30 extremely challenging maths questions; most being answered mentally. The teams only had 1 minute to answer each question! Oakwood did well considering the majority of the schools entered Year 6 children. Well done Marin, Lucas, Caroline & Ashley.



## EARLY YEARS NEWS

### Early Years Awards

Reception

Star

Chiara-Luce Cumbers for great thinking through problems in maths

Nursery

Star

Sofie Mons for tidiness & Marie Cérèze for always doing her best

Playtime

Daniel MacGloin & Maya Okamoto



Well done children!

## Reception

The Reception children were treated to a Balance Bike training session last week. The training involved checking the bike over before getting on, steering, braking and keeping your distance from other bike users and pedestrians. The children loved the session and the lady who trained them said they were all a credit to the school - as they listened well and without prompting said thank you at the end of the session.



## Nursery

The children have been learning about things you may take on holiday and about sun safety. We have made suitcases, summer dot to dots, painted flowers and paper plate suns. We continue to get into the team spirit by practising our running, beanbag and teddy bear races for sports day.

## YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP by Mrs Teague

Year 6 enjoyed an excellent trip to PGL. It began with them scaling the heights of the climbing wall and finished with them soaking wet making rafts in the lake. In between they got the opportunity to try their hands at archery, rifle shooting and whizzing down the zip wire. They were a credit to their parents and the school, being unfailingly polite to all the adults they met. We all had an amazing time and I am sure they will remember it for a long time to come.

