

Oakfield Spring Newsletter

24 March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Meet the Author

Martin Bradley, author and illustrator talked to the children today about how he became an author and why he loves writing books for children. His passion for bird watching was his inspiration for his books. The children learnt about birds, especially birds of prey and how some birds are endangered. He then talked through step by step, how to draw the birds in his books.

'I liked the real birds on display. We learnt about predators and birds that are nearly extinct.' Megan

'I found out that a sparrow hawk can fly over 50 miles per hour!' Jack K

'I liked learning about birds. A falcon flies super-fast.' Hayden B

'I loved the way he described the movement of the birds, how their wings make them go really quick. A peregrine falcon goes into a drop shape and flies 60 miles per hour.' Erin

'He was really creative with his books. He told us about birds I'd never even heard of. He had good ideas on how to draw a barn owl and other birds.' Charlie H

Martin then signed books that children had bought. The proceeds of some of his books go to charities which help to protect endangered birds. As it is Red Nose Day today, Martin donated £1 from every book that was sold. We all had a wonderful morning.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone for taking part in our Red Nose fundraising day by wearing red clothes. In this morning's assembly there was a sea of red everywhere instead of the usual burgundy. At break time the children were able to buy scrumptious cupcakes, made by Mrs McKechnie our cook. As you can imagine they were very popular and a huge queue quickly formed in the hall for them! In addition to the 165 red noses sold prior to today, we sold over £50 worth of cakes, received £141.30 in donations and £91 from the author. Thank you for all the support.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all those parents who came to parents evening appointments last week. This week class teachers have been trying to catch up with any parent who was unable to attend. If you haven't heard from them then please contact them so that they can update you on your child's progress.

Oakie Owl and Professor Owl Awards

Badgers - Year 4 - received the attendance award for the week of 20th March with a fantastic weekly attendance of 100%. Well done!

Professor Owl has been awarded to Woodpeckers - Year 5 - for improving their problem solving skills in maths. Well done Woodpeckers!



I'm sure Oakie will enjoy his time in Badgers as will Professor Owl in Woodpeckers class.

School Lunches

The price of a school meal will increase from Monday 3rd April to £2.15 per meal. Please ensure that all outstanding dinner money is paid up to date by Friday 31st March for the end of the financial year.

Disclaimer re local clubs, businesses and community events - From time to time we send out information electronically or by paper flyer advertising clubs, businesses and community events both on and off our site e.g. Fetes, Activity Days, Brownies, Cubs, Sports Clubs, Martial Arts Clubs, Holiday Clubs, Pre-School Events etc. Please note that the school is not responsible for undertaking any vetting checks on these activity providers. **The school will only undertake vetting checks on parties providing clubs and events organised by the school.**

Yours sincerely

E. Smith

Mrs Elizabeth Smith
Headteacher

Dates for the diary, for the school year 2016 - 2017, as at 24 March 2017

(Also now available on our website www.oakfield-pri.co.uk)

March	29 th	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Programme Parent Training 2.15 - 3.15pm
	29 th	Year 3 and 4 - Trip to Sea City Museum
	30 th	Year 5 and 6 - Family Celebration 2.45pm
	31 st	Year 5 - We Will Rock You at Testwood School - packed lunch required
	31 st	Year 2 Ukulele Concert 2.45pm
April	3 rd	Year 1 and 2 - Family celebration - Book look in classrooms - 2.45pm
	4 th	Year 3 and 4 - Family Celebration 2.45pm
	5 th	Easter Service at Testwood Baptist Church at 9.30am
	5 th	Year 4 Ukulele Concert 2.45pm
May		SATS begin for Year 2
	8 th	SATS week for Year 6
June	10 th	FOO entry for Totton Carnival
	12 th	Phonics testing begins for Year 1
	21 st	Sports Day (morning only)
	27 th	Year 1 & 2 - Marwell Zoo Trip
	28 th	Reserve Sports Day (morning only)
July	5 th - 7 th	Transition days for Secondary School (to be confirmed)
	8 th	FOO Summer Fayre
	6 th	Move up day
	10 th	Parents Evening - Year R to Year 5 3.30 - 6pm
	12 th	Parents Evening - Year R to Year 5 5 - 7 pm
		Year 6 2.15 - 7pm