

Oakfield Spring Newsletter

31 March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday Owls and Woodpeckers had their own "Dragon's Den" experience, at their Family Celebration, where they had 20 minutes to design and make the next 'big' product made from recycled goods. They worked in teams with parents, siblings and grandparents to create some truly imaginative items. The winners announced in assembly this morning were:

Year 5 - Callum, Katie and Sophie

Year 6 - Rhys, Jack, Kiera, Samad and Charlie

Certificates and prizes were awarded and certificates have been sent home for their family helpers too.

Competition time

Following Martin Bradley's Meet the Author visit last week he has offered prizes and set competitions as follows:

For Years 1, 2 and 3 - Produce an illustrated information text about a British bird of prey

For Years 4, 5 and 6 - Create a poem about a British bird of prey.

The children can work on their entries during the Easter holiday and will need to hand them to their teachers by the closing date - Wednesday 26th April. Good luck to all those who enter.

Governor Update

At a recent Governing Body meeting, we decided to keep parents informed about our work by producing a short update each month, provided by our 'Governor of the Month'. As I seem to have the honour of being GOM for March, I thought I would give a brief description of our role and its impact on the school's progress.

At Oakfield the staff follow a School Improvement Plan (SIP), which aims to raise standards through quality teaching and learning, supported by strong and effective leadership. As governors we meet regularly through the year to discuss the schools progress with staff, and we monitor all aspects of their work, providing support and asking challenging questions to hold the school to account, to make sure the children are given the best education in a safe environment. We use available data to see where progress is being made and where there are areas of concern, where interventions are required or other resources needed. We look at reports from the Local Authority and use classroom visits to get a clear picture of how well our children are learning.

Like all schools, we are trying to 'close the gap' so that all children can learn to their full potential. We want them to be happy during their time at Oakfield, so their well-being is paramount.

In future reports we will look at how our GB is put together and how we divide up our responsibilities.

Andy Sutton, Chair of Governors

Oakie Owl and Professor Owl Awards

Caterpillars and Woodpeckers received the attendance award for the week of 27th March with a great weekly attendance of 98.7%. Well done!



Professor Owl has been awarded to Ladybirds - Year R - for recognising, naming 3D shapes and exploring their properties. They even noticed 3D shapes on their welly walk! Well done to Ladybirds.

School Lunches

Reminder - The price of a school meal will increase from Monday 3rd April to **£2.15** per meal.

Meal change on Thursday 6th April - Roast Pork and Yorkshire Pudding instead of beef.

The **new menus** for 24th April - 20th October 2017 will be sent out next week.

Years 5 and 6 will be piloting a "Grab and Go" menu just for them (L = LIME). The pilot will last from 24th April until 26th May 2017 and may be continued depending on feedback and uptake.

Year 6 Parents - Dates for your diary

The Leavers Assembly will take place in the morning on Friday 21st July and in the afternoon the Year 6 Leavers Bar-be-que.

For those who are not aware, the Bar-be-que is an annual event kindly financed and put on for the Year 6 Leavers by FOO. I have no doubt that FOO will be needing a couple of volunteers to assist but any adults present will need to have completed the full volunteer application process, including DBS and governor interview. If you would like to assist at this event please contact Francesca (Chair of FOO) or Nicci (Deputy Chair).

Change to Family Celebrations for Years 3 and 4

Please note that the **Year 3 Family Celebration** will remain as previously advertised (2.45pm on Tuesday 4th April).

The **Year 4 Ukulele Concert** will now start at 2.30pm on Wednesday 5th April followed by **Badgers class Family Celebration**.

Spring Clubs

The Spring lunchtime and after-school clubs have now finished, however the "Looking after our outside environment club" on a Monday will have an extra session on Monday 3rd April, finishing at 4pm as usual.

Computer/ICT Enrichment Club

A letter has been sent out to those in Years 3, 5, 6 (Year 4 will be taking it home tonight) who expressed an interest in the paid for Computer/ICT Enrichment Club. This club will go ahead for those in Year 4, 5 and 6 any places not taken up (and paid for) by Monday 3rd April will then be offered to those in Year 3 who have returned their slip confirming that

they are still interested.

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.**

Community Event

The Free Family Films at Testwood Baptist Church this Easter holiday will be The BFG (PG rated) on Tuesday 18th April and Storks (U rated) on Thursday 20th April. All are welcome - please walk if you can!

Yours sincerely

E. Smith

Mrs Elizabeth Smith
Headteacher

Dates for the diary, for the school year 2016 - 2017, as at 31 March 2017

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

April	3rd	Year 1 and 2 - Family celebration - Book look in classrooms - 2.45pm
	4 th	Year 3 Family Celebration 2.45pm
	5 th	Easter Service at Testwood Baptist Church at 9.30am
	5 th	Year 4 Ukulele Concert 2.30pm followed by Family Celebration
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
July	21 st	Year 6 Leavers Assembly am
		Year 6 FOO Leavers Bar-be-que