

Oakfield Autumn Newsletter

29 September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to introduce ourselves to you as the interim headteachers at Oakfield Primary School. As you know, Mrs Smith is unwell and so the governors have asked us to work together to lead the school during this period. We will be available during the time that Mrs Smith remains unwell and we are also available to cover the spring term while the governors work to appoint a new headteacher to the school.

Mrs Gwynne Kynaston is an experienced headteacher who was most recently headteacher at Rownhams Primary School; she has been working in the school since the start of term. She will generally be in school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs Diane Lawry is also an experienced headteacher who was most recently headteacher in the Bordon area of Hampshire. She will generally be in school every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. She has been in school this week and has already met many of your children.

We are both delighted to be working together at Oakfield and we will do our very best to provide the best education possible for your children during this time. The children are delightful and a credit to you and we can already tell that the school is a lovely friendly place. We will be around the school site at the beginning and ends of days so please do make yourself known to us.

If you have any questions or concerns, we would rather know about them early on so that we can deal with them more effectively. Please catch us or ask the school office for an appointment to see us if we can be of any help.

We are keen for the children to make the most of their learning time in school and so, from Monday 2nd October, the outside doors will be open at 8.45am so that the children can be settled to their learning by 8.50am. I know that this has been trialled a little in key stage 2 this week and parents seem to be positive about the change and children have been very settled at the start of the day.

We look forward to meeting you properly over the next few weeks.

Yours faithfully

G Kynaston

D Lawry

Gwynne Kynaston and Diane Lawry
Interim Headteachers

Oakie Owl and Professor Owl Awards

Year 2 - Caterpillars received the attendance award for the week beginning Monday 25th September for a weekly attendance of 99.4%. Well done!

Professor Owl has been awarded to Year 2 - Dragonflies for showing good reasoning in their maths books.

Sparkle was awarded Emily, Year 4 - Badgers, for being kind to someone who was upset.



Parents' Evening Appointments

Please be advised that the sign up sheets for Parents' Evenings will be available in Reception from Monday 2nd October, we have had to slightly amend the dates as follows:

Monday 16 th October -	2.00 - 7.00pm - Year 1 3.30 - 6.00pm - Year R, 2, 3, 4 and 5
Wednesday 18 th October -	2.00 - 7.00pm - Year 6 5.00 - 7.00pm - Year R, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Community Events

Testvale Squares - Try square dancing for free Classes for those aged 8 to 15, 16 to 24, 25 to 60 and everyone else. Sunday 1st and Sunday 8th October at Totton and Eling Community Centre from 2pm - 4pm. Phone 02380364505 for further information.

With best wishes

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Dates for the diary, for the school year 2017 - 2018, as at 29 September 2017
(Also now available on our website www.oakfield-pri.co.uk)

October	4 th	New Entrants 2018 Open Morning - Please book appointment
	5 th	New Entrants 2018 Open Afternoon - Please book appointment
	12 th	New Entrants Open Afternoon - Please book appointment
	13 th	New Entrants Open day - Please book appointment
	16 th	Flu immunisation for Years R, 1, 2 3 and 4
	16 th	Parents' Evening 2.00 - 7.00pm - Year 1
		Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.00pm - Year R, 2, 3, 4 and 5
	18 th	Harvest Festival at Testwood Baptist Church
	18 th	Parents' Evening 2.00 - 7.00pm - Year 6
	Parents' Evening 5.00 - 7.00pm - Year R, 2, 3, 4 and 5	
November	1 st	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Royal Victoria Country Park
	7 th	Year 1 and 2 Book Look at 3pm
	8 th	E-Safety training for parents - 2.30 - 3.15pm
February	23 rd	Rock Challenge
May	14 th	Year 6 SATS Week
June	11 th	Y2 Phonics testing begins (two week period)

Disclaimer re local clubs, business 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.

Attendance Information

Please note that the 'Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006' were amended as of 1 September 2013 to prohibit the proprietor (headteacher) of a maintained school granting leave of absence to a pupil except where an application has been made in advance and the proprietor considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. A family holiday is not considered exceptional. The law also requires parents/carers to ensure that their children attend school regularly and punctually.

Failure to attend school regularly and punctually may result in prosecution under the Education Act 1996, Section 444(1) and 444(1A). The Local Authority is empowered to issue Penalty Notices to parents/carers whose children who fail to attend punctually and regularly. Please see our school 'Attendance Policy' and the 'Hampshire County Council Code of Conduct for issuing Penalty Notices' both of which are available from the school office or on our school website.

We would also like to remind you of the information below:

- Penalty Notices are issued for 10 unauthorised sessions in a 10 school week period (this can include 10 sessions where you arrive late). The 10 school week period can also continue from one academic year to the next.

If you receive a Penalty Notice one academic year and a further 10 unauthorised sessions occur in a subsequent year, a referral is made to the Hampshire Attendance Legal Panel. In the past they have decided not to issue a further Penalty Notice but they have taken the case straight to court. Where the court found against the parents they have received criminal records.