

# Oakfield Autumn Newsletter

13 October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Be Bright, Be Seen and Walktober**

Thank you to all those who took part in the walk, air quality trail and/or dressed brightly, yesterday morning to meet 'Basil the Bird'. We were very pleased to be presented with our Bronze Travel Plan Award. Thank you to the Travel Plan Team for pushing this forward, and particularly to Mrs Cutcliffe for organising the event.

## **Oakie Owl and Professor Owl Awards**

Year 4 - Badgers received the attendance award for the week beginning Monday 9th October for a weekly attendance of 99.7%. Well done!

Professor Owl has been awarded to Year 5 - Woodpeckers for their great resilience in learning times tables and writing and editing fantastic myths about King Midas.

Sparkle was awarded to Ruby - Year 3 Foxes for always helping others in the classroom.



## **Parents' Evenings**

There are still spaces to sign up for the Parents' Evenings taking place on Monday and Wednesday next week. The sign up sheets are in reception.,

## **Parent Governor Elections**

If your child (or one of your children) did not bring home your election information and ballot papers yesterday they should bring them home today. If you have parental responsibility but did not receive a ballot paper please contact the admin office on Monday. Completed slips must be returned no later than 9am Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 to be included in the count.

Please ensure that the brown envelope is sealed and placed back in the white envelope. The names of those who have voted should be ticked on the white envelope. Unfortunately we have already received back a sealed brown envelope without the white envelope which will be unable to be include in the ballot.

## **End of day procedures after half term**

As the evenings are getting darker, we are reviewing our end of day procedures. We will be keeping the small pedestrian gate to the KS2 playground locked at the end of the day. Therefore all children will leave the school building at the rear of the school site.

We will be sending home a separate letter to the parents/carers of children in Year 3 and 4. Please complete and return it only if you would like your child to remain with their class teacher until you are able to collect at 3.15pm. We understand that some parents will meet

their child(ren) at one of the gates and so will not need to complete and return the form. However, we would ask that you advise your child to return to reception if you are not there to meet them.

### **Harvest Festival Service**

Our Harvest Festival Service will be taking place at Testwood Baptist Church at 9.30am on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Parents are welcome to join us there as the children will be taking part. Children are asked to bring a donation of tinned, packet or boxed staple foods which will be given to the Basics Bank to support local families.

### **INSET Days**

The following two INSET days have now been agreed by the Board of Governors:

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 (The last day before the Summer Holiday will now be Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018)

### **Community Information**

**New Forest Child Care CIC** will be running half term child care "October Fest" at Abbotswood School. If you would like further information please see their website [www.newforestchildcare.co.uk](http://www.newforestchildcare.co.uk).

With best wishes

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Gwynne Kynaston and Diane Lawry  
Interim Headteachers

**Dates for the diary, for the school year 2017 - 2018, as at 13 October 2017** (Also now available on our website [www.oakfield-pri.co.uk](http://www.oakfield-pri.co.uk))

October	16 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisation for Years R, 1, 2 3 and 4
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening 2.00 - 7.00pm - Year 1 Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.00pm - Year R, 2, 3, 4 and 5
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival at Testwood Baptist Church
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening 2.00 - 7.00pm - Year 6 Parents' Evening 5.00 - 7.00pm - Year R, 2, 3, 4 and 5
	November	1 <sup>st</sup>
	1 <sup>st</sup>	FOO Spooks and Sparkle Disco
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent Election Ballot Slips must be returned by 9am
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 and 2 Book Look at 3pm
	8 <sup>th</sup>	E-Safety training for parents - 2.30 - 3.15pm
	17 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	FOO Movie Night
	29 <sup>th</sup>	FOO Movie Night
February	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rock Challenge
May	14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS Week
June	11 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Phonics testing begins (two week period)
July	23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day

***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.