

Oakfield Autumn Newsletter

20 October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Festival Service

It was such a delight to see so many parents, grandparents and friends at the Harvest Festival Service on Wednesday. Thank you so much for supporting us. I hope that you enjoyed watching the children as much as I did. It was the first time I had seen the children away from the school setting and I was very impressed with their conduct and the way they walked to and from the church; they are a credit to you all.

Thank you also for all the donations to the Basics Bank; I know they will be very well received.

Oakie Owl and Professor Owl Awards

Year 4 - Badgers and Year 5 - Woodpeckers received the attendance award for the week beginning 16th October for a weekly attendance of 99.4%. Well done!

Professor Owl has been awarded to Year 6 - Owls as they have been designing, making and evaluating amazing Ancient Greek chariots and showed great collaboration, problem solving and perseverance.

Sparkle was awarded to Liam - Year 6 - Owls - for positively embracing engaging learning activities with energy and participation showing empathy and expression.



Rock Challenge Fundraising

Thank you to Daisy Ellen (Year 6) who managed to raise £135 towards the Rock Challenge fundraising by completing a sponsored cycle ride. Well done!

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies and associated items will be on sale after half term during first break in the hall.

Suggested donations for the following items are:

Wristbands and reflectors - 50p

Friendship bracelet and snap band - £1

Parent Governor Elections

Completed slips must be returned no later than 9am Friday 3rd 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 included in the ballot. If you think that you might have sent your brown envelope back without the white envelope, please let the admin office know. We will be able

to provide new paperwork to ensure that your vote is counted.

Head Lice

Unfortunately, head lice have been spotted on the heads of children in various classes. Please could everyone check and treat their child/ren as necessary during half term.

Reminder re old £1 coins

We are no longer able to accept the old £1 coins, please do not send them in for any payment or tuck money.

Christmas Shoeboxes for Honey Pot Children's Charity

Further to the leaflets which were sent out earlier this term. Shoeboxes will need to be brought into school during the first week back after half term as the New Forest rotary Club will collect them on Friday 3rd November. We would like to thank you for the support you have given in previous years and hope that you will be able to support this good cause once again. If you are unable to provide a whole shoebox of gifts, please bring in a partially filled shoebox or some gifts to add to one and we will match them up.

With best wishes

G Kynaston

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Gwynne Kynaston and Diane Lawry
Interim Headteachers

***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.

Dates for the diary, for the school year 2017 - 2018, as at 20 October 2017 (Also now available on our website www.oakfield-pri.co.uk)

October	20 th	Last day before half term
	30 th	First day back after half term
November	1 st	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Royal Victoria Country Park
	1 st	FOO Spooks and Sparkles Disco
	3 rd	Parent Election Ballot Slips must be returned by 9am
	7 th	Year 1 and 2 Book Look at 3pm
	8 th	E-Safety training for parents - 2.30 - 3.15pm
	13 th - 16 th	Year 5 - Bikeability
	16 th	Pudsey Day - Dress in spots or yellow for £1 in aid of Children in Need
	17 th	INSET Day
	22 nd	FOO Movie Night
29 th	FOO Movie Night	
December	7 th	FOO Kid's Own Christmas Present Room
	8 th	FOO Christmas Fayre
	12 th	KS1 Nativity performance for families with younger siblings - afternoon
	13 th	KS1 Nativity performance - afternoon
	18 th	Carol Service at Testwood Baptist Church 6pm
	21 st	Last day of term
January	4 th	First day back after holiday
February	9 th	Last day before half term
	19 th	First day back after half term
	23 rd	Rock Challenge
March	29 th	Last day before end of term
April	16 th	First day back after holiday
May	14 th	Year 6 SATS Week
	25 th	Last day before half term
June	4 th	First day back after half term
	11 th	Y2 Phonics testing begins (two week period)
July	20 th	Last day before end of term
	23 rd	INSET Day