

Oakfield Spring Newsletter

23 February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Oakie Owl, Sparkle and Professor Owl Awards

Oakie Owl has been awarded to Year 1 - Caterpillars Class for their attendance of 100% for the week beginning 19th February 2018. Well done!

Professor Owl has been awarded to Year 1 - Caterpillars, who have worked hard to understand and learn how to tell the time. They have picked it up very well.

Sparkle was awarded to Harriet - Year R, for using kind words and always helping other children.



STEP Award

We have introduced a **STEP Award** for the next few weeks to recognise children who show good manners. STEP stands for **S**orry, **T**hank you, **E**xcuse me, **P**lease. One child from each class is given the award and they spend a little time on Friday afternoon doing a fun activity; today they have made chocolate crispie cakes.

The polite children who have been chosen this week are:-

Ladybirds - Year R - Brooke

Caterpillars - Year 1 - Oliver T

Dragonflies - Year 2 - Olivia-Rose

Foxes - Year 3 - Mazey-Rose

Badgers - Year 4 - Bradley C

Woodpeckers - Year 5 - Amber

Owls - Year 6 - James

Come and see your child's work

You will remember that due to an early Easter, we delayed parents evening until after the Easter holiday. However, your children would love to show you some of the work they have been doing and so we will open the classrooms from 3.15pm on Wednesday 28th February. Your child can then bring you into the classroom and show you the outcomes of their learning. Don't worry if you have more than one child; we will keep the work out until everybody has finished looking.

We have also become aware that not all parents know the expectations for the learning in their child's year group. We now talk about "age-related expectations". We are therefore working on a series of leaflets to send home to explain what the expectations are for your child's year and some simple ways to support them at home.

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March

Dress as a character from a book and bring a book to share - see parentmail sent out yesterday.

Adverse weather – School Closure Procedures reminder

As another cold spell has been predicted for next week we would like to advise that the "Adverse weather – School Closure Procedures" can be found on our website under "School Polices and Useful Information".

Rock Challenge

We wish all those involved in Rock Challenge (children, parents and staff) the very best of luck with tonight's performance and hope that they have enjoyed every moment of the practising and meeting the other participants during the day. Many people have shown a lot of hard work and dedication to this project and it is greatly appreciated.

Easter Service

Can I draw your attention to the Easter Service on Wednesday 28th March. This begins at 9.30am at Testwood Baptist Church. We will walk the whole school there after registration. Parents are most welcome to join us for the service. We will be asking for some volunteers to walk with us to the church nearer the time.

Keeping our children safe

As you know, last term we had a focus on internet safety. This is ongoing work in school and we regularly remind our children about how to keep themselves safe when online. The NSPCC website has a range of resources to help parents keep children safe online.

Another resource on the NSPCC website is the PANTS resource. This is a useful way of helping to teach children to keep themselves safe. We are going to be using this resource in school in our PSHE (personal, social and health education) time so don't be surprised if your child comes home and says "we have been learning about pants in school." As you can imagine, they find this very amusing.

PANTS is an acronym for:

Privates are private

Always remember your body belongs to you

No means no

Talk about secrets that upset you

Speak up, someone can help

If you want further information about this resource you can find it at www.nspcc.org.uk. There is a great video clip and also helpful answers to a range of questions children may ask.



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

February	23 rd 28 th	Rock Challenge Event Parent's evening - Year 6 2.30 - 7pm
March	1 st 14 th 28 th 29 th	World Book Day - Dress up as a character from a book and bring a book to share FOO AGM 3.15pm (In Year 4 Classroom) - <i>Please note the change of date</i> Easter Service at Testwood Baptist Church - 9.30am Last day before end of term
April	16 th 17 th 30 th	INSET Day First day after half term Parent's evening - Years R, 2, 3, 4 and 5 3.30 - 6pm
May	2 nd 14 th 21 st - 23 rd 25 th	Parent's evening - Years R, 2, 3, 4 and 5 4.30 - 7pm - Year 1 2.30 - 7pm Year 6 SATS Week Year 5 and 6 - Residential trip Last day before half term
June	4 th 11 th	First day back after half term Y1 Phonics testing begins (two week period)
July	20 th 23 rd	Last day before end of term 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.