



Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Parents

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—AUTUMN TERM

November	
13th	Children In Need Dress Up Day

Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their continuing support during these difficult times.

Now we know more about this virus, schools are deemed to be one of the safest places for children. The school is heated, lit and the children will be well fed. They will be socially stimulated, academically enriched, and being in school is great for their mental health.

We are following Government guidelines, and any perceived new risks are dealt with as they arise.

We are concerned that the children may miss further education in the event of schools having to close in future, and would ask you to ensure regular attendance for your children in the meantime.

If you would like to discuss any concerns in more detail, please contact me.

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	90.4%	89.2%
Year 1	91.7%	91.1%
Year 2	92.25%	94%

Attendance Reminder

Please be advised that we will ask you to provide medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website.

NEWSLETTER

6th November 2020

Covid 19 Update

This week we have not received any further positive Covid test results with either children or staff.

In order to reduce the spread, we would ask that 1 person only brings a child to and from school. Please ensure that when you are dropping off or collecting that you adhere to Government guidelines and keep 2 metres apart. We would also ask that face coverings are worn on the school premises, unless you are medically exempt.

The lobby area cannot accommodate a large amount of parents and children. Please ensure you queue outside the office, conforming to social distancing of 2 metres. Clear markings are on the floor. Please also ensure you wear a face covering when entering the lobby.

Thank you to all members of our school community for following these procedures and for helping me to reduce any spread of this awful virus.

Headteacher's Surgery

If you would like to discuss any school related matters with me, I will be holding an open surgery every Thursday afternoon. Please contact the office to make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher
Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

Homework Packs

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have returned homework packs indicating whether the work was undertaken independently or supported. This and further packs will support individuals overall assessment. Thank you for your continued support.

This Week

This week the children have been learning about Guy Fawkes. They have been undertaking cross curricular learning including History and English. I am very pleased with the work that has been produced. Well done to all the children.

Parents Evening

Reports summarising your child's progress, attainment, attitude to learning and next steps for the core subjects will be sent home soon together with the opportunity to book a telephone appointment to speak with your child's class teacher.

Relationship and Sex Education

We have a duty to consult with everybody involved at Oakwood together with parents in regard to the new Relationship and Sex Education policy and how this is taught in school.

The policy will be available on our website from Wednesday 11th November— Wednesday 25th November. If you would like to discuss the content or anything in relation to this policy please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Approaching Other Parents

I would encourage all parents not to approach each other regarding school related matters. Please contact the school office and I will deal with any issues urgently.

Apologies

We apologise for the last minute change to the school dinner menu this week. We hope the children are enjoying the new school menu.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy at Oakwood. Letters and nomination forms will be sent out next week. If you have any queries regarding this role, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to speak with me.

REMINDERS

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a clearly labelled water bottle in school, containing just water and not juices or any other liquids.

Cold Weather

Due to the change in weather please ensure your child comes to school with a warm winter coat, hat, gloves and scarf. Thank you.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school.

Long Hair Tied Up

To prevent head lice and for PE, can you please ensure long hair is tied up.

Year 1 & 2 Phonics

Phonics packs will be sent out to Year 1 & Year 2.

Year 2 Phonics Assessment

Year 2 phonics assessments will take place week commencing 30th November. Phonics packs will be sent home shortly to enable you to practice with your child.

Remembrance Poppies

Poppies will be available in class to purchase. We also have British Legion merchandise available to purchase from the school office.



We would greatly appreciate your donations during this difficult time.

The children will be taking part in activities around the theme of remembrance

Thank you for your support.

Reception and Year 3 Admissions for academic year starting in September 2021

If you need to apply for a **Reception place or Year 3** place for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. You can complete your application from **9th November 2020**.

From **9th November 2020**, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions