



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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Meet the Oakwood Team

Year 4, 5 & 6 Team



Year 4, 5 and 6 Team Leader – Mrs Carroll – Goldcrest Class - Year 4

I would like to introduce you to the Year 4, 5 and 6 Team. We are really proud of the way that the children have settled into their new classes, they are working hard with their learning and continue to impress us all with their perseverance, independence and resilience. Please ring or email if you have any queries or concerns about year 4, 5 or 6 so that either I or someone in my team can get back to you. This way, we can work together positively to support our children.

Mrs Tearney – Skylark Class – Year 4

Hello, my name is Mrs Tearney. I have lived in Plymouth my whole life, but I love travelling and exploring new places with my family, I look forward to the time when I can do that again! My favourite subject to learn and teach is history – I love finding out about the past, especially learning lots of weird and wonderful facts.



Miss Kelly – Osprey Class – Year 5

Hello, my name is Miss Kelly and I am new to Oakwood. I am a big lover of music and theatre. I enjoy watching plays and musicals at the theatre and have even performed in a few myself! I also love to read and spend a lot of my spare time diving into a good book. I live in Cornwall so enjoy spending a lot of time on the beach.

Mrs Catherwood and Mrs Collier – Kestrel Class – Year 5 and 6

My name is Mrs Catherwood and I am the Assistant Head of School at Oakwood. I am also teaching in Kestrel Class (Year 5/6) as a job share with Mrs Collier. My favourite subject to teach in school is maths because I enjoy solving problems and using different strategies to help me too. I studied Musical Theatre at University and in my spare time I enjoy musicals and singing and have been in many musical productions.



Hello, my name is Mrs Collier and I share Kestrel class with Mrs Catherwood. Years 5 and 6 are exciting years in primary school, as we learn about many interesting things in our theme work as well as beginning our preparation towards moving to secondary school. In the evenings and at weekends I enjoy reading, and in 'normal' times going to the beach and spending time with my family and friends. I have four children who also keep me busy!

Mr Ticehurst – Peregrine Class – Year 6

Hello, my name is Mr Ticehurst. I enjoy teaching all subjects, but Maths and PE are my favourites. In normal times, I enjoy playing a range of sports (mostly football and tennis), and you will find me joining in with the PE lessons. During Year 6, there will be many exciting challenges as we travel through the last year at primary school and in preparation for the move to secondary school. I know we will make some great memories in year 6!



The year 4, 5 and 6 team are supported by our dedicated Teaching Assistant team of Mrs Ward (HLTA), Mrs Phillips (HLTA), Mrs Pearson, Miss Frances-Lang, Mrs Bruce and Mrs Stonehouse.



Celebration Shout Out!

Please feel free to email the school with any pupil achievements you'd like celebrated! We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter.



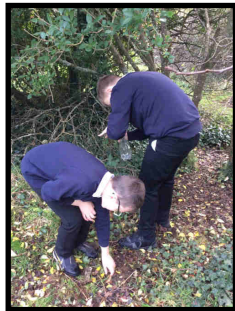
Osprey Class—Year 5

This week, Osprey class have been busy researching, designing and making water filters out of recycled plastic bottles and many natural materials. We have really enjoyed this process and were thrilled to see that our water filters worked when they began clearing some really muddy water!



Kestrel Class Year 5/6

Kestrel Class have also designed, made and tested water filtration systems. We used natural resources and worked together to make these products.



Newsletter Ideas

If you have any ideas about information or updates that you would find useful additions to our newsletter, please email your suggestions to oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk

Attendance For Week Ending 6th November 2020

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%.

**Well done to
Owl KS1 and Goldcrest KS2
for the highest
attendance!**



Robin	99.2%
Owl	100.0%
Wren	98.2%
Dove	95.1%
Puffin	99.6%
Jay	95.5%
Starling	98.5%
Skylark	97.2%
Goldcrest	99.1%
Osprey	94.8%
Kestrel	98.3%
Peregrine	99.0%



**If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

**If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste**

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**

NHS App

The new NHS Covid19 app is available download. This app is available for anyone **aged 16 years and above**. Please follow the link for further information.

<https://covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/introducing-the-app.pdf>

Social Distancing Reminders

Please remember only one adult when dropping off or picking up your child, this helps to reduce the number of adults on the premises. Don't forget to wear your face covering when on the school site please.

Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.

HM Government

WASH **COVER** **MAKE**

HANDS

FACE

SPACE

NHS

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.

NHS

Important Reminders

Covid Symptoms

No child should come to school if they, **or anyone they live with**, has symptoms of Covid-19. These are:

- A new persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A change in their normal sense of taste or smell.

Please ring the school office to inform the school of any absence related to Covid and outcomes from tests promptly. Please leave a message on the school answerphone if this is before or after school hours. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Contacting School

If you are contacting school to report an absence or you have a query, please leave a message on the answer phone with your child's name and class and we will get back to you. Thank you.

Odd Socks Day

Monday 16th November - children are encouraged to wear odd socks, to celebrate that we are all unique, in support of the Anti-Bullying Alliance. Normal uniform/PE kit to be worn as appropriate for a Monday.



Health for Kids

This is a great website for children and parents with regards to health and wellbeing:

www.healthforkids.co.uk Have a look to access health advice to help your children grow and flourish.

The following information is from the NSPCC — Metaphors

Using these metaphors can boost our understanding of child development and increase support for ensuring children and young people have healthy development and grow up in supportive and loving families and communities.



This week:

Brain Architecture - Early experiences literally shape how our brain gets built. A strong foundation in the very early years increases the chances of positive health and learning later on, while a weak foundation increases the odds of having difficulties later on. But it is never too late to support strong brain development. Here's an animation to illustrate the metaphor:

<https://youtu.be/DpnHO3FqQGA>

Reminder

Please only send in a named water bottle, packed lunch (if applicable), reading book and reading diary in a book bag or small ruck sack with your child. Please don't send in anything else during this term including birthday cake or birthday sweets. We look forward to the time when we can share celebrations together normally!

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



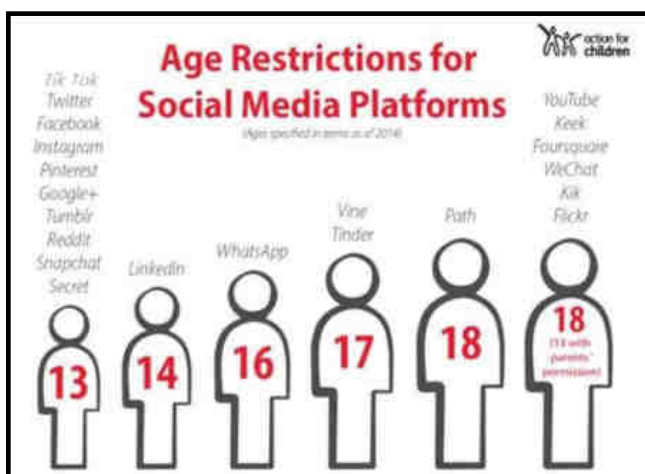
Please note the addition of the non-pupil days for this year.

2020/2021 TERM DATES

Mon 16th Nov	Odd Sock Day (Normal uniform day)
Fri 27th Nov	Non-Pupil Day
Fri 18th Dec	School finishes 3:15pm
Mon 21st Dec - Fri 1st Jan 2021	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Mon 4th Jan	School opens 8:45am
Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 22nd Feb	Non-Pupil Day
Thu 1st Apr	Non-Pupil Day
Fri 2nd Apr - Fri 16th Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Mon 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun	HALF TERM
Fri 23rd Jul	School finishes 3:15pm
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

2021/2022 TERM DATES

Wed 8th Sep	School opens 8:45am
Mon 25th-29th Oct	HALF TERM
Fri 26th Nov	Non-Pupil Day
Fri 17th Dec	School Finishes
Mon 20th Dec-Mon 3rd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
Mon 21st Feb-Mon 28th Feb	HALF TERM
Fri 8th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Mon 2nd May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 30th May-Fri 3rd Jun	HALF TERM
Wed 27th Jul	School finishes at 3.15 pm
Wed 27th July-Wed 31st Aug	SUMMER HOLIDAYS



National Online Safety Platform

Please take time to look at the E-safety information sent out in the letter this week. The platform offers a wide range of resources to support the safe use of social media and games.

Please find the link below that you need to visit to register your account.

<http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/oakwood-primary-academy-pl6-6qs>



Be safe and have a great weekend!

*Jackie Sparrow
Head of School*