



Dear Parents and Families,

As we all enter another time of uncertainty and anxiety, with the National Restrictions, we hope to continue to offer a place, in school, of security, safety and consistency for you and your children.

We remain calm, positive and purposeful, and with your support, will do all that we can to keep our 'new normal' going, as **we remain open as usual** under current guidance. Recent events have reminded us to work together to stay kind, tolerant, patient and support each other. Thank you.

Young Minds

The children all looked so wonderful in their yellow outfits to raise money for this charity which provides mental health to support children to have the resilience to overcome life's difficulties.



We raised £521 - a huge amount; thank you so much!

Nuture Groups

Please note that due to recent government announcements, Nurture groups for years 2-6 will not take place over the next 4 weeks. If you received notification of your child being involved with 'The Acorn Club', they will still attend, but at a later date. Year 1 Nurture Groups remain unaffected. Many thanks, Mrs Mourier

Relationships and Health Education

Harvest

(collection Nov to Jan)

We will be taking part in a 'reverse Advent calendar'- a tradition leading up to Christmas - where instead of opening a door and *receiving* a chocolate, *instead you add*

food or item into a box everyday for the month. This then gets donated to a local food bank/charity group. Aylesbury Vineyard Storehouse have advertised the idea for families to do this too on their social media and we wish to support them. Keep your eyes on more information soon.



Covid-19 – Message from Education Service Director:

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you all for working with schools across Buckinghamshire to support the return for pupils. We know that all of you are keen to ensure that schools and pupil 'bubbles' remain open and there is a reduced need for pupils to self-isolate. We currently have over a thousand children within the county who are required to stay at home, and like you we are keen to minimise the impact on pupils and families wherever possible.

You can help with this through ensuring that government guidance is applied in your own lives, and especially when you are at or near your child's school site. Please make sure that you maintain appropriate social distances (2 metres/three paces apart) whilst collecting and dropping off your children and that you maintain hand hygiene before and after touching playground gates etc.

These simple actions, as well as wearing masks if you need to go inside at any time, will help your child's school to remain open and that children do not have to isolate at home unnecessarily. This message is endorsed by Children's Services and Public Health at Buckinghamshire Council as well as primary, secondary and special school head teachers.

Yours sincerely,

Simon James

Children's Services, Buckinghamshire Council

A message from your Governing Board

Dear Oak Green School community,

Your Governing Board would like to take this opportunity to say a huge and heartfelt "Thank You" to all of our amazing staff, pupils and their parents and carers. We cannot thank you enough for working with us to provide the best possible education for our children, during unprecedented times.

Oak Green School is a very special place to be. It is a safe, nurturing environment. Please know that the safety of everyone in the school community is our priority and we are doing everything as per the Department for Education and Public Health England guidance. We are confident that the school is as safe as possible.

It is so encouraging to see how well the children have adapted to the new systems and Mrs Garrett assures us that parents and carers have also adapted to the expectations around school. Thank you everyone. We wish you and your families the very best of health. Keep safe.

Ms A Khokher



Spotlight on...
Special Needs

Working in partnership with all our parents to help identify any special educational needs their child might have is very important to Oak Green School. All class teachers work hard to support each and every child's progress. When teachers have concerns about any child within their class these will be communicated to the parents of that child. They will also discuss strategies that can be put in place to support their progress and development with the SENDCo of the school (Mrs Thomas). If concerns continue Mrs Thomas will speak with the parents about the more formal process that might be needed to further support their child, i.e. putting the child onto the SEND register and providing a written support plan, which will be reviewed and shared with parents 3x times a year. If you have any concerns about the progress your child is making please speak with your child's class teacher in the first place, who may then communicate with Mrs Thomas and she may then speak with you regarding these concerns



Spotlight on...
The ARP
(Additionally Resources Provision)

Our ARP is a key part of Oak Green School and provides support for children who have an Education, Health and Care Plan with Autism as their primary need. There are 14 children who currently have a place within the school's ARP, which consists of Blue and Purple room. Children with a place within the ARP are encouraged to spend the majority of their time within their mainstream class and are supported on a 1:2 basis by ARP staff. The ARP has a number of resources that they used to support the children such as: individual work spaces, sensory equipment and dark dens in both the rooms

Road Safety



Something that continues to concern us greatly is road safety on Oak Green, Paterson Road, Eaton Road and in the local area at the start and end of the school day. We will investigate again how to seek improvements. In the meantime might we suggest a voluntary one-way system? (Maybe into Oak Green from Eaton Road and along and out onto Paterson Road to help flow of traffic and ease congestion?)

And finally...

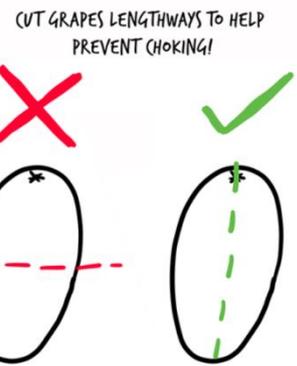


Houseplant plea!

We are 'greening-up' Oak Green! If you have any unwanted or unloved house-plants, we would **love** to take care of them for you! Plants of any size, variety, condition or level of care needed can be donated. Please give them to a member of staff on the gates at the start or end of the day, or bring them to the office.

SAFETY – Grapes

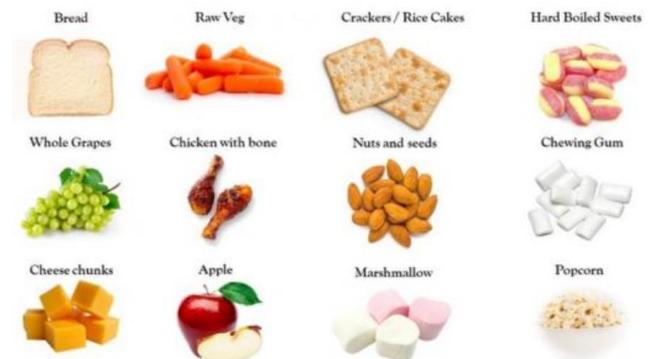
Lunch boxes are usually very healthy and we see lots of fruit and vegetables. **Please be aware that we sometimes see uncut food that can be a choking danger.**



For information see:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/baby-safety-tips/>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/dec/20/lack-of-awareness-of-grape-choking-hazard-putting-children-at-risk-say-doctors>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/baby-safety-tips/>

12 of the deadliest food items – choking hazards



Kind wishes,

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