

# Oak Hill Academy

## Oak Hill Academy Newsletter

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### Diary Dates



W/b 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Healthy Week
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	National Safer Internet Day
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Problem Solving Day
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y6 Tag Rugby Finals
W/b 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Half-Term break</b>
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Y5 visit to Butser's Ancient Farm
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Y6 SATs evening 6pm – vital info for Parents re the Y6 tests
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Class Assembly 4R – 9am
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y6 visit to Imperial War Museum
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y4 visit to Butser's Ancient Farm Y6 Heights & Weights
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Class Assembly 4GR – 9am
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	World Book Day – dress as a book Character for the day
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Author Visit – Josh Lacey
W/b 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Fire Safety Week 'Work with your Child' mornings (details to follow)
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30-7pm
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30-5pm Y4 Football Tournament
W/b 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y6 PGL – Weymouth
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Class Assembly – 9am Skipathon for BHF
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>School closes for Easter Holiday</b>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Return to school at 8.50am</b>

### Car Park

Parents are still entering the school via the main gate and walking across the car park! **This is dangerous.** All parents and children should enter via the pedestrian gate by the dining hall or via the pedestrian ramp by the site managers' house. Please only use the main pedestrian gate if you are bringing a child in for an intervention or visiting the main office. Please also remind children to look out for cars entering and leaving the main gate before crossing in front of it.

### Interventions

All children attending intervention should be in school **no earlier than 8.25am** and should enter

through the pedestrian gates and not the main entrance.

### Ashford Road

We are yet again worried about the safety of our children whose parents are still dropping their children off on the main road and also those who are stopping or pulling in at the main gate. May we please remind you that you must park up, legally, in the horseshoe across the road and not along the pavement. **There have been several near misses outside the school at home times and it is becoming more and more dangerous. The LA is considering putting traffic cameras outside the school due to this problem.**

### **\*\*2015-2016 Inset Day change\*\***

The Inset Day on the school calendar originally on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July will now take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### Parent Emails

If you have provided us with an email address you should receive all letters from school by this method and will not receive a paper copy. If you would prefer to receive paper copies only please let the office know.

### Schoolcomms and School Gateway app

Thank you to those parents who have registered on the app. **Can we please ask that all parents register so we can make a significant cost saving to the school.** If you need any assistance in loading the app please come into the office and ask for Mrs Thomson or Mrs Clack who will be able to assist you. We aim to be cashless by Easter!

### Y5/6 Football Tournament

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January some of our Y5 and Y6 children travelled to Banbury Academy to take part in a 7 a-side football tournament. We won 2 games, lost 1 and drew 1 and Oak Hill finished third overall. The following children were a credit to our school and behaved superbly.

6U Lauren, Daniel and Cassidy  
6D Dean, Jack M and Joshua S  
6B Kitty

**Well done to all of you!**

## Achievement Board

We have a new exciting notice board allocated in our main corridor. This board is to celebrate all our children's achievements out of school. We are aware that our children are members of many clubs and associations and achieve great goals of which we are rarely able to share together as a school. We would love to hear about all the great activities that our children are participating in so please encourage your child to share their successes, awards and achievements obtained out of school. The children may play for a team that wins their league or participate in a club competition. Let us know as we would love to hear from you! Please send any photos, badges, awards or certificates they have gained and we will take a photo of your child to display for all the school to share.

Any questions please feel free to discuss with Miss Toulmin.

### Well done to the following children who appeared on our Achievement board for the month of January:

**Eden Y4** – Swimming - gaining a 1<sup>st</sup> for front crawl and 2<sup>nd</sup> for backstroke

**Tahyse Y5** – Gymnastics - gaining 2 gold and a L3 in competitions

**Sam Y6** – Kickboxing – gaining his green belt

**Eshaal Khan Y6** – Swimming – 5m swim, Grade 5 swimming award and Stages 1 & 2 National Plan swimming award


**These are great achievements and we are immensely proud of our Oak Hill children.**




We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this year. Vouchers are available in store from 27<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. Please ask your friends and families to collect the vouchers for our school. All vouchers should be handed in to the school office. This is an easy way to "buy" sports and cooking equipment for the children to use in school. For example, 22 vouchers will buy a skipping rope, 70 vouchers will buy weighing scales and 38 vouchers will buy a trowel.

### Lunchtime Play Arrangements

Children are able to bring in their own yoyo, cat's cradle, skipping rope, diablo or French skipping rope at lunchtimes as per our Craze of the Week. No other toys or equipment please!

 As the colder weather approaches please ensure that your child brings **a coat (with a hood)** to school every day. Your child will be expected to go outside at break/lunch times in light rain and will therefore need to have their coat with them.

Your child will also be expected to have a winter PE kit in school every day.

 Ties are compulsory and should be worn at all times. If your child loses theirs they may borrow a 'loan' tie from the school office. These are to be returned at the end of the day and should not be taken home. If after a couple of days your child's tie has still not been found you must purchase another one. Ties are £5. Currently we are awaiting supplies of the clip on ties. We will notify you when these have been delivered.

**A number of loan ties have still not been returned to the office. Please check your child's tie to see if they have a loan tie.**

### LABELLING YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS

Since returning in September we have had a mountain of 'lost property'. **We cannot stress enough how important it is to label your child's uniform/coat and lunchboxes.** Please remember if you write your child's name in their clothing this will fade after a few washes.

### Earrings

Our uniform policy is clear that no jewellery is permitted in school (small watches are allowed). If you wish your child to have their ears pierced, please make sure this is done at the start of the summer holiday so that the earrings will be able to be removed in time for school in September. Any children wearing earrings due to newly pierced ears must have their earrings covered with tape and for health and safety reasons will not be able to play in the playground or take part in PE lessons until the earrings can be removed.

### School Meals and Lunchtimes

We would like to receive feedback, comments or suggestions about your child's school meals. You can either email directly to the office inbox [office@oakhill-aspirations.org](mailto:office@oakhill-aspirations.org) for the attention of Mrs R Thomson, or via our new **Parent Voice Box** in the main reception.

**We would also like to remind parents that packed lunches must be in a lunchbox and not a rucksack. The lunchboxes must be sealed and clearly labelled with your child's name.**

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