

# Oak Hill Academy

## Oak Hill Academy Newsletter

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### Diary Dates



6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tag Rugby Festival Y5/6 Team
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	6B Class Assembly 9am
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3C and 3G trip to Painshill Park
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Consultations 3.30-7pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 trip to Civic Centre
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Country of the Term Assembly Jamaica 9am
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3B and 3P trip to Painshill Park
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual Photographs
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Tag Rugby Team Y4 competition
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	5C Class Assembly 9am
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Wear Pink Day for Breast Cancer
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Problem Solving Day
	<b>Half Term Break (26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Oct)</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Deadline for secondary school online applications Y6
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5D,5T,5L trip to Cineworld
w/b 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Respect Week
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Family Internet Safety Course 3.30-5.30pm (3 wks)
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4U Class Assembly 9am
w/b 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Road Safety Week
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y6 and 5C trip to Cineworld
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y2 Open Morning/Afternoon (9-10am and 2-3pm)
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>School closed Inset Day for Staff</b>
w/b 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Work With Your Child Afternoons
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5D Class Assembly 9am
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3 Pantomime trip
w/b 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Careers Week
	Carol Concerts (dates/times TBA)
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parent's Drop-In 3.30-5pm (to view your child's work)
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	NSPCC Bobble Hat Day
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>School closes for Xmas Break 2pm</b> (Please join us outside the hall for carols from 1.40pm)
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 16	<b>Return to school at 8.50am</b>

Please remember that school is open from 8.40am (Mon 8.50am), unless your child has been invited to attend an early morning session, no children should be on the school site without an adult before 8.40am. Children should be in their classes for 8.50am.

Our school gates will not be opened until 3.10pm. All of these measures are to ensure the safety of our children.

### PTA GARDENING MORNING

Mrs Lancy would like to thank the Canarapens, the Bennetts, the Cockerells, the Joneses (including nan), the Hobbs family, the Goldings, Mr Ridgway and Miss Pencycate for turning up with spades and wheelbarrows on what turned out to be a very warm Saturday morning last weekend to help prepare the children's new 'allotments'. Their help was invaluable and enabled the job to be done in 2 hours! The tea/coffee and cakes helped energise everyone! Thank you to Jean-Michel Canarapen for putting the allotments together on the Friday evening in preparation for the filling. We look forward to seeing lots of fruit and vegetables growing in them in the future!

**PTA** watch out for the yellow PTA letters sent home with the children informing you of up and coming PTA events. If you have any queries or suggestions then please email [pta@oakhill-aspirations.org](mailto:pta@oakhill-aspirations.org)

### School Entrances

Since returning to school we have noticed a lot of parents 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 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 leaving the main gate before they cross in front of it.

### Class Teachers

Parents are allowed into school between 8.30-8.40am (Tues-Fri) to speak to class teachers without having to come to the school office. If you would prefer to wait until after school then teachers will be available to speak to in the playground.

### Autumn Slam (Half-Term)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

Autumn Slam is now taking children 4-16 years. This is very similar to the Summer Slam with a slight twist to activities in the theme of 'Monsters v Superheroes' (Halloween). If interested in booking your child's place see contact details below.

**Contact Mr Patel to secure your child's place**

**Tel: 07931 554 667 / 07852 116 790**

**Email: [jhashton@googlemail.com](mailto:jhashton@googlemail.com) [www.saturdayslam.co.uk](http://www.saturdayslam.co.uk)**

## Family Learning

Internet Safety 3 week course for Parents and children over 6 years starting on 5<sup>th</sup> November. This will run after school from 3.30-5.30pm. Please let Ms Bennett in the school office know if you are interested.

## Secondary school transfer

Letters and a leaflet have been sent home to all Y6 parents. The deadline for submitting applications is 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2015. Your first choice of school is greatly reduced if you do not apply by this date.

## Cashless Payments

Details to follow.... letters will be sent out shortly.

## Uniform and PE Kit



We have only been back for a few weeks and already there have been many items of clothing handed in with no name or names that have faded or not legible. Please make sure blazers, jumpers and ties have your child's name written or sewn in so that we can return them.

**Can we also draw your attention to our Uniform Policy on our school website.** There are two particular items causing issues at the moment, earrings and hair accessories. Earrings are not permitted in school. However, if they are recently pierced they should be covered with tape before coming in to school. Only plain dark green, grey, black or white hair bands should be worn in school.



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/meal 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.

## IPAD PORTAL

This will be opening soon after half term. An information evening will be advertised in the coming weeks.

## Parent Reps

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Rep please see your child's class teacher.

## VACANCIES

We have a vacancy for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant – Details can be found on the school website or you can collect an Application Pack from the school office. Closing date is 9<sup>th</sup> October.



The photographer will be in school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October to take individual school photographs. Please make sure your child/children are in full school uniform.

## Parent Governor Elections

After our recent Parent Governor elections, we are pleased to welcome Mrs Lesley Crossley (grandparent of Elouise in Y5) to our Governing Body (LAB).

## Donations please

As the bad weather edges ever closer no doubt we will be having plenty of wet playtimes. If you are thinking of having a clear out before Xmas please bear in mind that we are in desperate need of suitable board games, colouring books, word searches, crosswords and playing cards. Any donations will be gratefully received by your child's class teacher.



We are also in need of any unwanted Lego to be used in class as a Maths resource. If you have any, please hand in to the school office.



We would also appreciate the odd box of value tissues to be donated to your child's class as we inevitably enter 'runny nose' season.

## Dinner Money



All dinner money needs to be paid on the Monday of each week. A school dinner costs £2 per day. If your child has dinners every day they will need to bring in £10 at the beginning of the week. You may prefer to pay for the complete half term.



## Morning appointments

Please be aware if your child usually has a school dinner and they are not coming into school until later in the morning, you will need to phone the School Office before 10am as we need to order their meal in. If you don't, then your child will need to bring in a packed lunch. Thank you!

## Lunchboxes



Please make sure your child's packed lunch is in a lunchbox and not a plastic carrier bag. This prevents food and drink getting squashed and spoilt. Your child's lunchbox should also be clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

**Please use the Post Box** located in the reception hall -Please ensure that your monies/letters are in a sealed envelope marked with your child's full name, class, the amount and also state what the money is for.

The Post Box will be emptied throughout the day.

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