

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year at Oak Hill Academy and my first term as Principal!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. We have had a great start here this week, the children have returned looking very smart in their school uniform and their behaviour has been excellent.

Staff and pupils have enjoyed our Creativity week which culminated in children showing each other what they had been working on in an assembly this afternoon.

We want Oak Hill to be a place where children feel happy and engaged and where parents feel welcome and involved. I am out in the playground every day so please feel free to come and introduce yourself.

I look forward to working with you all.

Mrs Saim - Principal

Forthcoming Curriculum Evening dates...

Tues 13th Sep **Y5** 3.30 – 4pm * Fri 16th Sep **Y3** 3.30 – 4pm

Tues 20th Sep **Y6** 3.30 – 4pm * Fri 23rd Sep **Y4** 3.30 – 4pm

Dates for the Autumn Term 2016...

September Tues 13 th Sep Fri 16 th Sep Tues 20 th Sep Weds 21 st Sep Fri 23 rd Sep Mon 26 th Sep Thurs 29 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Y5 Curriculum Evening 3.30 – 4pm - Y3 Curriculum Evening 3.30 – 4pm - Y6 Curriculum Evening 3.30 – 4pm Y3 trip to London - Y5 Swimming starting with Class 5AB - Y4 Curriculum Evening 3.30 – 4pm - Travelling Books Book Fair in the school hall for one week 8:30am and 3:15pm to celebrate Roald Dahl's 100th birthday year https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents - Y5 Living Rainforest - Country of the Term (Spain) assemblies - 9am Y3& Y4/ 2:45pm Y5 & Y6 Y6 Natural History Museum
October Thurs 6 th Oct Fri 7 th Oct Fri 14 th Oct Mon 17th Oct Tues 18 th Oct Thurs 20 th Oct Fri 21 st Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National Poetry Day - Enabling Enterprise Challenge day – whole school - School Photo day for pupils – individual & siblings - School Closed for Pupils – Staff INSET Day - Parent Consultation Evening – 3:30 – 7:15pm - Parent Consultation Evening – 3:30 – 5pm - 9am Class 6D assembly - Wear It Pink Charity Day - Halloween Disco – 6 - 7:30pm HALF TERM (Mon24th to Fri 28th Oct)
November Fri 11 th Nov Mon 21 st Nov Fri 25 th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9am Class 4C assembly - Y5 Science Museum - Road Safety Week - Class 3U assembly
December Fri 2 nd Dec Wed 7 th /Thurs 8 th Wed 14 th & Thurs 15 th Dec Fri 9 th Dec Fri 16th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9am Class 5D assembly - Oak Hill Academy Carol Concert at St Dunstan's Church - Class 6TM assembly - Christmas Jumper Day. Last day of Autumn term. School closes at 2pm NEW YEAR 2017 - Children return on Tues 3rd January at 08:40am

Parents Involvement at Oak Hill

Parent Volunteers: We would like to offer parents the opportunity of becoming a parent volunteer at school. If you could spare time to hear children read, or you have a particular skill or talent you could share, please see Mrs Saim in the playground, or leave your details in the office.

Parent Voice: Our Oak Hill Parent Forum meets once per term and gives parents the chance to feedback their views and experiences.

Parent Information: We have set up a Parent Information Board in the school Reception area. Here you will find everything you need to know regarding dates, trips, clubs and how to set up the new cashless Schoolcomms gateway app to make all school payments. Mrs Clack and the office staff are available to support any parents wishing to get help with setting this up on your phone or iPad/laptop. Please ask at the Reception desk.

Gardening: If any parents are keen to join an after school Family Gardening Club to run on a Tuesday evening from 3:30pm until 4:15pm please make contact with Mrs Saim. We have a lot of jobs that need doing in our new Bio Dome area.



Congratulations and our best wishes go to Mrs Middleton- Clifton (Vice Principal) and Mr Clifton (Y6 Team leader) on the birth of their beautiful daughter Lyla-Rose. Another addition to our Oak Hill family!



A warm welcome to Miss G Prescott our new Teach First teacher in Y4.



Travelling Book Fair (24th September for one week in the school hall)

September is dedicated to celebrating the children's author Roald Dahl in what would have been his 100th birthday year. We have invited the Travelling Book fair into school who sell children's books of all types and offer schools a "books for free" commission on all money raised. This is a great way to buy a book for your child and help the school generate more books at the same time. We hope you will enjoy the Book Fair and come and support it. <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>



Staffing & Classes for 2016-2017

Executive Principal – Mrs M Lancy

Principal – Mrs R Saim

Assistant Principal – Mrs S Kavanagh

Acting Assistant Principal – Miss L Taylor

SENCO – Mrs H Mulhall

Y6 staff	Y5 staff	Y4 staff	Y3 staff
Mr Clifton (Y6 Team Leader)	Miss H Darkes (Y5 Team Leader)	Mrs M Cronin (Y4 Team Leader)	Mrs L Uhure (Y3 Team Leader)
Mrs N Dar (Y6 Assistant Team Leader)	Miss A Penycate (Y5 Assistant Team Leader)	Miss S Upton (Y4 Assistant Team Leader)	Mr G Ridgway (Y3 Assistant Team Leader)
Miss C Le Voir	Mrs E Berry & Mr JH Ashton (Job share for Autumn 1)	Miss R Obozua	Ms H Griffin
Mrs A Thomson & Mrs H Mulhall (Job share)	Miss D Roberts	Miss G Prescott	Miss A Bajwa

Health & Safety Notice Which Door?



Please note... we are now 4 forms of entry across all year groups. For Health & Safety reasons each year group has been allocated their own door for entering and leaving the building.

Y3 will use the Acorn Door – located near the grey hut

Y4 will use the Leaf Door – located in between the School Hall and the new building

Y5 will use the Sapling Door – located near the Dining Hall

Y6 will use the Branch Door – located at the end of the Y4 corridor

The Oak Door – the children will no longer be able to use this door to enter/leave the building, however it will remain in use for accessing the toilets during breaktimes and lunchtimes. If you have children in different year groups, please ensure they know where to meet you in the playground at hometime.

Just a quick reminder...

Money, Money, Money!



Thank you to those parents who have registered on the Schoolcomms Gateway app. We need **all** parents to be registered so they are able to use this.

We **no longer** accept cheques as a form of payment and from next term (Spring Term 2017) we will **no longer** be accepting cash payments via the School Office unless there are valid circumstances which must be put in writing which prevents you from paying on Schoolcomms.

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.

Medical Information

Please ensure you inform the school if your child has any medical conditions that we need to know about. Thank you to those of you who have already submitted this information.

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 have their name on it which is clearly visible.



PLEASE USE THE PARENT POST BOX

To ease congestion in school and to save parents time, please use the Parent Post Box that is located in the Reception area where any communication for the school can be posted. Please ensure that your correspondence is clearly marked with your child's full name and class. The Parent Post Box is regularly emptied throughout the day

LABELLING YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS



We cannot stress enough how important it is to label your child's uniform/coat.

Please remember if you write your child's name in their clothing this will fade after a few washes.



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 9.30am as we need to order their meal. If you don't, then your child will need to bring in a packed lunch. Thank you



PUPIL CONTACT INFORMATION

Please let the School Office know of any change to contact details. Telephone numbers especially need to be correct so we can contact you in an emergency. It is also essential that **YOU** let us know as soon as possible if there is a change to who is collecting your child at the end of the day. Thank you.



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