

Oak Hill Academy Newsletter

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Dates for the Spring Term 2017

February

Mon 6th - All week – RESPECT WEEK
Tues 7th - Yr6 PGL Parent Meeting 6-7pm
Wed 8th - Country of the Term – invitation only
Thur 9th - Cake Sale – 3.15pm
Fri 10th - Cake Sale – break time – 10.30-11.00am
Fri 10th - Y6 Football match – Edward Pauling

Mon 13th – 17th Feb - HALF-TERM

Thur 23rd - Parent Voice Forum – 2pm

March

Fri 3rd - 3GR Class Assembly - 9am and 2.45pm
Tues 7th - Parent Conversation Evening 3.30-7.00pm
Wed 8th - Parent Conversation Evening 3.30-5.00pm
Fri 10th - Y5 Science Museum
Mon 13th - Y6 - PGL all week
Fri 17th - 5P Class Assembly – 9am and 2.45pm
Thur 23rd - Y6 SATS Meeting for Parents 9.00-10am
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Fri 24th - Red Nose Day
Mon 27th - Book Fair Week
Tues 28th - 3B/3U Chessington Trip
Tues 28th - Y4 Harry Potter World
Thur 30th - 3GR/3G Chessington Trip

Fri 31st - **END OF TERM – SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2pm**

April

Tues 18th - **Summer Term – School starts at 8.50am**

The school day starts at 8.50am. Children are able to enter the building at 8.40am every day except Monday. On this day children should enter at 8.50am and go straight to class.



We are delighted with the recent result of our Ofsted visits on 17th and 18th January. We are now officially rated a 'Good' school with 'Outstanding' features.

Our accomplishment is all the more pleasing as it is increasingly hard to achieve a 'good' grade in the current climate because of the demanding framework for inspection.

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all parents that supported us and a huge thank you to all our children and staff. This is testament to the hard work of all involved 'Our Oak Hill Family'.

The Report can be found at: www.oakhill-aspirations.org



School Gateway App

There are still some parents that haven't downloaded the School Gateway App. You will need to enter the email address and mobile telephone number that we hold on our school records. A PIN number will then be sent to you. Enter this number to set up your account. Thank you to all parents who have already registered on the School Gateway app and for your very positive feedback too!

If you need any assistance in loading the app please come into the office and ask for Miss Khan or Mrs Clack who will be able to assist you.



Total monies collected in December for **Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day'** was £260. Thank you to all who donated. A special thank you goes out to Medha in 5R who donated a very generous £35.



Since returning to school after Christmas we have had more and more children bringing their mobile phones in. Can we please remind parents that children should only bring their phones in to school if it is absolutely necessary? We understand there are times when you would wish your child to bring their phone in, for instance, when walking to and from school unaccompanied. All mobile phones should be handed in to the school office *before* registration and a signed letter from home giving permission for your child to bring their mobile phone in will be required from you.

Yr6 PGL Parent Meeting

A parent information meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th February 6-7pm.

Please note that all money for PGL MUST be paid by Friday 10th February.



Year 4 will be holding a **cake sale** on Thursday 9th February after school and again on Friday 10th Feb during morning break.

PARENT VOICE FORUM

The next Parent Voice Forum will be held on Thursday 23rd February at 2pm. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.



As the weather is colder and wetter now please make sure your child brings their winter PE kit to school. This should consist of black or green sweatshirt plus black or green jogging bottoms and trainers.

All children should be bringing a warm coat to school preferably with a hood as they will be required to go out at break and lunchtimes in light rain.

PE kits should remain in school and should only be taken home to be washed.

Pupil's Celebration of Achievement

Well done to the following fabulous children who have been busy out of school achieving amazing awards. Please keep them coming, as we love to hear all about your achievements and interests outside of school.

Jean-Luca – Y3 – Jean-Luca has won one bronze award and two silver awards in a Shentie Karate Competition. His next competition is in the British Championships. Good luck Jean-Luca, we can't wait to hear how you get on.

Aimee – Y3 – Aimee has been awarded certificates for successfully completing her Orange and Yellow grading within Shentie Karate. This is fabulous! Well done Aimee.

Dominykas – Y4 – Dominykas has won a trophy for most improved player in his football club. He was also awarded 'man of the match'. Keep up the good work Dominykas, well done!

Aaliyah – Y5 – Aaliyah has been awarded a certificate for participating in a dancing show. Aaliyah attends dance every week. That's fantastic Aaliyah, well done!



Collecting children at the end of the day!

We are concerned about the number of children who are not being collected from school or afterschool clubs on time.

We are legally required to report parents to Social Services if their child is not collected by 4pm. Also, where there are persistent late collections, Social Services will need to be notified. Not only is it distressing for your child to be kept waiting but it also causes problems in school for staff as they all have a number of other commitments and are not always on site after 3.30pm. Please try to give us as much notice as you can if you know you are going to be late.

Please also note that if you are late collecting your child from an afterschool club more than twice you may be compromising your child's place in that club.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to call the school each and every day of your child's absence unless we know they will be away for a certain length of time.

When your child returns to school we must have a signed letter from you or a medical note to explain their absence. **This is a legal requirement and will be recorded.**

Likewise, if you are taking your child out of school during term time you will be required to fill in a 'Parental Request for Term Time Absence' form. This will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Labelling of uniform and coats

Parents.....Can we please urge you all to label or at least write your child's name in uniforms and outerwear? When items are brought in to the office we can only return them to your child if they are labelled. **This is especially important for jumpers, PE kit and coats.**

Lost Property

We only hold 'lost property' items for a short while before inviting parents to look through what we have. If it is still not claimed it is either taken to a charity shop or disposed of.

Uniform ***LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE***

We still have a number of new blazers, skirts, jumpers and PE tops. These are available to purchase from the school office. Please ask to see if we have your child's size. Cash payments only please!

School Meals

All school meals must be paid for in advance. Currently a large amount of school time and resources are being taken up chasing parents. Not making regular payments for your child's meals puts the school under enormous pressure as it means we have to meet costs prior to receiving income.

Please help us by making payments in a timely manner. If you experience any problems on the 'School Gateway' app or are having difficulties making payments then please come in to the school office.



We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again this year. Vouchers are available in store from 25th January to 2nd May 2017. 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, a rainbow skipping rope 22 vouchers, softie rounder's ball 30 vouchers, weighing scales 70 vouchers and a whisk 24 vouchers.



LUNCHBOXES

All packed lunches should be in a proper lunchbox and not in a plastic carrier bag. Make sure your child's lunchbox is labelled clearly with their name and class. This alleviates any confusion caused if another child has the same lunchbox.

Mrs R Saim – Principal

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