

20 SEPTEMBER 2018

OAKDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

The children are all settled into their new classes now and I think the novelty has worn off! The long, hard slog to Christmas has begun in earnest with lots of work to be completed before the festivities begin.

I'm sure Christmas lists are well on the way—they seem to be written earlier and earlier each year. All the festivities will start in school soon after Half Term (although we try to put



UPCOMING DATES

Writing Workshop for years 1—6. Thursday 27th Sept. 5.30pm—6.30pm.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Friday 28.9.18 2.15pm—3.45pm

Fri 5th Oct—Year 5 Assembly. 9.00am

Fri 12th Oct—Year 6 go to

Keeping our Children Safe

Thank you to everyone for being so careful whilst we have been having the building work completed around School. This weekend hopefully sees the completion of the fencing near to Out of School Club and next week will see the installation of the electric gates.

When proposing the new car park the Council saw the need for electric gates to be fitted to ensure the safety of all children and staff in school. Unfortunately this will mean that there will be no access for Parents at any time of the day unless you are collecting a sick or injured child. The main entrance into school will be via the new entrance to the right of the car park with an intercom system by the side gate. The entrance for children will remain through the gate to the left of the car park.

As well as keeping our children safe in School, we aim to keep our children safe at all times.. Yesterday we had presentations

SCHOOL VALUE THIS TERM:

RESPONSIBILITY

WE ARE ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR BELONGINGS. PLEASE HELP BY

DON'T FORGET—Writing Workshop for Years 1—6 . Next Thursday. 5.30pm—6.30pm. Learn how we teach Writing in School and how you can support your child at home. All feedback from previous sessions has been very positive.



Holiday Dates 2019–2020

Although we have only just started the 18–19 Academic year, Governors have recently set the Holiday Dates for 2019–2020. This is to ensure that all Holidays are taken during Holiday periods as we do not authorise any Holidays in Term Time. We will be consulting Parents later on in the year regarding the Holiday Pattern for 2010–2021 - it will be here before we know it!!

Holiday Dates 2019 - 2020

Open	Tuesday 3rd September
Close	Thursday 24th October
Open	Tuesday 5th November
Close	Friday 20th December
Open	Monday 6th January 2020
Close	Friday 14th February
Open	Mon 24th February
Close	Friday 3rd April
Open	Monday 20th April
Close	Friday 22nd May
Open	Tuesday 2nd June
Close	Friday 17th July

A reminder of THIS YEAR's Holiday Dates

Open	Wednesday 5th September
Close	Friday 19th October
Open	Tuesday 30th October
Close	Thursday 20th December
Open	Tuesday 8th January 2019
Close	Friday 15th February
Open	Mon 25th February
Close	Friday 5th April
Open	Tuesday 23rd April

School Business Manager Vacancy

The School Business Manager Post is now advertised on the St. Helens Council website. (sthelens.gov.uk—Jobs and Careers—School Vacancies— School Business Manager). If you are interested ,or you know anyone who may want to work in our busy office, please see the Council

Rainhill Trials and Lego!

As you may know the 190th Anniversary of Rainhill Trials is due to be celebrated next year. Rainhill Parish Council are looking for your help now in order to commission a bespoke Lego set of the Rainhill Trials.

Here is the message from Gillian Pinder at Rainhill Parish Council:

Dear Friends,

The Rocket 190 Steering Group are currently building a website with the help of Rainhill High School. As part of that work, Ben Simpson has discovered that a designer has suggested to LEGO that a building set, comprising the locomotives competing at the Rainhill Trials has been suggested. I include a link below to the set - they are so cute.

In order to be commissioned for production a design has to reach 10,000 supporters. This is achieved in several stages and I noticed that it has a limited time (44 days) in which to reach its next 'support' target of 1000 or it gets shelved. It currently has 263.

I am writing to plead for support for this item, as it would be great to have it in production by May next year. In order to 'support' you have to create a LEGO account (most difficult question is your age!) then go to the product and support it.

I would be grateful if everyone could support it, and circulate the link as widely as possible, in order to convince LEGO to actually commission this design into production.

https://ideas.lego.com/projects/f6096292-3ce1-4a7f-9f17-0e54ed902840/official_comments#content_nav_tabs

LEGO Ideas - Product Ideas - ideas.lego.com

Please share this Rainhill Parish Council new Lego model just



Product Ideas - The Rainhill Trials

far and wide to support Rainhill and let's hope we can get a set for Rainhill!

Lunchboxes

We can see that a large amount of money has been spent on lunchboxes during the Summer Holidays. Please can you ensure that your child's name is in or on the lunchbox or bag. We have lots from the same shop and they are being mislaid due to no names on

Rainhill Eco Garden

On Sunday 28th October there will be 'Something Spooky in the Garden' at Rainhill Eco Garden (near to the Village Hall) from 5.00pm—6.00pm. There will be trick or treating in the garden and spooky things amongst the trees as well as food. Open to all ages (under 10s must be accompanied by an Adult) and it's FREE.



MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

A reminder that our MacMillan Coffee Afternoon will take place next Friday from 2.15pm—3.45pm. Please come and share a Coffee / Tea and a cake with us whilst raising money for such a worthwhile cause. Please see the letter sent out by Miss. Barlow for further details.



A Plea regarding Water Bottles!

We really appreciate that the children are bringing in large, clear water bottles—with the need for the subsequent toilet stops too! However, they do not fit in our water coolers and the children are having trouble ensuring that they do not leak all over the floor when they are filling them (normally right to the brim too!). The reason we chose our water bottles, which we give free to every child in Reception, was due to the size as they fit under the water coolers. PLEASE can I ask



Thank you for your continuing support with helping your child at home, hearing them read, ensuring uniforms are correct and supporting our behaviour policy. If you have any concerns regarding your child please