

19TH OCTOBER 2018

OAKDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

We are already at the half way point of our first term and we have lots of very tired children, especially those in Year 6 who went on their adventure weekend to Shropshire at the weekend ,and our youngest children in Reception who have all done well to keep going throughout the half term.

Our Year 6 Class were impeccably behaved at PGL so a huge thanks to all the children and a special thank you to all the staff who gave up their time at the weekend to take our children away. Oakdene even had the whole centre to themselves on Sunday night! I hope you're all not TOO tired still!

Gates into School

I did write last time that we hoped the electric gate mechanism would be installed over the past weeks. As you will see, this has not happened!

When they are fully operational there will be no access for children or Parents across the Car Park due to Health and Safety concerns when cars are moving around. St Helens Council state that there should be a clear demarcation for children and Parents entering / leaving school and car parks at all times .

Our main entrance for children will remain the same (onto the Junior Playground) at the extreme left of the school. For the Out of School Club and for access to or collecting from activities before and after school, the entrance for Parents will be the gate to the extreme right of the school. An Intercom facility

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DON'T FORGET—School Closes today for a week and one day. Children return to School on Tuesday 30th October. Staff will be in School on Monday 29th October for a Training Day.



UPCOMING DATES

Tues 30th Oct—Flu Vaccination for Rec to Y5.

Tues 30th Oct—Hallowe'en Discos

Weds 31st Oct—Pumpkin Competition.

Thurs 1st Nov—Open Afternoon for Reception 2019 entry. 2.00pm

Thurs 1st Nov—Internet Awareness Session for Parents of Y5 & 6 children. 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Weds 7th Nov—Parents Evening. 3.30pm—6.30pm

OUR SCHOOL VALUE NEXT TERM:

FRIENDSHIP

WE ARE ENCOURAGING OUR CHILDREN TO THINK ABOUT THE ATTRIBUTES OF CONSIDERATION, COMPASSION, KINDNESS, TRUST AND PEACE — ALL

School Nurse Drop Ins

Our School Nurse, Sarah Chapelhow, provides 'Drop ins' throughout the year. Parents can come and have a chat with Sarah during these sessions about ANY concerns you may have regarding your child's health. In between these times, or if you can't make these sessions, we can make a referral to the School Nurse Service at any time. Please keep a note of future dates and we will text you during the week before the drop in to remind you of the dates and times.

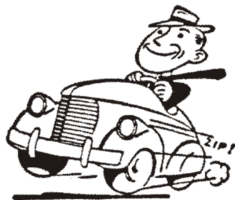


29.11.18— 2.30pm—3.30pm	14.12.18— 8.30am—9.30am
31.1.19 - 2.30pm -3.30pm	28.3.19 - 8.30am—9.30am
26.4.19— 2.30pm—3.30pm	23.5.19 - 2.30pm—3.30pm
27.6.19 - 8.30am—9.30am	

Parking around School

We still have the perennial problem of Parents parking across driveways, on corners and in other inconsiderate places. We changed the opening times of the School gates to ensure we had more of a flow of traffic dropping children off in the morning. We have had problems with coaches being unable to get up Ashton Avenue due to cars being parked and we would not want an Ambulance being stuck on the road. We are having residents complaining to School regarding the parking in various places. We care for the safety of all our children.

PLEASE DO THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE PARKING EACH MORNING AND EACH AFTERNOON.

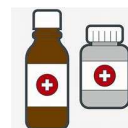


Please do not block driveways or park on double yellow lines.

We believe that there will be an increased presence of Traffic Wardens in the

Medicines

We are very fortunate at Oakdene that we have Staff who are willing to administer medicines to our children in School. Please can I remind all Parents that Medicine needs to be dropped off at the Office by an Adult and a Med 1 form completed.



If you send your child in with a non-prescription medicine we will ask for this to be collected after 5 days (if it has not been collected before) and we will not administer it for any longer than 5 days without a Doctors note. If you do not collect the medicine, we will give it to the Adult who collects your child.

School Business Manager

We are still in the process of appointing a School Business Manager so please bear with us in the interim period. Thank you so much to all Parents and Carers who have been so patient when the Office has been busy, either when you are phoning or Face to Face. Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Graney are working extremely hard to keep everyone happy! We hope to have some positive

Our Post Box

PLEASE can Parents use the Past Box in the Entrance Foyer for any money coming into the School Office. Our Office Staff do not have the time to take money off each Parent in the morning and this system helps greatly. The Post Box is emptied at least twice each day, often 4 times per day.



Alternatively, please encourage independence for your child and send it in with your child to put in the class envelope. Many children from Reception to Year 6 do this very diligently and it promotes a lot of independence for your child.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

In the past many Parents who have been on certain benefits have been able to claim Free School Meals which in turn provides some income for children in school. Due to the introduction of Universal Credit the system has now changed slightly and, if you apply for Free School Meals now you will never have to re-apply whilst your child is at Oakdene. If you are on one of the following benefits then you will be entitled to Free School Meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) and your annual gross income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) is not more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit and net earnings, from your last assessment period, is not more than £616.67 per month. (If your household's net earnings change each month then they should not exceed £1,233.34 in the last two consecutive months or £1,850 in the past 3 months).

The children at our school never know they are entitled to a free meal and the school receive extra funds to support your child. This is especially useful for Infant children who, although they already receive a Universal Free School Meal, they will be entitled to a Free meal when they go into the Junior until the time they leave.

If you want to apply for the Free School Meals please contact Education Benefits on 01744

Open Afternoon for September 2019 Intake

If you know of anyone who has a child due to start Reception Class in September 2019, please can you tell them about our Open Day on Thursday 1st Nov starting at 2.00pm? There will be a talk in the Hall followed by tours of the school. There is a crèche available run by our Out of School Club Staff. You may know that for the current Reception Class and for next year's intake there is a low birth rate in Rainhill. This means that our catchment area was further afield last year and we hope that many people will be successful in their application to Oakdene.

Current Places in School

We currently have one space in Reception Class and one space in Year 5 Class. If you know of anyone who would like to take up one of these places please contact our School Office in the first instance to obtain further information.

Dates for Autumn Term 2

Tues 30th Oct - School Opens
 Tues 30th Oct - Flu Immunisation Spray- Rec - Y5
 Thurs 1st Nov - Open Afternoon for prospective Parents 2.00pm.
 Thurs 1st Nov - Internet Safety Workshop for Parents of children in Year 5 & 6.
 Weds 7th Nov = Parents Evening. 3.30pm—6.30pm
 Mon 12th - Fri 16th Nov - Friendship Week
 Fri 16th Nov - Children in Need - Penny challenge. Save your pennies!
 Mon 19th Nov - Maths Workshop. Y1 - 6. 6.30pm - 7.30pm.
 Fri 23rd Nov - Book People Bus at School all day for children and Parents
 Weds 28th Nov - Year 3 Assembly 9.00am
 Fri 30th Nov - Bauble Service for Children
 Fri 30th Nov- Christmas Fayre - to be confirmed
 Thurs 6th - Christmas Cracker - Choir and Singing Club 6.00pm
 Weds 12th Dec - Nativity - 2.00pm (Y2 & Y1 Parents)
 Thurs 13th Dec - Nativity - 2.00pm (Y2 & Rec Parents)
 Fri 14th Dec—Carol Service at St. Ann's Church. 10.00am
 Tues 18th Dec - pm - Rec & KS1 Party
 Weds 19th - pm - KS2 Party (MW)
 Weds 19th Dec - Values Assembly 9.00am
 Thurs 20th Dec - School Closes 3.15pm
 Weds 2nd - Fri 4th Jan 2019 - Holiday Club - pending numbers
 Mon 7th Jan - INSET Day



Penny Challenge

For Children in Need this year, we are having a competition between classes as to who can make the longest Penny Trail. Please save all your pennies (and raid your jars!) and send them into School on Friday 16th November WITH YOUR CHILD (so we know which class they need to stay in). We will then have a penny trail around school and measure (Maths link) who has the longest trail, count the coins (Maths again!) and hope that we raise lots of money for Children in Need. Thank you.

Parents Evening

Our first Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday 7th November from 3.30pm—6.30pm. This is the initial Parents Evening when appointments are 5 minutes long. No work is available to see as the children have not covered a lot of work in some subjects. This meeting will allow your Child's Class Teacher to let you know how well they have settled in, inform you of any any additional support that you can give your child at home and it will allow you to raise any issues.

Our Booking system will, once again, be through School Spider on our website (www.oakdenprimaryschool.co.uk). New Log In details will be sent out to Reception Parents and all other Parents will hopefully have their log in details from last year! Bookings will be open from Tuesday 30th October. Please let the Office staff know if you have any trouble

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We are, once again, working with the Rotary Club of Rainhill to spread a little happiness to disadvantaged people in Eastern Europe. We always have a fantastic response to our annual Shoebox Appeal as we know the children want to help people who are less fortunate than themselves.

The Children recently heard from a member of Rainhill Rotary Club who have been sending Shoe boxes to Eastern Europe for many years and they were able to see where their shoeboxes will be going to.

We have the shoeboxes in school which the Rotary Club supply (of a standard size) and you can collect one from the Office or complete the form below and we will send a (flat-pack) box home with your child. PLEASE Can you include £2.00 to help with the cost of transporting the boxes.

This year, Rotary are asking people to fill their boxes in a slightly different way and fill them with items of 'Toys', 'Household', 'Teenager' or 'Baby' so that they can distribute the boxes accordingly. You can, of course, still indicate the age of the child for the suitability of the toys.

In 'Toys' suggested items are cars, trucks, balls, new jigsaws, action figures, colouring books, crayons, pens, pencil case, pencil sharpener, lego, yo-yo, bubbles, dominies, pencil case, playdough, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, paper, skipping rope, scarf, gloves, hat, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc etc.

For Teenagers requested items are: Scarf, gloves, hat, sportswear, football items, writing materials, tennis ball, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodarants, costume jewellery, make up, hair brush, comb etc.

To send Household items please send scarves, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, disposable razors, shampoo, pan scourers, face or body creams, cosmetics, sewing kits, writing items, paper, bandages

For the Baby box please include baby wipes, cotton wool, baby shampoo, baby powder, bootees, mittens, Babygro, blanket, small soft toy or plastic rattle.

If you would not like to fill a complete box, please send in any items so we can fill boxes in School. Please do not puut in food, sweets, chocolate, battery operated toys, matches, conflict related items, inflammable aerosols, seeds or living materials, automatic washing powders, washing up liquid.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN HELPING OTHERS

