



The Oaks Primary School
A NINESTILES ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES

- 02.05.16** Bank Holiday
- 05.05.16** Y6 in only, closed for voting for other pupils.
- 25.05.16** Y3/4 Residential
- 27.05.16** School Closes
- 06.06.16** School Opens
- 07.06.16** Y5/6 Residential

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be advised that school will be closed to all children on Thursday 23rd June 2016. Our school is being used as a polling station for the European Referendum. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

Lost and Found!

The four primary schools in the Ninestiles Academy Trust have been working together on a writing project based on 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. The children loved writing about the boy and his penguin friend. The display in school looks brilliant!

Welcome!

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our new look newsletter!

You may have noticed that our logo has changed and we also have a new website where you can find information about our school. The website is still being developed and will soon be filled with children's learning and all the fun events and activities taking place.

We were thrilled to welcome so many of you to our Parent Briefing this week. We

discussed how we are using PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) to support children's personal, social, health and emotional development. We also shared our Learning Powers. These are helping our children make fantastic progress in all subjects. We hope you found it informative.

We have lots of events planned for the summer term and we look forward to welcoming you to share in the fun.



**Deadline for
Reception 2016
Places Acceptance**

3rd May 2016

Learning Powers

Back in September 2015 we revised our behaviour procedures. We decided that developing the wider aspects of behaviour for learning was the next step and that this would result in children who understood the process of learning. We carried out some research and found Shirley Clarke's 'Learning Powers'. We liked them because they are child friendly and accessible, giving children the tools they needed to talk about, understand and take charge of their

learning. The 8 Learning Powers are 'Have a go, don't give up, be cooperative, keep improving, concentrate, be curious, use your imagination and enjoy learning'. We have introduced the Learning Powers in assemblies and every class has a display. We praise and reward children for using them and celebrate our 'Have a Go Heroes'. We would love it if you could talk to your children about their Learning Powers and how they are using them in school.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that your children are wearing the appropriate uniform in school at all times. A polite reminder that hoodies and leggings are not appropriate substitutions for jumpers and skirts/trousers/dresses.

Thank you!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Many families with children can benefit from the Free School Meals system, and it may be that some people do not realize that they are eligible.

Please feel free to call the school and ask for Mrs O'Neill if you have any questions.

Last day of half-term: Friday 27th May 2016