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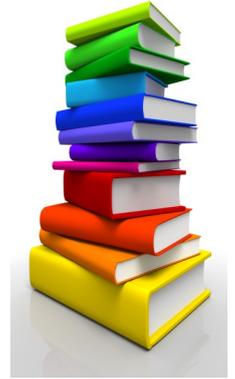


The Oaklands Primary School

Tuesday 8th September 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer break with your families and are looking forward to the exciting year ahead at The Oaklands. It was lovely to see your children's smiling faces as they came through the gates and everyone is now settled in their new classrooms.



We have welcomed some new members of staff this week. **Mr Beales** (Y4), **Miss Baker** (Y4) and **Miss Davis** (Y1) will also be joined by **Mr Edwards** who will be teaching Y3 every Friday. **Mrs Matthews** is our new Sports Coach, **Mr Jenkins** is joining us on a Thursday and Friday as our Learning Mentor and **Mrs Hurd-Lloyd** joins our lunchtime team. I know you will join me in welcoming them to The Oaklands.

I would like to invite you to attend a short briefing for parents on **Wednesday 16th September**, either at **9am or 5pm**. This will be a good opportunity for you to hear about our plans for the year ahead and to discuss how we can work together to support our children in school. I do hope you are able to join us.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mr Davis





School Diary



Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After-School Clubs	Y1 Multi-sports	Y2 Multi-sports	Y2 Football Y5/Y6 Hockey	Y3/Y4 Multi-sports Y5 Football Y6 Football	Y3/Y4 Football
7.9.15			Nursery 9:00-11:30 & 12:30—3.00	Nursery 9:00-11:30	Nursery 9:00-11:30
14.9.15 <u>After-school clubs start</u>	Nursery 9:00—1:00 Y2 Circus Day	Nursery 9:00—1:00	Nursery 9:00—12:00 & 12:00—3:00 Parent Briefings at 9am and 5pm	Nursery 9:00—1:00	Nursery 9:00—1:00
21.9.15	Nursery hours as normal from today				

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 16th September - Parent Briefings (9am and 5pm)

Thursday 17th September—Y6 Parents—Transition Form meeting (2:45pm)

Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October—Parent Evenings (3:30pm—6:00pm)

CHEESE!



Monday 12th October—School Photographer

Friday 23rd October—Finish for half-term holiday

Tuesday 3rd November—School opens for children



The Oaklands Academy Council

We will shortly be looking to recruit some parents to join our Academy Council. This role is **crucial in supporting the school** as we move towards outstanding, bringing a parental perspective to discussions about school improvement. If this is something that interests you please keep an eye open for the letter that will follow later this month. Thank you.

Rewards and Assemblies



The children at The Oaklands are amazing and it is important that we recognise their achievements in school. Children earn house points for following school and class rules and demonstrating **positive behaviour**. *The house with the most points each half-term will earn a non-uniform day and an extended playtime.*

Blue Oaklands stickers are awarded when children's behaviour or achievements demonstrate outstanding attitude or performance. When they have earned 10 stickers they are awarded a **Blue Oaklands Badge**. Children achieving 3 or more blue badges in an academic year will be presented with a **Gold Oaklands Badge**. Other class rewards and stickers/stamps will be given as appropriate.



A Celebration Assembly will take place most weeks on a **Friday**. These will be at **9am for EYFS & KS1** and at **2:40pm for KS2**. We look forward to sharing your child's achievements with you this year.



Behaviour

We are very proud of the children's behaviour at The Oaklands. Good behaviour is essential to ensure that **all children are able to fulfil their potential** and have fun in a safe and welcoming environment.



Our behaviour policy focuses on rewarding good behaviour and we provide children with opportunities and support to show their positive attitude as and when issues arise.

Occasionally some children may need to spend some time away from their class when things haven't gone so well. This provides them with **time to think** about how we can avoid similar situations happening in the future and for staff to talk to them about how we can support and help. To ensure that you are fully involved in this process **we will write to you** should your child require time away from their peers. Class teachers and senior leaders are always happy to answer any questions you may have about behaviour. Further information, including our behaviour policy, can be found on our **school website**.

Safe Dismissal

Please support us to ensure that every child is **dismissed safely** at the end of the school day. The front playground gets very busy at home time and each class has been allocated an area to stand and wait to be collected.

Please leave **plenty of room** for children to wait with their teacher in front of the school building. Children are taught to inform their teacher they have been collected before they leave, to further ensure their safety. We ask for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Subject Leaders

We have a talented team of teachers who work hard to ensure that all aspects of our curriculum meets the needs of our learners and provides engaging and exciting opportunities for children to explore and develop their knowledge, skills and understanding. We thought you'd like to see who we are and what we do!



Mrs Edgington—English

Miss Walk—Maths

Mrs Peters—Modern Foreign Languages & Forest School

Mrs Austin—Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

Miss Murphy—Personal, Social and Health Education

Mrs Bottoms—Science, Computing and Religious Education

Mr Beales—P.E. and Sport

Miss Campbell—International Primary Curriculum



Sports Update



The **Rugby World Cup** is fast approaching and England have a great chance of lifting the trophy once again.

Events like this are a great opportunity for our children to discover new sports and find out about different countries. During P.E. lessons the children will get a chance to experience tag rugby and there will be lots of rugby related competitions with great prizes to be won.



After school sports clubs begin next week. Mrs Matthews will be offering Y1-Y4 the opportunity to explore multi-sports such as tri-golf, dodge ball and quick cricket, and Y5 and Y6 can join in with hockey.

Mr Revan will be leading football clubs for Y2 and Y6 and **Mr Jenkins** will lead football for Y3, Y4 and Y5. Letters will be coming home later this week.