



The Oaklands Primary School
A NINESTILES ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We all understand how important it is for children to attend school regularly and to arrive on time.

This ensures that learning takes place and that our children make good progress. We are working hard as a school to improve our attendance. Our target this year is 97%. Our current attendance for the year for is 95.51% so we have some work to do!

Our Oaklands Monopoly game rewards classes for good attendance each week (97%+) and they can win books for their classroom, extra playtimes, games and non-uniform days.

The current attendance for each class for the academic year so far is as follows:

1P = 95.2%	1S = 96.7%
2M = 96.6%	2S = 95.7%
3B = 96.2%	3G = 96.3%
4B = 95.5%	4P = 92.6%
5D = 96.7%	6C = 93.4%

It will be a great achievement if we can get every class to 97% this year but we will need to work together to hit our target. If we get to 97% for the year we will throw an attendance party with a bouncy castle, a show, picnic and lots of fun. Let's do it!

KEY DATES

- 17th Feb—School Closes for half-term
- 27th Feb—School opens for pupils
- 2nd March—World Book Day
- 3rd March—Maths Day
- 28th and 29th March—Parent Consultation Evenings
- 7th April—School closes for Easter at 1:30pm

Safe Parking

A reminder to all parents and carers to park responsibly when dropping off and collecting children. We are working in partnership with our Neighbourhood Police Officers to ensure all children are safe before and after school. Thank you for your cooperation and helping us keep our school community safe.

School Choir

We now have a talented singing coach working with our newly formed school choir.

They sound amazing already! We have been learning 'Fight Song' and 'One Call Away'. We hope to perform for parents before half-term.



Issue 2 of Oaklands' Cool School News was published at the end of last term—we hope you enjoyed reading it. Issue 3 will arrive in April—we can't wait to see it!

Y1 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Y1 have visited Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery this week. The children were carrying out research ready for hosting their Art Gallery event for parents on Tuesday 14th February. They enjoyed the exhibits and finding out about the past. You can see more photographs on our Twitter feed @TheOaklandsBham.



Farewell to Miss Finch

After 17 years of dedicated service to the children, families and staff at The Oaklands, Miss Finch will be leaving us at the end of February to take up a new post at Ninestiles Academy as Strategic Operations Manager. Miss Finch has been an incredible School Business Manager and friend to us all and she will be missed enormously. We wish her all the best in her new role.



Home Reading

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers who read at home with the children.

Just 5 minutes reading every day can have a huge impact. Thank you for your support.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please ensure that you inform the school office if you change your address or contact details. This enables us to keep all our records up-to-date and ensures we are able to contact you when required. We will also be asking for an email address so that we can share information with you more quickly. Thank you!



SNOW WARNING

In the event of HEAVY snow fall that makes local roads too difficult to travel on, the school may need to close. This decision will be posted on the school website, via twitter and a text message will be sent out. A message will also be sent to the local radio stations. Please do not phone the school as office staff may not be here!

The office only accept money on a Monday or Tuesday