

Weekly Newsletter  
14th January 2019



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Well here we are again at the start of another exciting year. We hope that you all had a wonderful time over the Christmas period. Happy New Year to you all! On behalf of the whole team we would like to thank everyone for their Christmas cards, messages and kind wishes which the Oakdene team received during the festive period.

We have a wonderful programme of events planned for this term so please have a look at the 'Dates for the Diary' section. Extra-curricular activities started again this week and it's great to see so many children engaging in lunchtime and after school clubs.

The next Children's University graduation will take place on Sunday, 27th January 2019 so keep recording your activities for the summer graduation. Your child needs just 30 hours of activities to graduate (clubs outside of school count too, for example, activities based at the library or Forum).

Last week we received an email congratulating Oakdene for having such a strong launch with MarvellousMe! "You have a brilliant 83% of the parents on board, and over 2,000 snippets of wonderful news have been shared with them - you are all doing a brilliant job at connecting parents with their children's learning and achievements at school. In recognition of this, we are thrilled to be sending you a special 'MarvellousMe Gold Award Certificate' for you to display in the reception area/school office and show off to visitors just how marvellous you are." Thank you for your engagement.

With best wishes for a lovely week!

Mrs E. Bramley and Miss C. Champion

**Attendance and Punctuality Matters**

**Last week too many children arrived late on a number of days. Be on time school starts at 5 to 9!**

The school day for children in reception to Y6 starts at **8.55a.m.** Attendance officers will be visiting our school on random dates throughout this half term to ensure that all children arrive in time for the start of the school day. Attendance officers will also monitor if children are collected from school early on a regular basis. We understand that there may be a rare exceptional circumstance or emergency cases, however, a small number of parents requested to collect their children prior to the end of the school day on frequent occasions.

**New Year is the perfect time to reflect on last year and improve this year.** Many of us make resolutions. Last week the children shared some of their ideas. Some children said that they would like to improve their attendance and achieve an Oakdene experience at the end of this term. Good luck everybody.

At the end of the Autumn term, **81** pupils achieved 100% attendance for the term. They will receive an Oakdene Experience in the next few weeks to reward them and they are also on track for a reward worth **£50.00** if they continue to achieve 100% attendance throughout the academic year.

## Dates For Your Diary Spring Term 1

**Week commencing Mon 14th Jan to Fri 25th Jan Y5 Swimming Block 2**

Fri 18th Jan	Visit - Y6 RE Oriental Museum, Durham Reception Open Afternoon 1.30pm
Mon 28th Jan	Individual School Photographs - further information to follow PE Leadership Academy for Six Y4 Pupils
Tues 5th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Wed 6th Feb	Chinese New Year Visit - Y4 Chocolate Story, York
Fri 8th Feb	Inspire2Learn Animation Workshops Y2
Wed 13th Feb	Y2 Open Afternoon 1.30pm
Thurs 14th Feb	Planetarium Visit in School for Reception Pupils
Fri 15th Feb	PD Day (school closed for teacher training)



**Mon 18th Feb—Fri 22nd Feb HALF TERM**

### NSPCC

We're delighted that Oakdene has worked with the NSPCC *Speak out Stay Safe Programme* this term. It was evident that pupils at our school now feel empowered and understand the importance of speaking out and staying safe. Ks1 and Ks2 children listened to important messages during two separate assemblies.

Y5 and Y6 pupils participated in additional workshops.



The Tees Valley Music Service led the first of two music workshops for reception pupils last week. The children practised listening skills, creating rhythms and accompanied songs with percussion.

Reception pupils received high praise as the TVMS said "We have never taught such attentive reception pupils. Each and every pupil is an asset to your school".

Well done reception!



