

## Weekly Newsletter 9th September 2019



**Right of the Fortnight: Article 18:  
Your right to a name, a nationality and  
a family.**



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We hope that you enjoyed the summer break and we look forward to working in partnership with you again. Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year. To those parents/carers who are new to the school, we extend a warm welcome to you. We send regular newsletters so please check your child's book bag daily. We believe that one of the key features of a successful school is excellent communication.

We hope that your child has enjoyed their first week back at school and is looking forward to the many opportunities available to them this year. It has been wonderful to see the children quickly settling back into school routines. As usual we have been delighted with the high standards of behaviour and attitude to learning that we have witnessed. Staff have commented on the excellent start that our pupils have made and how polite, friendly and well-mannered the children have been. Uniform is excellent and everyone is looking very smart. A polite reminder that plain, black, sensible school shoes should be worn for school. Reception pupils have walked in each day with big smiles on their faces and have managed lunchtimes brilliantly.

There are many lunchtime and extra-curricular activities taking place throughout the year. We would like to encourage your child to attend activities if at all possible; whether they enjoy art, music or sport, there is something for all. Taking part in extra-curricular activities can also be rewarded by the Children's University passport system.

There are a number of events due to take place over the next few weeks which you are warmly invited to attend so please check the 'Dates for the Diary' page.

All the staff join me in thanking you for the very positive feedback and very kind gifts received at the end of the summer term. Last year was hugely successful for our school in so many ways. We are looking forward to another year working in partnership with you and your child.

Mrs Caroline Oliver joined the school as a Teaching Assistant 22 years ago. Mrs Oliver recently decided to retire. We thank Caroline for her commitment to our school community and we wish her a happy and healthy retirement. Mr McConnell will now be the Teaching Assistant supporting Y5/6Be.

Congratulations to Miss Natasha Doyle who has been appointed by the Governing Body as our new Early Years' Team Leader with effect from 1st September.

Mrs E Bramley and Miss C Champion

We've been made aware that Google have done some SEO (Search Engine Optimization) updates over the summer and as a result of this some school websites have dropped down their lists so no longer appear on the first search page. This has impacted on our website and you may be directed to Oakdene Primary in Liverpool. The issue has been raised and will be rectified as soon as possible. **Please search by typing: [www.oakdenepriamary.org.uk](http://www.oakdenepriamary.org.uk)** In the parent section the most recent online safety letter has been uploaded onto the school website. Our monthly online newsletters are a regular means by which we try to support parents to keep your children safe online. If you would like to request a paper copy please ask at the main office.

### Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

Tues 10th Sept	Yogabugs Commences for Reception Pupils
Wed 11th Sept	Open Afternoon for Reception Parents/Carers
Fri 13th Sept	Y6 Crucial Crew Visit
Tues 17th Sept	Lingotots Commences for Y3 to Y6 Pupils
Wed 18th Sept	Y1 Open Morning Y3 Visit Jorvik Museum
Wed 25th Sept	Quidditch Event
Thurs 26th Sept	Parliament Assembly for KS2 - Assembly and Workshops
Fri 27th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning

### Mon 30th Sept—11th October Y5 Swimming Block

Mon 30th Sept	10.00am - 12.30pm LS @ Shakespeare Festival Workshop
Tues 1st Oct	European Day of Languages Celebration
Fri 4th Oct	Y6 'Festival of Vision' Parents/Carers Drop-in (Booking only)
Wed 9th Oct	Y3 Open Morning
Thurs 10th Oct	Flood Workshops
Mon 14th Oct	Parent Consultation Evening
Tues 15th Oct	Parent Consultation Evening
Thurs 17th Oct	Y6 Open Morning
Mon 21st Oct	Diwali Dancing Workshop
Wed 23rd Oct	Y2 Open Morning Y5 Groovy Greeks Visit
Thurs 24th Oct	Education Enterprise Sports Workshops <i>Children break up for half term</i>
Fri 25th Oct	<b>PD Day 2 for Staff Training (school closed for pupils)</b>
	<b>Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov      October Half-Term Break</b>
Fri 8th Nov	Book People Bus Visit
Thurs 14th Nov	Y5 Open Morning & Y2 Theatre Visit 'Joseph'
Fri 15th Nov	Children In Need Fundraising Day
Tues 19th Nov	Rehearsal and Performance of the Tempest Shakespeare Festival
Thurs 21st Nov	Y1 Visit to the North York Moors 'One Snowy Night'
Mon 25th Nov	Flu Nasal Spray
Thurs 28th Nov	Y4 Open Morning
Tues 10th Dec	Nativity Performance for Reception and KS1 pupils (am)
Wed 11th Dec	Nativity performance for Reception and KS1 pupils (am)
Thurs 12th Dec	Christmas Lunch for Staff and Pupils
Fri 13th Dec	Nursery Open Morning and Open Afternoon
Mon 16th Dec	Party for Early Years Pupils
Tues 17th Dec	Party for Y1, Y2 & Y2/30 Pupils
Wed 18th Dec	Party for Y3 & Y4 Pupils
Thurs 19th Dec	Party for Y5 & Y6 Pupils plus Y2 Theatre Visit The Arc 'The Man who wanted to be a Penguin'



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

At Oakdene everyday really does count. We can see a huge difference between children who attend school regularly and the few who are persistently absent. We go above and beyond most schools to reward your children for excellent attendance.

### Weekly Awards

Each child attending all week will be entered into their class weekly 100% attendance raffle.

### Termly Awards

100% attendance for a term will be rewarded with an Oakdene termly experience.

### Annual Awards

For those children achieving 100% attendance for the entire academic year, a gift worth £50.00!



Please remember to be on time -  
school starts at 5 to 9!

## Summer Projects

The summer break is the time of year when large scale projects take place to improve the school building. The final phase of windows has been completed. Windows in non-teaching areas such as the school kitchen, admin areas and the staff room have been replaced.

A sensory garden in the courtyard is almost complete—the children were particularly excited to see the coloured bubble tubes and swing.

A new server and six Interactive Whiteboards were installed.



We have registered for a new scheme with Aldi. We would like you (please also ask your family and friends) to collect Team GB stickers when you shop at Aldi to give Oakdene Primary School the chance to win one of 20 prizes of £20,000 to kick start a health legacy. All schools who enter by completing an Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! The collection box is in the main office. Aldi has an excellent website which includes ideas on how you can build healthy habits at home.

## READING IS KNOWLEDGE AND KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!

Well done to all those families who have established fantastic habits with their children at the beginning of term. Reading continues to be an area for development for our school this year and we really need your help. Just 5 minutes daily will make an enormous difference to your child's confidence and fluency in reading. Children will be rewarded by reading each day when **a parent/carer signs the reading record.**

For those children in year groups and up we use Accelerated Reader for home reading books. Last year was the first year we rolled this out and it had a very positive impact. We have been reminded by the company to stress to parents and carers that all children **must select a book anywhere within their range.**

They advocate that the child should select books anywhere within that range in any order. If a child's range was 2.1-3.2 for example, then a child may select books in this order: 2.5, 2.1, 3.0 and 2.8 as they are all within the range. The STAR assessments repeated each half term, alongside NFER tests will then review the range of books offered to the child. If you have any queries please ask your child's class teacher in the first instance.



## Stay Safe

Oakdene Primary School is keen to encourage their children to travel to school in a healthy and environmentally friendly way. Walking, cycling or riding a scooter are fun ways to arrive at school ready for the day ahead! **Please remember to follow the rules below to keep everybody safe.**

Oakdene pupils, siblings (including toddlers) and adults **MUST** dismount before entering the school grounds and walk their bicycles/scooters to the shelters.

The school encourages children to wear a helmet as this is good practice for the future when they may ride on roads! We also advise children to wear something bright/reflective when travelling to school so they can be seen in the darker months.

We would also like to remind parents and carers to keep children under close supervision before and after school.

Please ensure that your children do not climb on the adventure playground.

