



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

### **Morning Drop-Off**

We would like to remind parents that the gates close at 8.45. Registration is at 8.45. We have recently received some abusive comments from parents regarding the gate timings and would politely like to remind you all that the times were changed in May 2023 in accordance with the Government new requirements around the length of the school day. Abuse towards staff, of any kind, is not tolerated and is unnecessary. Please help us to keep our school the happy place it is and to model appropriate behaviour to the children.

### **Football**

This week 2 teams of year 3 and 4 children went to a Partnership Football Tournament at Langtree school. These teams were mixed girls and boys and, although many are great footballers, they had not played together as a team before. Medals were given to Mya and Billy for determination and Ada and Lucy received medals for positive involvement and growing in confidence. Well done to everyone that took part.

### **Medication**

Can all parents please ensure that medication comes through the office in the mornings and does not come in to school in a child's bag. We need to ensure that we are aware of all medication on site and adhere to the processes we have in place for the safety of all children.

### **Lunch Time Supervisor Vacancies**

We currently have positions available for working as a Lunchtime Supervisor, both full-time and part-time, as the usual Lunchtime Supervisory Role and also 1:1 support positions across lunchtime. If you are interested in any of these, please get in touch via email, phone or speak to the School office.

**Year 6 Parent Transition advice** – please read the attached information.

**Busy Bees Dance Club** – we do have places available if you would still like to sign your child up.

### **Cake Sale**

We would appreciate any nut free cake donations for our after school cake sale on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. This is a great fundraiser for the school and the money raised is split between the classes.

### **Class Updates**

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| <b>Oak</b> | In school we have talked about how to help our bodies with germs- washing our hands properly, catching our coughs in the crease of our elbows and eating fresh fruit and vegetables. As the Spring sunshine has been with us, we have begun enjoying a run around the Woodcote park with our Year 6 buddies, knowing that movement is another great way to be physically and emotionally healthy. We have been talking about where we live this week and what our address is- more Oakies can now tell us their house number and road name but not all so please continue to teach them this. Some are confusing road name with house number so looking at road name signs might be useful so they can learn the difference when being asked. |
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|                 | <p>In Literacy we have been reading 'Handa's Surprise' and the children have been brave in trying tropical fruits including avocado on toast! They have also show great resilience in their learning and been brilliant at tidying which has been wonderful to see.</p> <p>Handwriting this week: v and w- getting straight lines with a point rather than a curve has been tricky and also many of the children are mixing up b and d so please practice these letters too.</p> <p>Have a wonderful 3-day weekend and look forward to seeing you (with your reading records and books) all full of beans on Tuesday.</p> <p>Oak Team</p>  |
| <b>Hornbeam</b> | <p>Over the last week we have continued to work extremely hard in Hornbeam. After last week's success in retelling 'Where the Wild Things Are', this week we have worked to create our own story 'Where the Crazy Aliens Are' and I cannot wait to read them when they're all finished. In Maths, we have begun to look at the early stages of division, using lots of practical resources to share objects equally between different amounts of groups. On Thursday afternoon there was a real sense of excitement as the children were learning how to type on a laptop - many had said they'd never done this before so there was a real sense of achievement at the end of the lesson. Well Done everyone!</p>   |
| <b>Beech</b>    | <p>Beech class have been working hard drawing their own dragons in English this week. We then wrote some beautiful descriptions including expanded noun phrases and adverbs. These will be displayed outside Beech class next week. In Maths, we have been finding unit and non-unit fractions and playing games to help us learn our division facts. In P.E, we have become more skilled at throwing, catching and had a go at learning some tennis skills. During PSHE this week, we have been reflecting on our school value 'respect' and practiced giving each other compliments. In Science, we have started to investigate what a seed needs to germinate and wrote some fabulous predictions using scientific vocabulary,</p>  |
| <b>Ash</b>      | <p>We have continued our Maths work on fractions this week in Ash Class, looking at how many parts make a whole and at equivalent fractions. We also had a visitor in the classroom over breaktime on Tuesday, who left a trail of small footprints and lots of cave paintings. The class decided it must have been a child from the Stone Age, perhaps the boy from our new class book in English, The First Drawing. And in Computing, we have started coding and exploring how to animate our names. Wishing you a good bank holiday weekend!</p>   |
| <b>Rowan</b>    | <p>We continue to work on our decimals and times tables in maths, while in English we are planning to write a newspaper report, learning about the features we need to include and how to frame eyewitness accounts. A mix of girls and boys went across to Langtree in the week and took part in a football tournament. They acquitted themselves very well.</p>  |
| <b>Maple</b>    | <p>Yet another busy week in Year 5. English has found us planning out our own time-slip stories set during World War 2. We have children finding themselves on train station platforms about to be evacuated, children finding themselves living in the countryside experiencing different ways of living and even the odd child who makes their way into a British tank! In Maths, we've been looking at coordinates, translation, symmetry and reflection (good luck with the homework) whilst Science has found us exploring what happens to us as we travel into old age. In Topic we've been learning about rationing, so we ran a small market in the classroom where families had to spend their rationing coupons. It was fascinating comparing their weekly shop vs the amazing meals you provide them three times a day. We wrapped up our week with some more practice on our ukuleles!</p> |
| <b>Willow</b>   | <p>Our week has mainly been about revision for English and Maths - going over the areas that the class feel they would like to re-cap and talking through the types of questions they face in SATs week. We have also, more importantly, planned and costed out what we will be having for breakfast that week - we learnt to appreciate what parents have to consider for their weekly shop! Some of the pupils have offered to donate items to the breakfast as they were aware that it just wasn't within our budget. We have said they must check with parents first before they do this. Any</p>  |

items, from a loaf of bread to a carton of juice, will be gratefully received. In History, we continued to look at Early Islamic Civilisation, focusing on scholars who had made improvements to medicines and medical techniques - some were rather more gruesome than others. We have also had a number of discussions about Residential and Transition to Secondary School this week as these are clearly on our minds.

### **Important dates**

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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May                                | May Bank holiday – no children in school  |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May                               | Reception class - Vision screening  |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May                               | Year 1 and 6 After school cake sale – all nut free cake donations are welcome             |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May | SATS Week – Year 6  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May                               | FOWPS dress in home clothes (for a donation of a bottle for tombola)                      |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May | Year 6 Residential trip   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                             | Oak class sharing time – 2:50pm   |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May | Summer half term  |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June                               | INSET day – no children in school   |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June                             | School Photographs  |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June                               | FOWPS dress in home clothes (for donation of sweets for tombola)                          |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June                           | Reception intake 2024 – Welcome meeting @ 6:00pm  |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                              | 4.30pm - 7.30pm Big Summer Bounce –more details to follow                                 |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                              | New starters Sept 2024/ children in class & coffee morning for new parents 9:15 – 10:15am |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                             | Sports Day – KS2 – AM & KS1 - PM  |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June                            | Back up Sports Day  |
| Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                            | 9.30am - 12.30pm FOWPS Coffee Shop and Second hand uniform sale                           |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July                              | Reception intake 2024 in class 9:30 – 1:05  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July                            | Inset Day – no children in school   |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July                              | UKS2 performance dress rehearsal  |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July                           | UKS2 Performance – pm – further details to follow nearer to the time                      |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July                            | UKS2 Performance – pm - further details to follow nearer to the time                      |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July                           | Last day of Term – 1:00pm finish  |