



Oakhill News



Up & Coming Dates

Additional document

Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer break I have spoken to the children about their summer and they have all been very enthusiastic telling me what wonderful adventures they had!

The children have all settled back into school life really well and are keen to learn. The teachers have all commented on how beautifully behaved the children have been this week.

Before the holidays I sent out a list of key dates for this half term, since then there have been a couple of amendments so I have attached the list again with these on. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Behaviour system

We are introducing a modified behaviour system across the school, which will enable pupils who consistently behave well to achieve bronze, silver or gold. This will be explained during the parent information sessions next week.

Every minute counts

This year we are looking towards making the most of every minute of learning time. As soon as the children arrive at 9am they will be working in journals where a task will be set to be completed by 9:15am, please continue to ensure that your child is on time as missing this will impact on their day considerably.

School attendance continues to be an area of concern for us at Oakhill. Thank you to the families who ensure that their children are in school, unfortunately there are still many children whose attendance is below the threshold of 90%. A day's learning missed is lost forever and absence impacts on the child's academic achievement. Unless your child has a temperature, vomiting or stomach upset they should be in school. A cough or runny nose is not a reason to be away from school. If your child's cough develops into a temperature we will ask you to come and collect them.

Doctor or dentist appointments should be taken after school or in the half term break and family holidays will not be authorised.

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Attendance - Autumn 1

Golden Book Awards

Uniform

The children have come back looking smart with lots of new shoes and new haircuts! Please refer to our website for information on uniform and please remember that nail varnish and jewellery (except stud earrings and watches) are not allowed.

PE Kits

Changing for PE takes up valuable learning time and quite often items go missing or children do not have their kit in school. In order to alleviate this we would like children to come to school in their PE kit on the days that have PE lessons. When it gets colder children can wear grey jogging bottoms and their Oakhill jumpers, they can also wear plain black trainers rather than plimsolls if they wish. This also means that the clothes will not be in school for up to 8 weeks unwashed! Your class teacher will be able to tell you which days are PE days. In the meantime any kits returned to school this week will be sent back home.

I am very much looking forward to this year and continuing to see the children develop and grow.

Mrs Brandon
Head of School