



Oakhill News



2013/2014

Friday 12th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the first half of the Autumn term. We have been celebrating Black History Month at Oakhill with each class learning about an inspirational person. Some examples are Katherine Johnson, Viv Anderson, Claudia Jones, John Archer and Septimus Severus. If you are not sure of the significant contribution that these people have made, please come along to our Black History Month celebration to learn more on **Thursday at 9am**- the children will be ready to share their knowledge and artwork with you.

Federation collaboration: All teachers from across our four schools have this week been working together, sharing some of the learning in the children's books in order to moderate and agree assessment. As a one form entry school, Oakhill staff have benefited greatly from this opportunity enabling them to discuss the learning in their year group with colleagues. This, in turn, supports the learning taking place for your children.

Photos: Individual and sibling photos were taken this week. Proof prints will be sent as soon as they arrive and a date for returning these will be given at that time.

Manners and politeness: At Oakhill we believe that manners and politeness are extremely important and we have high expectations of these from the children. We have been talking to the children about saying please and thank you, allowing someone to go through a door before you rather than push and to answer respectfully to everyone- adults and peers alike. We have been talking about not taking things such as clothes being ironed for them or breakfast prepared for them for granted and to say thank you. It would be interesting to know how many of your children have started to thank you for the little everyday things that you do for them instead of taking them for granted. We would really appreciate it if you could reinforce this message at home.

Dates Next Week

Monday 15th October

Year 1 Trip to Highams Park

Thursday 18th October

9am Black History Sharing Event

Friday 19th October

3pm Year 4 Class Assembly

Up & Coming Dates

Monday 22nd October

Half Term

Monday 29th October

School starts

Year 6-One Synagogue Trip

Tuesday 30th October

Year 6-A Synagogue Trip

Wednesday 31st October

9.30 Prospective Reception 2019

Parent Meeting

3.30 FOSA Cake & Book Event

Friday 9th November

3.30 FOSA School Disco tbc

Tuesday 13th November

Year 6 Natural History Museum

Year 1 All Saints Church Trip

3.30 Year 5 Photography Project

Parents Workshop

Friday 16th November

3pm Year 3 Class Assembly

Wednesday 21st November

Year 4 British Museum Trip

Friday 23rd November

INSET Day—School Closed



Pupil Parliament: On Monday, the Year 5 and 6 Pupil Parliament representatives went to Dawlish School for the second of their anti-bullying workshops with Camilla. They have met to discuss the planning of a 'Choose Respect' day across the school which will take place on November 12th.

Platinum Pride: Pupil Parliament representatives will be working with their classes on establishing exactly what being on green means across the school. Once they have decided upon the criteria these will be displayed in every classroom and on classroom windows for you to see. Any child who is not showing these green behaviours will continue to be moved to blue (or yellow or red depending on the reason) and hopefully will be able to explain more clearly to you why they have been moved down. We have noticed that sometimes children will tell you that they do not know why they are on blue or yellow and this can cause some families to question the judgement of the adults in school. A child is only moved down if they are not being 'green' and hopefully this will help you to support us in addressing behaviour issues.

Early Years Appeal: If you are having a clear out in the run up to Christmas, we would greatly appreciate items such as small action figures and people, dolls clothes, cars, trains and planes. Please do not buy anything new but we can certainly give unused toys a good home. Miss Tanswell will be happy to take in donations via the Reception classroom. Thank you.



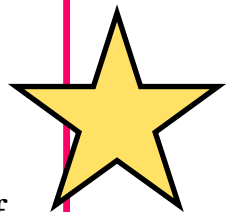
Class Assemblies now on Friday at 3pm

19th October—Year 4
16th November—Year 3
18th January—Year 2
1st February—Year 1
8th February—Year 6One
15th March Year 6A



Star of the Week

Year 1— Adam for having a positive attitude toward his learning
Year 2— Dolcie for showing lovely manners and a positive attitude towards her learning
Year 3— Tristan for his focus and determination in his learning
Year 4— Catherine for her hard work and attitude in class
Year 5— Tia for making an excellent, positive start to Year 5
Year 6-A— Saranasrin for demonstrating commitment to learning by practising at home
Year 6-One—Aliyah for her interesting and high quality piece of writing on our Black History Month Topic—The black female pioneer, Katherine Johnson



**Attendance –
Autumn 1**

**Week: 8th – 12th October
2018**
Highest: Year 3 & 5 = 100%

School Nurse



If you wish to talk to
a school nurse please contact on:
0300 300 8910

Note: The school operates a zero tolerance approach to absence during term time, for further information please refer to our attendance procedures.

If your child is unwell please report absence on ParentMail