

OAK HILL FIRST SCHOOL

WIREHILL DRIVE, LODGE PARK, REDDITCH

We have had a busy couple of weeks after half term and have had lots of fun in school! We are now starting to get ready for the festivities and performances next month. Please take note of dates for your diary.

Dates for the diary

School Photographs
 Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is now Sunday 26th November. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk
 If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

23rd November	Year 4 Sports Event at Trinity
24th November	School Closed: Teacher Training
1st December	Year 1 Parental Engagement
6th December	Nursery Performance 10:15am
6th December	RM Performance 2pm
7th December	RS Performance 10am
7th December	RW Performance 2pm
7th December	Christmas Jumper Day
12th December	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Dinner
13th December	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Dinner
13th December	Year 3 Performance 9:15am
14th December	Year 3 Performance 1:30pm
18th December	Year 2 & Year 4 Carol Concert at The Bridge Church
20th December	Magic Bob show for Nursery
21st December	Christmas Party Afternoon
22nd December	Panto (Reception—Year 4)
22nd December	Last day of term

Harvest
 Thank you all for your generous donations for Harvest this year. All of your donations have been taken to Redditch Food Bank and given to families and individuals in need.



Nursery Places available January 2024
 We have organised Nursery places for January so if you would like a place
 If your child is 3 years old before 1st January 2023, they are eligible for a free 15 hours Nursery place. We have morning and afternoon places available.
 Morning: 8:30-11:30am
 Afternoons: 12:15pm-3:15pm
 We also offer the 30 hours places- check here to see if you would be eligible:
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
 Please ask at the office for an application form.

Reception Places September 2024
 If your child's fourth birthday is between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024 they will be starting school in September 2024. Deadline for applications is 15th January 2024- you should apply online via https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school_admissions



	Recent % attendance	Average attendance since Sept	Recent No. of lates	Total of lates since Sept
RM	96.37%	95.93%	7	14
RS	91.49%	92.71%	21	36
RW	96.75%	97.17%	5	15
1A	94.11%	95.46%	7	12
1C	95.26%	96.28%	20	45
1W	94.94%	94.42%	11	20
2C	91.78%	93.41%	11	23
2F	92.21%	92.83%	23	49
2S	94.18%	95.37%	9	26
3E	98.08%	96.90%	19	29
3G	94.08%	95.58%	23	52
3T	94.22%	94.27%	33	63
4F	94.57%	95.08%	5	14
4PW	96.71%	95.73%	24	42
4R	93.60%	93.54%	30	58

Classes with a green box attendance have achieved or exceeded the minimum expectation.

Classes in red are potentially a cause for concern and further analysis will take place.

Mrs Aldridge (Office) is the Attendance Officer for Oak Hill and liaises with parents, teachers and senior leaders when dealing with all attendance matters.



We have undergone an exciting election process in school which resulted in lots of children nominating themselves to represent their class on our School Council. We are happy to announce that all vacancies for this year have been filled and the School Council representatives held their first meeting last half term. The School Council have got to work immediately and have planned their first event which is our Pyjama Day on Friday 17th November 2023 in aid of BBC Children In Need.

November Assembly Themes, Festivals and Awareness Days

Throughout the school year at Oak Hill, we learn about a range of festivals and awareness days.

During November the whole school will have the opportunity to discuss:

- Anti-Bullying Week
- Children In Need
- Odd Socks Day



Eco-Schools

All of the Eco Council members have now been elected and Miss Savin is really looking forward to their first meeting where the children will set goals for this half term. Together they will make decisions that will help our school community to recycle, reduce and replace.



November Picture News Assembly Themes

Each week, we will be discussing issues that are in the news in an age appropriate way. Your child may come home and want to discuss views on the question of the week. To support this, we will send a sheet via Class Dojos with questions that you can discuss with your child.

Questions discussed last month were:

Can anyone break a world record?

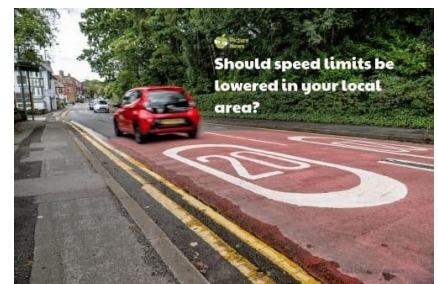
How does change happen?

How can we remember things that were important to us?

Should speed limits be lowered in your local area?

How important is it to understand money?

Are there some jobs robots could never do?



This week, we have been discussing:

How can we show compassion to others?

Reading Ambassadors

All the fantastic Reading Ambassadors met with Mrs Weller last week for their first ever meeting.

They discussed their plans for promoting reading.
We look forward to seeing what they have planned for everyone.



Online Safety Conference

CRST are delighted to be able to share details of an upcoming Online Safety Conference that they will be hosting in partnership with West Mercia Police and the University of Worcester. Please see the letter on Class Dojo for further details of the vital information that will be shared during the conference in order to keep children safe online.

We encourage parents to attend. The conference is on Monday 27th November 2023 at 6.30pm.



7th November 2023

Online Safety Conference

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to be able to share details of an upcoming Online Safety Conference that we will be hosting in partnership with West Mercia Police and the University of Worcester. Please see the attached flyers for further details of the vital information that will be shared during the conference in order to keep children safe online.

The conference is open to all parents/carers/staff and is free of charge to attend. It can be accessed by either attending in person or by streaming the event online. Please see details below.

Date: Monday 27th November 2023

Time: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

To attend the event via Microsoft Teams, please [click here](#).

To attend the event in person at Arrow Vale School, please [click here](#).

During the conference, West Mercia Police will share hard-hitting details of real-life online crime, and most importantly, the actions that you can take to keep your children, yourselves, and your wider family/friends safe in an ever-evolving digital age.

Due to the nature of the information that will be shared, the event is not suitable for children of compulsory school age.

In the previous academic year, staff from Central Region Schools Trust attended an eye-opening online safety conference for professionals at West Mercia Police Headquarters. The aim of our joint Online Safety Conference is to now try and share this important learning with a far wider audience, in order to keep our communities safe.

Yours sincerely,



Scott Crane
Designated Safeguarding Lead
and Vice Principal



Dean Salisbury
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
and Vice Principal
Sutton Park Primary School



Detective Chief Inspector Tony Garner
West Mercia Police

“Every day we are seeing children coming to harm because of their online activity and it's a growing problem. I believe there is an urgent need to help parents better understand the risks. I'm really pleased to be working with the Central Region Schools Trust to address this.”

DCI Tony Garner, West Mercia Police