

OAK HILL FIRST SCHOOL

WIREHILL DRIVE, LODGE PARK, REDDITCH

We've spent the last 4 weeks settling everyone in and building on the achievements of last year. The children and our staff are doing really well in engaging with our new curriculum approach to learning—something that will be explained more in the next newsletter. We feel this will have a very significant impact on the learning of knowledge and skills across all curriculum areas. Parents evening this week! An effective partnership between home and school can make all the difference for your child's ongoing achievements and well being. Your attendance at these meetings is really important. If you find that you are unable to attend the appointment please let us know as soon as possible so that teachers can alter schedules to make the sessions more productive.

Attendance

Just a reminder, if your child is too unwell to attend school please let the office know by 9am on the first day of absence. If no notification is received we will contact parents to ascertain the reason.

NHS states reasons a child may be absent from school are -

- *Chicken pox (5 days from the onset of rash and until all blisters have scabbed over.)*
- *- Diarrhoea and Vomiting (48 hours after last episode)*
- *- Scarlet Fever - (24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment)*
- *- High temperature*

Please follow the link below for more information

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

As mentioned in last month's email, the government has placed additional expectations on schools for attendance. We will therefore be notifying you by letter if your child has had 4 days off school, with further letters being sent at 7 and 10 days absence, before a very tailored approach.

It is our intention to focus on support at the earliest possible stage, engagement with this process will hopefully help to resolve any attendance issues quickly and give your child the best opportunity to thrive in school.

Dates for the diary



Tuesday 10th October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 12th October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19th October	Year 4 Outdoor Learning
Tuesday 24th October	Year 1 Outdoor Learning
Thursday 27th October	Last day of half term
Friday 27th October	Teacher Training day
Monday 6th November	First day back after half term

Harvest

With signs of Autumn appearing, it can only mean one thing -
Harvest.



What Is Harvest Festival?

Harvest Festival celebrates the time of year when crops have been gathered from the field and people can reflect on the food that they have.



What can you do to help?

We are looking for long lasting food items such as tins, cereals, packets of dried food and non-perishable foods. Remember that every little helps and your generosity will be appreciated and will make a difference. It is not only food that they accept, but they are also looking for shampoo, toilet rolls and washing up liquid too.

Where does the food go?

All food that gets donated by parents, children and school staff will be sent to The Redditch Food Bank. The Redditch Food Bank will ensure that the food is then used to help those people who need it most.

“The people at the foodbank were wonderful, they understood and saved us.” ‘4004 clients fed from April 2022 - March 2023.’

If you can donate any items, we would be very grateful. To do this please send items in with your child so that they can add them to the display of food in the entrance hall.

Food to be sent in by the 26th October 2023.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Online safety

Here is a link to Online Safety website- on this page you will find 5 very simple videos showing you how to set up and use Supervised Experience, YouTube Kids (which also has new settings).

YouTube Supervised Experience is really easy to set up and gives you as parents much greater flexibility in managing the content your children are watching on YouTube.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/youtube-parental-restrictions/>



Year 1

We have been so busy in Year One since we started in September. There have been rules to remember, routines to learn, names to remember and places to keep things. On top of all this we have learnt about the seasons and the weather in science and the continents in geography. At first learning about the continents was tricky, so we started to learn a song about them. This has helped with knowing how many continents, what they are called and also some information about them. We have even been able to put them into size order.



SEND

The teachers are working very hard across school, doing a great job meeting the needs of all the children in their classes. An effective transition period meant that reports, individual education plans and advice has been passed on so that all the children with additional needs have strategies in place so that they can engage well with learning, enjoy themselves and make progress.

If you have any questions about your child's additional needs and / or need information about their progress, please speak with their class teacher in the first instance. Parents' evening next week will be a good opportunity to give and receive feedback. The class teacher will discuss your child's needs with myself. If your child needs further support or input, after the class teacher has monitored any barriers to learning we will arrange a meeting to set targets and discuss next steps.

Next term, the staff will be receiving additional training to meet the needs of pupils with sensory needs and dyspraxia. Over the next term, we will be introducing new strategies to develop a whole school approach to help children identify and manage emotions (social, emotional and mental health needs.)

I look forward to sharing this exciting development with you.

Mrs Winterbourn

Team Building in Year 4

We began the Year by focussing on the skills of team building, resilience and perseverance. Some of Year 4 went on a residential trip to Condover in Shropshire to complete activities and some children completed their activities on our school site.

Whilst at Condover the children worked together to create buggies that we could actually ride on, went round an aerial obstacle course and abseiled down a wall. The team who stayed on site at Oak Hill got to try out new things and push their problem solving skills when they made a variety of different paper aeroplanes.

All of the children (and the adults) certainly learnt to be resilient and if we didn't get it quite right first time we knew we could have another go and keep going until we got it right.



Year 2

We have really enjoyed our start to PE in year 2. In Dance, we have been creating a routine based on The Great Fire of London. We used our bodies to create shapes of the buildings and then started to think about how we could use our bodies to create the flames spreading around. We were trying to create drama and suspense and move in time with the music. In Games, we have been working on our coordination and balance through a range of activities supported by the sports coach. We worked on our team work and listening skills. We had to have quick reactions and control our bodies as we moved safely around the space. We have even been enjoying running around the track and using the trim trail when the weather has let us.





“Attend today, Achieve Tomorrow”

	Average attendance since Sept	Total of lates since Sept
RM	95.73%	7
RS	93.69%	14
RW	97.52%	10
1A	96.59%	5
1C	96.87%	22
1W	93.83%	9
2C	94.81%	12
2F	93.27%	25
2S	96.40%	17
3E	95.73%	9
3G	96.92%	28
3T	94.00%	29
4F	95.52%	7
4PW	94.78%	17
4R	93.01%	28

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.

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

Immunisations and Vaccinations for Children in Worcestershire

Has your child
missed a school-aged
immunisation?

Do you want to arrange
their flu vaccination?

Do you have a child with
SEND and want to know
how to access school-aged
immunisations and flu
vaccination?



How to Book:

You can book an appointment at one of our local clinics by calling the Worcestershire Vaccination Team directly on 01527 390030

October Assembly Themes, Festivals and Awareness Days

Throughout the school year at Oak Hill, we learn about a range of festivals and awareness days. This year assemblies are taking place in classrooms. We will be looking at religious stories, celebrations from different religions

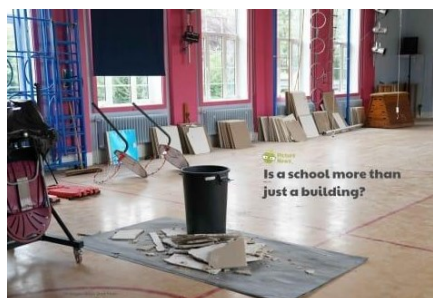
During October, the whole school will have the opportunity to discuss:

- Black History Month
- ADHD Awareness Month
- National Poetry day
- World Mental Health Day



October 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 Dojo with questions that you can discuss with your child.



Questions discussed last month were:

- What can we learn from new adventures?
- Should life jackets be compulsory for all open water sports?
- Is a school more than just a building?
- How important is space exploration?

This week, we have been discussing:

Can anyone break a world record?



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Guinness World Records provides a fantastic opportunity to see the gifts, talents and interests other people living all over the world have. I understand and respect that not everyone is the same as me.

