



# OAK HILL FIRST SCHOOL

## WIREHILL DRIVE, LODGE PARK, REDDITCH



Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year.

It has been another busy but successful year at Oak Hill– the move to being part of CRST being the biggest change this year. I’d like to thank the whole school community- all children, staff, parents and governors for the part that you have all played. It is always a whole team effort!

I hope that you all have a relaxing and fun filled summer break and look forward to seeing you all back in school in September.

**We look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 4th September.**

### Transition for September 2024

In addition to saying our goodbyes to some of our children we also bid farewell to some of our staff team too.

Miss Card has been a long serving member of our teaching team. She has worked across the school in all key stages. She has been a dedicated force behind our curriculum in particularly Music– anyone who has attended Christmas Carols or Trinity concerts will know how passionate she is about children singing and the joy this brings!

Mrs Beer who started at Oak Hill as a Lunchtime Supervisor before moving to being a member of our Teaching Assistant team has decided to take early retirement to spend more time with her family and indulge in her love of sewing!

Mr Fishpool is also leaving, he is heading off to a school ‘up north’ to be nearer his family.

A big thank you to each of them for the part they have played in the life of the school in the years that they have worked here. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best in their continuing teaching career or retirement and to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the children they have taught.

Starting in September we have Miss Cooper, Miss Barber and Miss Reid joining our team of teachers.

Mrs Thomas will be stepping into the Vice-Principal role replacing Mrs Gilmour who is now Principal at Abbeywood. Mrs Harris will revert to her Assistant Head role and will be overseeing Early Years and Year 1. Mrs Reynolds will be Assistant Head for Year2-4.

Next week, we are looking forward to the two transition days that are planned on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th July. All children in Nursery and Years R—3 should be dropped off as usual, they will be registered in their current class by their current teacher after which they will then spend the next two days getting to know their new teacher.

Current Reception and Year 2 pupils will receive a Dojo message advising of your child’s new class name and teacher.

As we want all parents to have the opportunity to meet their child’s new teacher, we have arranged after school drop ins in classrooms as follows: **Wednesday 10th July 3:15pm except new 4C which will be Tuesday 16th July as Miss Cooper is unable to attend on the 10th/11th.**

Current class	September	Teacher
Nursery	Nursery	Miss Wilkes
	Reception	Miss Spike, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Morris
Reception Classes are mixed to create 3 new classes	1A	Mrs Assirati
	1R	Miss Reid
	1F	Mrs Field
1A	2C	Mrs Chivers
1W	2L	Mrs Cartwright
1C	2M	Mrs Mason
Year 2 classes are mixed to create 3 new classes	3E	Mrs Elvins
	3H	Mr Hatton
	3B	Miss Barber
3E	4T	Mrs Turner
3G	4R	Mrs Ravenscroft
3T	4C	Miss Cooper

## Year 4 Visit to Newman University 25th June 2024: A Trust Led Experience



A team of children in Year 4 have been working on a social action project (RSA4) in conjunction with other Year 4 children across CRST Trust. The Oak Hill team have planned, planted, and nurtured a range of different fruit and vegetables. The team worked in conjunction with members of the KS1 Gardening Club too.

They were all very excited to be invited to join other Year 4 children from across CRST schools to visit Newman University in Birmingham to present their project.

The members of the Year 4 team had a fantastic day and toured the University Campus, met with staff from the University, delivered their own presentation to at least 40 plus other delegates and listened to presentations other school too.

The day ended in a poetry slam led by Birmingham based poet, Curly who was a talented lyricist. It was a truly inspirational day and lots of the children from Oak Hill are now talking about which courses at university they would like to do once they are old enough.

Mrs Ravenscroft and Mrs Golby supported the Year 4 Team, and both were so very proud of the mature manner in which the children conducted themselves. Well done Team RSA4 2023.



It shouldn't be, but it always seems to be a surprise to us that our Year 4 children are about to leave us after 5 or, in some cases, 6 years with us.

The rehearsals for our traditional end of year performance by Year 4 are currently well underway in readiness for their performances in the last full week of term.

We hope that parents of Year 4 pupils will be able to attend the Leavers Presentation which will take place shortly after the last performance on the 18th July at around 10:30am.

## TRINITY MUSIC CONCERT—Pyramid Event

Our Oak Hill choir sang their hearts out at Trinity High School on Thursday 27th June.

The Year 4 pupils performed 'Heroes' and 'On My Love' at the Trinity Pyramid Concert with great enthusiasm!

It has been an absolute privilege to take such talented and confident children to this event for many years and they have always made us incredibly proud.

Sadly, this was my last concert due to leaving the school at the end of this term. Thank you to the children for working so hard and making this such a special one. I will treasure these memories fondly and hope that the children continue to enjoy their passion for singing!

Miss Card



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### Summer Reading Challenge!

Reading engagement at Oak Hill this year has been fabulous! We are so proud of all of the children and how hard they have worked to develop their reading skills. Our school has a real love for reading and books and we don't want this to stop now that the summer holidays are here so... why not take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at the library! It is open to all primary age children and completely free!

All you need to do is visit either of our local libraries, Red-ditch town or Woodrow, and sign up!

The children will set themselves a reading goal, collect rewards for their reading and hopefully, reach their goals and receive a certificate to recognise their success!

The benefits of this are huge! Not only will this continue to support reading progress over the summer, but also help keep children engaged and motivated while continuing to build confidence and enjoyment of reading. Staff and volunteers at the library will be available to talk to the children about what they have read too!

To find out more, visit your library or go to

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/news/worcestershires-summer-reading-challenge-launches-weekend>

We look forward to celebrating your success in September!

## SPORTS IN YEAR 4—Pyramid Event

On Tuesday 25th June, our Year 4 children took part in an athletics event at the Abbey Stadium.

The event was put on by the sports leaders at Birchensale and the children had the opportunity to take part in lots of different track and field events, including the 400m, javelin, discuss, hurdles and 50m sprint.

The children had an amazing time and they did the school very proud!



## SPORTS DAYS



Sports Days have been huge successes this year. We had a great turn out from parents and carers, this really added to the atmosphere. Thank you for cheering on the children continuously throughout the mornings. Of course the annual Teacher 3 legged, Gentlemen and Ladies races followed- thanks to all those who joined in! Same time next year but hopefully with a bit of sunshine!



The HAF Team are writing to let you know that bookings for HAF Worcestershire summer 2024 are now OPEN!

#### Redditch Utd In The Community

- Football
- Gaming
- Leadership course

#### Joes Jungle

- Arts & Crafts - bug house, bird feeders, paper mâché, rock painting, make and bake.
- Story telling, singing and dancing, disco

#### Redditch Youth & Community Enterprise

- Multi sports
- Creative art & design workshop
- Music production workshop

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free activities are funded by the Department for Education (DfE) for children who receive benefit related free school meals (FSM) If eligible, your account will be automatically credited with 16 free passes per child on sign up.

[Summer 2024 \(redditchbc.gov.uk\)](http://redditchbc.gov.uk)

#### July 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.

#### Questions discussed last month were:

What makes a good friend?

Should we always be prepared for an emergency?

Is voting the best way to change things?

Can remembering difficult times help shape a better future?



#### This week, we have been discussing:

What does it take to be an Olympian or Paralympian?





Did you know that schools are graded by OFSTED in relation to attendance. For attendance to be considered “good”

*‘Pupils have high attendance, come on time to school and are punctual to lessons.’*

By working with parents ,we have previously achieved this but the current picture is not a positive one. If there is any way that we can help you to reduce the absences or lates that may currently be on their record, please get in touch with the class teacher.

	Recent % attendance	Average attendance since Sept	Recent No. of lates	Total of lates since Sept
RM	90.70%	94.66%	5	68
RS	92.38%	91.54%	27	204
RW	94.39%	95.61%	13	100
1A	92.84%	95.48%	8	84
1C	93.86%	94.70%	21	170
1W	93.72%	93.83%	23	131
2C	94.13%	95.07%	4	92
2F	88.82%	90.70%	3	161
2S	88.84%	91.69%	16	153
3E	94.95%	95.80%	22	68
3G	92.29%	93.70%	32	301
3T	93.65%	94.32%	6	142
4F	97.89%	94.50%	7	68
4PW	93.80%	95.44%	14	174
4R	90.70%	93.61%	21	217

Classes with a green box attendance are matched to the current national averages. Classes in orange are very close to attaining the current national average. 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.

For your child to make good progress they have to have good attendance and punctuality.

## Safeguarding at Oak Hill

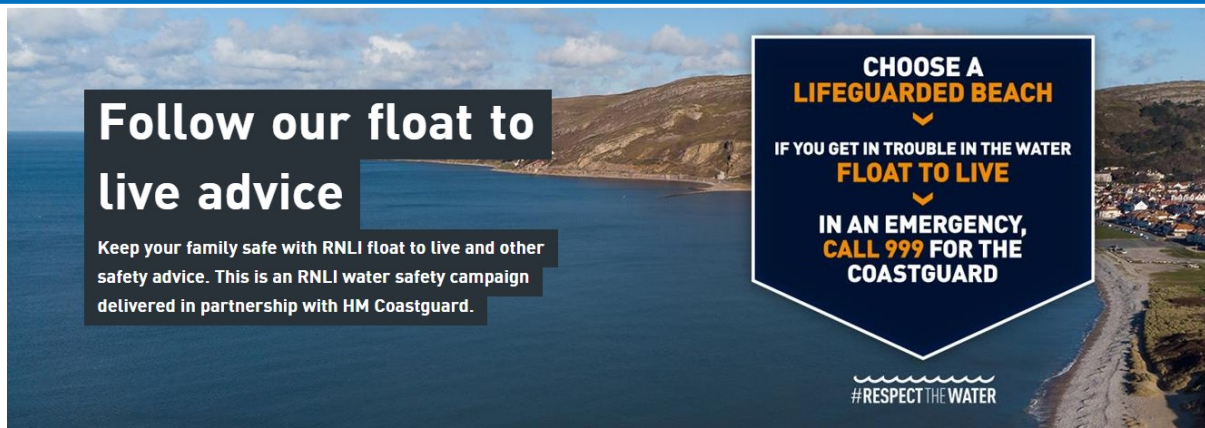
Our DSL is Mrs Harris and she is supported by Miss Kelly, Mrs Winterbourn and Mrs Thomas. If you have a safeguarding concern please contact school and ask to speak to one of the Safeguarding Team.

If you have a concern about a child/ren outside of school then please call Worcestershire Family Front Door on 01905 822666 (Mon-Thurs 9-5pm Fri– 9-4:30pm) or out of hours 01905 768020.

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm contact the Police on 999

## Diary Dates

8th July	Year 3 CRST Arts Festival
14th July	Year 2 Performance 2pm
9th July	Year 2 Performance 9am
10th July	Transition Day 1
11th July	Transition Day 2
12th July	School Disco
15th July	Year 4 Trip to River Arrow
17th July	Year 4 Performance 2pm
18th July	Year 4 Performance and Leavers Assembly 9am
18th July	Year 1 Theatre Trip
19th July	Last day of term.
22nd July	TED Day—School closed for pupils.
2nd+3rd Sept	TED Days—School closed for pupils.
4th Sept	Start of new school Year
4th-6th Sept	Condoover for Year 4



As many of you will be heading off for a well earned family holiday here's a few reminders from the RNLi about staying safe this summer

### 5 steps to know how to float

- If you fall into water, fight your instinct to thrash around.
- Lean back, extend your arms and legs.
- If you need to, gently move them around to help you float.
- Float until you can control your breathing.
- Only then, call for help or swim to safety.

### How do you keep your family safe?

Without you by their side, your children are vulnerable at the beach. They need you to protect them from the sea's unpredictable waves, rip currents and cold water.

### What rescue teams are available?

As well as patrols on lifeguarded beaches, RNLi lifeboat crews, MCA Coastguards and helicopters are at the ready to answer every call for help, 24/7.

The RNLi is a charity - we rely on donations to equip, train and support our lifesaving services around the coast.

### What else can you do?

Share the safety messages and how to float information with your loved ones through social media or email. Power the RNLi's lifesavers through their toughest summer with a donation. And we'd love to send you news, rescue stories, videos and more from our lifesaving charity - simply sign up to our emails.