



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

NEWS UPDATE 12th January 2018

Welcome Back and Happy New Year to you ALL

The Corvus Learning Trust

On 1st January 2018 Oaklands Junior School, together with Oaklands Infant School, Hatch Ride Primary School and Edgbarrow School completed the conversion to Academy status. Over the next week, you will start to see small changes with the Corvus logo appearing on the foot of our letters and policies. The Corvus Learning Trust website is due to go live very shortly and there will be links to it from our website in the next week or so.

School Trips - Online Payment

Following our recent letter, there seems to be some confusion regarding school online payments. To clarify, we are not changing our online payment system, we have just taken it off-line temporarily whilst we change bank accounts. This will not affect any of the data held on the system, all your payment history will still be there. Dinner payments are **not** affected as they are paid directly into Caterlink's bank account.

E-safety

Phones or Smart watches for Christmas? Children are understandably keen to bring them in to school; however, we would like to remind you that bringing a phone to school is **ONLY** for Year 6, who then hand their phones in to class teachers at the start of the day (collecting at home time). Pupil's phones ***must be switched off*** and ***NOT*** used whilst on school premises (including the playground before and after school).

We have considered the safeguarding implications around Smart watches and have decided that, in order to ensure all children are safe, devices with any external connectivity must ***NOT*** be brought in to school. A watch with an analogue display is perfectly acceptable and encouraged.

Parent Information evening on E-safety: the NSPCC will be running a parent workshop in the junior school hall for Oaklands Schools on **Wednesday, 17th January at 3.30pm**. Refreshments will be provided

Dangerous Parking & Wokingham to issue PCNs (Penalty Charge Notices)

PLEASE visit the link to check changes to parking enforcement in Wokingham Borough as they now have powers to issue fines: <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/parking-road-works-and-transport/parking-and-permits/parking-enforcement/>

Please ensure you park safely when dropping off or picking up, as we have again had some very inconsiderate parking on double yellow lines with cars even mounting the pavement when children are leaving school! Thank you to the vigilant parents who have already reported these issues to us, the police and Wokingham. Patrols will be in the area – please keep our children & community safe!

Collecting children at the end of the school day

If at the end of the school day there is no-one to meet a child as expected, they are told to return to the school and tell a member of staff. The child can then wait in reception whilst we try to contact their parent/guardian. If you are going to be late please do not tell your child to wait in the playground or at the school gate for you, instead please contact the school office to let us know.