



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

NEWS UPDATE 21st September 2018

Y6 at Osmington Bay

We look forward to welcoming Y6 back later today, following their residential week. Mrs West returned to school yesterday, having enjoyed three days there with the staff and children; Mrs Cooper took her place for the last two days. They have had a very enjoyable and action-packed week at Osmington and every activity was met with enthusiasm. The PGL leaders were phenomenal in organising the daily rota of events, as given the strong winds, the weather dictated which activities could run. Please look at our website to see more about their daily activities, along with some photos.

Parent Forums

It was lovely to see so many of you joining us for our recent Parent Forums. We hope that you gained all the information you needed about your child's new year group when you met their new teaching team. Please remember that the home/school diary is a good way to communicate, if you have any questions or wish to meet with your child's teacher please write a note in the diary. Other ways can be from a conversation in the playground after school or by contacting the school office to arrange a meeting. We would rather solve any of your questions or worries in a timely fashion, rather than waiting the next parents' evening.

School Council

Well done to everybody that took part in the School Council Elections last Thursday, the elected children are proudly wearing their badges and looking forward to representing their classes. We are eager to see your driving force in influencing future changes in school! Our new outdoor gym was achieved as a result of this.

Reminder: Please do not play on this equipment before or after school. This includes younger/older siblings & parents/carers too! This equipment is designed for junior use in PE or at play but only when supervised by a member of our staff. We cannot be liable for any injuries as a result of any mis-use.

Children's Book Festival

We are delighted to announce Wokingham's first ever Children's Book Festival is taking place on 20th & 21st October, 2018. It will be a fabulous chance for the children of Wokingham to meet 23 authors and illustrators who will bring stories to life through fun, interactive workshops. The festival is brought to you by Wokingham Borough Council's libraries service, Wokingham Town Council and 'more arts'.

The full programme and details of how to book can be found on the festival website:

<http://wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest/>

Impact of Car Pollution

It appears that at the end of the school day, many cars arrive up to half an hour in advance of the school finish time in order to secure a place as close to the school as possible. Adults often then sit with their car engine's idling during this prolonged time, adding unnecessary pollution to the routes children and adults walk along. Apart from noise pollution for our neighbours, a greater worry is that many of our young children are breathing in these fumes as they walk by; many of whom are already struggling with breathing difficulties as the result of asthma.

Please may we encourage a greener walking environment for **ALL** by turning off engines once parked, at whatever time you arrive. The impact of car pollution on health is increasingly recognised and taking this action can help reduce it. Thank you.