



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

NEWS UPDATE 11th January 2019

Welcome Back & Happy New Year to All

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break; it was good to welcome the children back for just two days last week to get them settled into the new term. Mrs West is now back full-time and is very pleased to be in school and driving again!

Staff Update

Mrs Simpkins will sadly be leaving us at the end of January, as she is moving out of the area. We would like to wish Mrs Simpkins and her family every success for the future. Although in recent years she has been working part-time providing release cover for our Deputy one day a week, you may not realise that she has actually been working at Oaklands Juniors now for nearly 16 years! It will be difficult to imagine Oaklands without her, but we hope that she will still keep in touch.

All Weather Track for the Daily Mile

Is there anyone who can help with our plans for a new all-weather track to run around the outside of the field so that we can use it throughout the year for the Daily Mile? We would like something that is permanent and will not affect our sports pitches or grass-cutting. At present we can only use the playground at this time of year which is not ideal. We will be raising funds towards this over the year and if you have any fundraising ideas, or know of anyone who can help create this track, then please do let us know or contact Mrs Alexander directly.

FitBits

An increasing number of children have had these for Christmas and they vary as to their value. May we remind you that as with any valuables, if they are lost or stolen in school, we are not responsible and it is up to you to decide if you wish to allow your child to bring any valuables into school. In addition, they are **not** allowed to wear these in PE as they are not allowed any jewellery or watches for health & safety reasons.

Term dates for 2019 – 2020 are now available on our website for those of you looking ahead to book holidays next year. **Please do try to avoid any holidays in term time as these will affect your child's achievement/learning and will be unauthorised unless in very exceptional circumstances.** If you do need a 'Leave of Absence' form, these can be collected from reception. Infants and Juniors have separate forms so please do inform both schools if you have children in the two schools.



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Learning Support Vacancy

We have re-advertised for a Learning Support Assistant to work with a child on a one-to-one basis, mornings only from half term or as soon as an appropriate candidate is available. This position is only temporary but will continue until Friday 19th July. If you are interested or know of anyone who is, please do look at the information contained on our website – closing date is midday on Thursday 17th January with interviews to be held on Wednesday 23rd January.

Y6 Phones – REMINDER

ONLY Y6 are allowed phones and **MUST** hand them in, **switched off**, at the beginning of the day and collected at the end. Children are **NOT** allowed to use these on site **before or after school**. **Anyone found abusing this privilege will have their phone taken off them AND parents will need to arrange to collect it.**

Dangerous Parking & Wokingham to Issue Penalty Charge Notices

PLEASE visit the link below 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, across people's driveways and 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!

Beehive Breakfast Club

For safeguarding reasons, please ensure that you take your child to the terrapin to sign in with Beehive staff and do not just drop them off at the entrance when driving past to go in alone.

Mental Health Week 4th-8th February

We are looking at what we can provide during this week for the mental health and wellbeing of the children. In previous years we have had parents who have been able to offer help and support in some way through mindfulness sessions, breathing, calming activities or yoga sessions.

Do you know of anyone who can offer anything? If so, please would you contact Nikki Lenon our Parent Support Adviser, as she is in the process of organising events for this week.