

# Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

## NEWS UPDATE 15th March 2019

#### Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all who attended our parents' evenings this week and we hope that you found this informative. Please remember that staff are always willing to keep you informed of your child's progress and this is not restricted purely to parents' evenings. If you need any further information at any point during the year, please do contact your child's class teacher, through a verbal conversation in the playground, arranging a time to meet, or booking an appointment through the school office.

It was good to see so many of you at both evenings. Thank you to all who took the time to also speak with Mrs West; always good to catch up and thank you for your kind words of support.

The new online booking system was clearly appreciated by many of you; those that did not manage to book online, had the option of phoning the office.

Finally, we hope you enjoyed speaking to some of our governors who also made themselves available on both evenings.

#### **PTA**

We are always amazed at how much our hard-working PTA do for our schools which leads to raising money for the benefit of all our children. Last Friday Mrs West was presented with a cheque for £7,500 which was an incredibly large amount that will go a long way to supporting us in our next project for an all-weather track for the Daily Mile. It is a physical activity but in a social setting which is aimed at improving children's physical, social, emotional, mental health, and wellbeing. We have already found it can help children to focus and concentrate in the classroom and raise their attainment.

In the summer term, Y6 will be looking forward to an end of year BBQ that the PTA support in providing funds towards the food and drink; they also organise the orders for the Leavers' hoodies that we know are always welcomed, as our Y6s get ready to leave us for secondary school and have something unique in the last few weeks' to wear that is their choice of colour and not general 'school uniform'. The PTA currently do not have any class reps for Y6 so this is going to be a difficult task. Are there any Y6 parents who would be willing to help in the final term so this can happen? Please contact a member of the PTA if you are able to offer any help.

### **Crowthorne Spring Trail 'Animals'**

If you would like to take part through creating a display or by following the trail, please see further details on our website. This is in support of one of our Trust schools, Hatch Ride as a fundraising venture for their school. The trail will be live from 13<sup>th</sup> until 22<sup>nd</sup> April but if you are planning to enter your own display, then you need to apply by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. See website for more details.

#### Easter Competition - closing date: Monday 1st April

Reminder: two weeks left to enter! Overall year group winners and a runner up for each year group will receive a prize. This year's theme is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing which could be eggs-traterrestrial! Be creative and remember, entries must be no larger than the size of a shoe box and named.

**Head Lice!** We have had several reports of head lice reported recently in school. We would ask **ALL** parents to be vigilant in checking their children's hair over the weekend so that we can eradicate this problem.