



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

NEWS UPDATE 15th November 2019

Exciting News about Oaklands Junior School as a Thinking School

Following the visit we had from Lithuanian teachers on Friday 11th October, Mr Richard Cummins, CEO of Thinking Schools International has since contacted us to request that we become part of a Hub of Schools. We would then act as a focus for cognitive education where schools can seek advice to find out more about the advantages of placing the development of Thinking at the centre of the curriculum. Oaklands Junior School will become known as a centre of excellence in the field of cognitive education where schools can find out about the impact a whole-school approach to the teaching of Thinking can have.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents' evenings this week and we hope that you found it useful and informative, as well as being able to easily access appointment times online. Many of you appreciated Cucina providing 'sweet treats' too which was new for this year. If you did not manage to book an appointment, please ensure that you talk to your child's class teacher to make an appointment after school or alternatively contact the school office; it is important that you are able to show interest in your child's attainment and see all that they have achieved this term. Your child will thrive on knowing you have taken an interest in their work and teachers would love to hear from you too as we really value parental support.

Dangerous Parking

We have had further complaints about some parents who are still parking in places that block our neighbours' driveways or leave very little space for exit that then restricts a clear line of sight and photos have been taken by our neighbours who suffer this regularly. PLEASE try to arrive in plenty of time to park safely. Wokingham are now able to patrol and issue fines when cars are reported to them, please see the link below:

<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/parking-road-works-and-transport/parking-and-permits/parking-enforcement/>

We know that this is a small minority of our parents as we know that most of you take care and park safely. 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 happy and safe!

Broadmoor Siren Update

Please see the letter from Broadmoor Hospital, being sent to parents shortly.



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Election Day – Polling Station 12th December

We would just like to apologise for any inconvenience this has caused our parents. We would prefer NOT to be a polling station either but despite our best efforts with Wokingham and MPs in previous years, we are told that there is no other venue and we have no choice. Even a rota with another school would be preferable if we did have to remain as a polling station so that it is not always us that closes. It makes this even harder when we have a pre-school, Infants & Juniors all on the same site that have to close. We know it is difficult and has an impact on working parents too who need to book a day's holiday that may have already been planned for the summer or well in advance of this notification. Any letters of complaint already received have been forwarded to Wokingham:

ElectoralServices@wokingham.gov.uk

Free Day of Dance 11th January in Binfield, Bracknell

Open to anyone between the ages of 2.5-11 years.

Spaces are limited and will be given on a first come first served basis.

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Wokingham Winter Carnival

Sunday 24th November – please see website for more details:

<http://www.wintercarnival.org.uk/>

Circle Hill Woods and the Walter Recreation Ground

Trustees have been asked to contact local schools to request pupils not to build or use bike jumps at Circle Hill Woods (off the Bracknell Road, Crowthorne). There are warning signs in the vicinity but these are being disregarded by children/youths who continue to build and use bike ramps in this location. The bike jumps are not only unsafe for the cyclists who build and use them but also endanger the local woodland which is carefully maintained in line with a forestry plan implemented by the Forestry Commission. The deliberate digging and erosion of the soil, flora and fauna also jeopardises the wildlife habitats in the woodland. The Trustees are working with Harper Asprey on a program to support hedgehogs in Circle Hill Woods and are keen to ensure that this program is not put at risk by cyclists.