



# Oaklands Junior School

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## NEWS UPDATE 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### **Children's Mental Health**

During the half term, twenty of our dedicated staff spent part of their break doing an online course that will, on completion, lead to the award of a Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health. This course was offered to all staff on an entirely voluntary basis to be completed in their own time and involves a large amount of reading, learning about mental health concerns and conditions, including the support and services available. Following this, two assessments will need to be submitted to assess their learning, amounting to approximately 157 hours of their own time. This shows the committed and caring ethos of our staff and fits very well with Oaklands Junior School as a Thinking School. The mental health and wellbeing of children and staff is very much a priority of this school.

### **School Closed for Elections Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

We are very concerned that the schools will have to close for another election. We have, along with a number of parents, on many occasions, asked for an alternative venue to be used. Unfortunately to date none has been found. This morning **James Sunderland**, our new **MP** visited the school and Mrs West asked him directly to support us in finding an alternative. Melanie Dark-Gale, AEA (Cert.), Democratic and Electoral Services Senior Specialist, has advised the school that they will, "change the designation as soon as a suitable alternative is found or the boundaries are changed making it easier to relocate stations, whilst still providing excellent facilities for the voters of the local community". Further information on the review of polling stations can be found by following the link below.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/council-and-meetings/elections-and-voting/review-of-polling-districts-and-places-2018/>

### **Coronavirus**

The school continues to follow public health advice and is monitoring, as far as possible, the movements of our school community, especially with regard to trips outside the UK. We remain vigilant and will let you know if we have any concerns with regard to this or any virus.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Further to the letter sent out earlier this term, a reminder that the children will be taking part in "World Book Day" next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Children will be allowed to dress up as either their favourite character from a book, or as a title of a book. Don't forget the book swap will also be taking place on this day.



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So, we're back from half term and our next event is ADULT QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 6th March. Please come along and support this event. Following parent feedback, we are trying new things as a PTA to help raise money for the school. It's going to be a great night, teams of 8. Don't worry if you're not in a team we can help with that on the night.

Lottery tickets are selling well. We've sold 32, so far. Play the lottery, support our school - it's that simple! Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6-digit winning combination will be picked. Match all 6 and win £25,000! **Someone from our supporters list will win a prize every week!** You can buy tickets using this link - <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/oaklands-school>

### Upcoming events:

**Adult Quiz Night:** Friday 6th March - Junior School Hall £10 (includes food) - Buy tickets <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oaklands/#.XIT2E2j7RPY>

**PTA Meeting:** 10th March, 8pm. Join our conference call from the comfort of your sofa – log in details available on [www.oaklandspta.org.uk](http://www.oaklandspta.org.uk).

**Oaklands Got Talent:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March - 7pm. We will be emailing / announcing acts who have made it through to the final next week. All the acts have been wonderful, the children have been amazing. Tickets will go on sale next week.

**Kathryn Pierce** (Chair), **Annabel Parker** (Treasurer) and **Gemma Grundy** (Secretary)

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