



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

NEWS UPDATE 6th November 2020

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a good half term break. Our first full week back after half term and we are very pleased with how well everyone has settled back into school.

Returning to hot school meals has been a bonus and it was much needed with the colder weather upon us. We are extremely pleased with how well this has all been introduced safely within bubbles and I would like to thank all the staff for helping out at lunchtimes and all the children who have been brilliant in continuing to ensure clean surfaces and clean hands for eating, as well as clearing away quickly and professionally at the end of lunchtimes with the minimum of fuss or food waste. The excitement today was tomato ketchup! Each class had their own labelled bottle, which is returned to the kitchen for cleaning at the end and then will return to them on days requiring ketchup! It is the little things that mean so much. In addition, it has been good to see that everyone has had plenty of time to eat, including fruit and a pudding.

Wokingham Library Online Code Club

On Saturday November 7, there will be a Code Club on Scratch and Python. The aim will be that the students acquire an understanding of coding through using Scratch and Python trying different projects. Code Club is a group for children aged 9 to 12 who would like to learn to program using the Code Club projects with the help of volunteers. The sessions are currently running on the first and third Saturday of each month, using Microsoft Teams. For more information about Code Club and to join our virtual session, just email libraries@wokingham.gov.uk

PTA Non-Uniform Day

The PTA Non-Uniform day proved a big success and raised a fantastic total of £381.40 (plus one euro!)

Infants - £155.00

Juniors - £226.40

Thank you so much for supporting this fundraising event, it is very much appreciated.

Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Services

This year, Firefighters at Crowthorne Community Fire Station are creating a display to mark this Remembrance Sunday. They are asking as many children as possible to draw or colour in poppies, which will then be displayed at the front of the Fire Station, in the bay windows.

School Clubs

Following the latest DfE guidance about clubs running before and after school during this lockdown period, we have taken the decision to continue our Judo and Dance Clubs as both providers are following the required guidelines.



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Electric Scooters – Message from Wokingham Borough Council

There is currently an ongoing government trial for the use of e-scooters in public areas, although this is only for specified areas of the country, of which Wokingham is not yet included. However there have been some reports of young people using e-scooters on public pavements in the borough. It is not yet legal for electric scooters to be used on public pavements or public highways and they should only be used on private land. Where e-scooters are used on private land, appropriate protective clothing such as helmets and elbow/knee pads should be used. Whilst this is an issue that is enforced by the Police, we as the Local Authority want to ensure that children and young people are safe and adhering to the law, as you as educators will as well. Please could I ask that you send a reminder to your parents and pupils that electric scooters should not be used for travel to school purposes. Further information on the government's e-scooter trial can be found [here](#). Further information on the current rules and regulations on the use of powered transporters, including e-scooters, can be found [here](#).

Children in Need Day – Friday 13th November

This year Children in Need is focusing on children's mental health. Ultimate Feel Good Friday! – Helping others is great for our own wellbeing. For a minimum donation of £1.00 you can join in our non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need. If you would like to make your donation directly online please visit:

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Wellbeing

Your wellbeing is very important to us - with an unexpected but repeated lockdown, it can be a very worrying time for all families. However, as the current lockdown is limited to four weeks until 2nd December, hopefully we can get through this together and our lives can return to normal after that date. We look forward to December when we can once again meet up with our friends and extended families. It is very fortunate that this time round, we can remain open as a school and the children can all be with their friends within school to continue their education in as normal a way as possible.

Family Support Facebook Page

I am pleased to announce that we have set up a Family Support Facebook page for parents and carers here at Oaklands Infant and Junior schools. The purpose of this page is to sign post parents and carers to support services available within our local area. I will be updating the page with information and advice as well as courses available. Kind regards Nikki Lenon Parent Support Adviser, Oaklands Infant and Junior schools

<https://www.facebook.com/Oaklands-Schools-Family-support-101343688430524>