



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

NEWS UPDATE – 12th February 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, may I congratulate you on all that you have achieved this half term, which is amazing considering all that is going on in the world. You have managed to get safely through this half term with your children and I hope you are all looking forward to the opportunity to relax and unwind - I am keeping my fingers crossed that we have some sunshine next week too ... or some more snow to build a snowman or snow dog!

Please reflect on all the positives and that you have done the best you possibly could in your own family circumstances. Try not to compare your family or your child with others as no-one can be sure what any family is going through. We value all our children and our families and know that this has not been an easy half term for many reasons.

Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received for what we are providing – this means so much to us and we are very grateful that families have taken the time and trouble to communicate this with us, via many positive emails and through our survey. I am always in school daily, as is my Deputy and we are here for you when you need us. It has been a long half term and I feel this may seem longer due to not being able to see our extended families, along with the dark mornings, shorter daylight hours and an extremely cold spell too BUT the recent weekend of snow was a very welcome distraction and a lot of fun and excitement – just what we all needed to give us a boost in these unusual times!

We have been overwhelmed by all the lovely messages of support and appreciation, as well as some very thoughtful gifts that we have been delighted to receive. THANK YOU from all our staff - we are truly blessed with such a kind and caring school community. It has been a very emotional time for us all as we arrive at the end of this half term.

We are missing our children very much and we cannot wait to see you all back in school again. The government have given the date of 8th March as being the earliest date but at least this means potentially only 2 more weeks of remote learning after half term. We have shown we can do this and we can get through this together – hopefully not much longer to go now but we will eagerly await the government announcement on 22nd February with the two weeks' notice of re-opening that has been promised.

Very best wishes to you all

Enjoy half term and stay safe.

Mrs. H. West



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Terrapin Designs

We are very excited about the many superb designs that the children have shared with us so far, with the aim to brighten up the end wall seen from the main gate and show our school community and visitors what is important to us. These designs will not be judged until after half term, so it is not too late to submit designs via Teams Assignments.

Deadline for submissions is 22nd February.

Half Term Walk!

There are so many beautiful and colourful hands waving in the windows of Oaklands Junior family homes that we thought how lovely it would be if during the half term, families were able to go for a walk to see how many they could spot!

We thought about providing a map but then we have children who live in Bracknell or Crowthorne, so this may restrict you if we provided one. If you would like to take part, you could provide your own map and just add a spot or cross on your map whenever you see a waving hand. Alternatively, you could use the link below and move across the map to find your home street map to print:

<https://www.streetmap.co.uk/street/CROWTHORNE ROAD in BRACKNELL in BERKSHIRE in RG12 59 7606 279359.htm>

Happy walking! How many can you locate and mark on your map? Which road has the most? Remember our school too ... we will be adding some to the Butler Road entrance today!

OJS Website – Home Learning Videos for Parents

Our Trust Primary School Improvement Team have been working hard to produce helpful videos for parents to demonstrate the use of concrete resources for Maths and the important elements of Reading. We had planned for these to be face-to-face information evenings with you but hope you find these videos useful. Please do take the time to look at these (they are not very long) and they are on the front page, if you click on the very colourful 'Home Learning'. There are separate videos for Reading and Maths with KS1 and KS2 added separately, so this is a very useful resource for families with infant children or for any children who may be struggling to understand and you may be wondering how you can help them. Our thanks to Suzanne Higgins (Trust Primary English lead) and Katherine Wilson (Trust Primary Maths lead).

Data Breach

Tucasi / Scopay has notified us that they have received notification from Commify UK Ltd, a service provider who send text messages on behalf of Tucasi, that an information security incident has occurred. The following data was downloaded : Recipient Mobile Number and Message Body

We would like to reassure you that the scope of the data breach is contained to mobile phone numbers only. At no point was Scopay data at risk and Schools Cash Office and Scopay data remains secure. You may, however, be at a higher risk of phishing attacks, sent via SMS. We would ask you to remain vigilant and be aware of any potential malicious SMS messages that might pretend to be from Oaklands Junior School, particularly if payments are requested.

Laptops for Home Learning

We still have a few laptops in school that we can lend to any families who are experiencing difficulties with home learning due to the lack of a device. Please email Senco@oaklands-jun.wokingham.sch.uk if you need any support.

Stay Safe and Please Take Care of Yourselves