



Oaklands Junior School

Learning to think - Thinking to learn

NEWS UPDATE – 12th March 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you are all keeping well and have had a little bit of 'YOU' time this week, now you have been free from the daily tasks of home learning! It has been so wonderful to welcome all our children back into school this week - to see their smiling faces and to hear all the joy and laughter in the classrooms and in the playground as they reconnected with their classmates has been awesome. Seeing all the children back together again is magic – I very nearly didn't let them go on to their afternoon lessons following my Monday afternoon assembly, as I wanted to keep them all together on Teams, smiling and waving!

Local Election – Polling Station

I have tried, yet again, to get this polling station moved to another venue. This closure affects our school every year and sometimes more than once. I emailed our local authority for support and requested that they visit our site to view our problems with maintaining a secure site, which resulted in the Wokingham H&S Manager, along with an Electoral Services representative and a Corvus Trustee visiting to view our predicament in having to close 3 establishments (Infants, Juniors and Acorns Under 5s) which I feel is totally inappropriate in any year but even more so with all the schooling our children have lost this last year. Talks featured on perhaps one school being open and the others closed but this would not solve our site security or safeguarding issues. It would also put our families with infant and junior children at a disadvantage. Therefore it is looking like we will need to close on **Thursday 6th May** but we will be looking to create a day of home learning with activities for the children based on Democracy/British Values – more details will follow nearer the time.

Staffing

We are pleased to announce that we have a new Learning Support Assistant who joined us during lockdown. Miss George is currently working in Year 5.

Mrs Hopson is taking early retirement and will be leaving us at the end of this term. She has been with us for seventeen years and will be missed by both staff and parents. We have successfully interviewed and recruited Miss Mercure who will be joining us as our new Receptionist/Secretary/Administrator after Easter.

Mrs. H. West

New Tennis Club coming to Oaklands Junior School after Easter! This club will be on Thursdays after school and run by Crowthorne Tennis Club coaches. It is open to all ages but spaces are limited. Details and booking forms are available on our website plus information about their Easter Tennis Camps.

Judo & Dance Clubs will begin after Easter too!

Beehive will be running an Easter Holiday Club at Nine Mile Ride School – further details also on our website.