



Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have safely made it to the end of another term and I am truly very grateful to my fantastic staff for continuing to go that extra mile in ensuring we continue to keep our children and ourselves safe. Our staff and children have become very accustomed to our regular hygiene routines, as well as the military manoeuvres to avoid mixing of any bubbles. For what has seemed like for ever, my dedicated staff have never complained, yet they have given up at least half of their lunchtimes to cover either supervising the children in classrooms/helping with lunches or supervising/giving first aid to the children in their year group bubbles at play. I never cease to be amazed at how hard everyone works ultimately for our children. I am very proud of them all and know that we will all be very ready for a relaxing summer break and an opportunity to meet up with our own families.

You have also played your part in keeping us all safe too, so THANK YOU to you all for keeping a social distance, wearing masks and encouraging our children to keep safe by following all our safety measures. I feel we are not out of the woods yet but if we all continue to be vigilant over the summer, when given greater freedom (particularly in crowded spaces), we will get through this together and we are all very much looking forward to a new term, a new year and an opportunity to welcome you all back to being on site and in school again - your help and support (if you are able to offer us any time) with hearing readers in school or helping with other activities is key I

feel to supporting our children together as a team with any gaps in learning that may have been experienced through lockdown. It has not been the same without you but we have tried to do our best and we know that the huge dedication you have for your children and our school is what makes our school community special.

Congratulations to our Y6 Trophy winners:

Walker (Oracy): Theo H

Teale (excelling over 4 year): James H

Sportsmanship: Becky G and Zachary R

Hutton (excelling at sport): Hannah H and Emilia K

Wishing our Y6s the very best for their future education and their journey in life as they move on to new horizons - we will miss you and hope you return to visit in the future.

All that remains is for us to wish you and your families the very best of summers.

Keep healthy and safe and we look forward to welcoming you and your children back in September fully refreshed and ready for the new academic year.

Mrs. H. West

Headteacher

COVID-19 Reporting

Please let us know if you have a **POSITIVE** COVID-19 case in your family.

Please email us on: admin@oaklands-jun.wokingham.sch.uk

For the **first 6 days after teaching ends**, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **within 48 hours** of being in school, **please contact the school immediately**, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.



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My Journey Wokingham

The My Journey team has created some travel maps to help parents plan how they will travel to school in the new term. There are individual maps for each school.

They can be found at:

<https://myjourneywokingham.com/schools/primary-schools/>

They are running a summer competition more details can be found on our website.



10 Active Travel Journeys

School Summer Competition

THIS SUMMER MY JOURNEY HAS ORGANIZED A NEW COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS- THE TEN ACTIVE TRAVEL JOURNEYS!

OVER THE SUMMER BREAK, (MONDAY JULY 26TH TO FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 3RD), WE WOULD LIKE PUPILS TO KEEP A RECORD OF TEN ACTIVE JOURNEYS THEY TAKE. THESE CAN BE JOURNEYS TAKEN ON FOOT, BY BIKE, SCOOTER, OR ANY OTHERS THAT INVOLVE YOU BEING ACTIVE. WRITE DOWN DETAILS OF THIS JOURNEY AND INCLUDE A DRAWING OF WHAT YOU SAW ON YOUR JOURNEY. CHECK OUT OUR EXAMPLE FOR IDEAS.

ONCE COMPLETE PLEASE HAND YOUR JOURNAL INTO YOUR TEACHER OR SEND A COPY THROUGH TO US AT MYJOURNEY@WOKINGHAM.GOV.UK

WE WILL CHOOSE OUR FAVOURITE ENTRY AND THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE FAMILY TICKETS TO THE FANTASTIC BEASTS EXHIBITION IN THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM.



M&S Summer Promotion

Good news! M&S are pleased to confirm we will be offering a fantastic **20% off all uniform** on the M&S Your School Uniform website. This will run from **29th June 2021 to 3rd August 2021**. Please do take advantage of this offer by visiting www.mandsyourschooluniform.com

Delivery All orders over £30 will receive free standard delivery. Please place orders **before the end of July**. Due to the huge demand expected over the summer, M&S are unable to ensure any uniform ordered after this time will be delivered in time for the new school year. The Next Day Delivery option is **not** available during August as they simply cannot guarantee it will be fulfilled that quickly.





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Here are the links to the craft sessions:

Scrapbooking 1 – 29th July 10.30am – 12.30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/159859950415>

Scrapbooking 2 – 29th July 1.30pm- 3.30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160197829019>

Card making 1 – 3rd August 10.30am-12.30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160741741877>

Card making 2 – 3rd August 1.30pm-3.30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160745956483>

Bunting decorating 1 – 10th August 10.30am-12.230

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160748580331>

Bunting decorating 2 – 10th August 1.30pm-3.30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160750461959>

Button pictures 1 – 17th August 10.30am-12.30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160750983519>

Button pictures 2 – 17th August 1.30pm-3.30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160754955399>

T-shirt decorating 1 – 24th August 10.30am-12.30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160757673529>

T-shirt decorating 2 – 24th August 1.30pm-3.30

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/160763360539>

Craft Sessions at The Cowshed

We are a Berkshire based charity providing support to people of all backgrounds in a time of personal crisis. Our aim is to provide good quality, cleaned and ironed clothes, new underwear and toiletries, bedding, curtains and other essential items free to anyone in need. We work with over 200 other organisations and the people we support are referred to us by social services, charities, churches, schools, doctors/health professionals to name just a few. We also have a craft community of volunteers who support the charity by making our referral bags (in which we pack the items) along with many other items which we use within our work and to raise funds.

My reason for writing to let you know that we are holding **craft sessions for primary school aged children** (adult supervision required) at our Hurst office throughout the school summer holidays. The 2 hour sessions run every Tuesday from 29th July until 24th August with morning and afternoon sessions available. Each week we will be offering a different craft activity, giving the children the opportunity to try out scrap book making, card making, bunting decorating, button pictures and t-shirt decorating. There is a small charge of £5 per person and everything the children make they can take home with them.

If you think that this is something which may be of interest to your school, I would be very grateful if you could pass on the information to parents. As a charity, we are always trying to find new ways to engage the local community and this is a lovely way to share our passion for recycling and craft.

Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite and I will include the links below. Full details can be found on our website www.thecowshed.org/events and on our social media www.facebook.com/CowshedCharity.

If you would like to find out more about the Cowshed and the work we do, please do let me know. As a school, you are able to refer to us families needing support and I'm happy to have a chat about how we can help you.

Kind Regards Rebecca Mole



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Summer Holiday Touch Rugby Acting Up!

Due to the growing interest in touch in the Reading area, we are running a Summer Camp at BCS from 3-5 August. Please can you circulate the attached flyer and booking link (below) far and wide within your school parent group and network? And if you want to help Paul and I out coaching one of the days, we would love to have you too :)

Booking Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJJ41bJZTElroyjMLAvYnMoVc7lrlN-wqa2db4PuyVoSjHKQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Drama After-School Club is Coming to Oaklands Junior School in the Autumn Term

Starting Friday 10th September and running from 3:30pm-4:30pm, the club is limited to 20 pupils at £6.00 per pupil per lesson for a 12-week programme finishing Friday 10th December.

To book a place, or for further details, please call Amanda on 07905 477583 or email: russell.amanda112@gmail.com

MINI VIKINGS
SUMMER HOLIDAY TOUCH RUGBY CAMP
Find out why TOUCH is played by some of the world's most skilful rugby players!

In 2 Touch Thames Valley, Thames Valley Vikings Touch Club and BCS have joined forces to bring you all the thrills, skills and speed of non-contact TOUCH rugby. Juniors are invited to our touch rugby camp to develop their handling, evasion, fitness and running skills with lots of games!

+ suitable for boys and girls aged 5-7 (EY & Years 1-2), 8-9 (Years 3-4), 10-11 (Years 5-6), 12-13 (Years 7-8) and 14-15 (Years 9-10) – **VENUE:** Berkshire County Sports Club, Sonning Lane, RG4 6ST

When: Tuesday 3rd August, Wednesday 4th August, Thursday 5th Aug 2021 (9.30am to 3pm)
Cost: £30 per day, £50 for 2 days & £75 for 3 days (10% discount for siblings booked on all 3 days)
Contact: Sammie Phillips sammie@in2touch.com / 07766 525 938 for more info or to book on.

*This camp is led by England Touch coaches and players – past and present – learn from the best!
All coaches are fully trained and DSB checked.*

Acting Up!

Primary School children participating in drama class:

- "Enjoy school more"
- "Have improved speaking and listening skills"
- "Experience a marked increase in self-esteem in class"
- "Recognise the value of working with others to achieve goals"

Source: Guardian Oct 2004 – Report by the Social Research Unit at the Institute of Education

Drama After-School Club for Years 3-6 starts at Oaklands Junior School in September!!

Successfully operating in Bracknell Forest & Wokingham Boroughs, Classes are run by Amanda Russell, Graduate of the Italia Conti Academy of Theatre Arts

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8 years' experience and currently a Primary School TA, including SEN support. Full Public Liability Insurance is held to the value of £5M. Currently double DBS-cleared; First Aid trained.



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Autumn Term 2021 Reminder

Children return to school on Thursday 2nd September and we then have two days to settle the children back into our routines, which will be perfect before the first full week of school. We have realised that many of our children joined us in times which were not normal, so have not seen a crowded playground at the start of the school day and this may be a little daunting for them, especially following the lengthy social distancing we have all experienced and children can also be a little anxious on a return after the long summer holiday. We would therefore like to ease the children back in with a 'soft' start as follows and we would be very grateful for your support in this:

Years 4, 5, and 6:

Arrive from 8.30am to 8.45am and go straight to their classrooms, where fire exits will be open and teachers will be present to greet them. We would ask you to **please allow your child to make their own way from the school gate independently to their classroom**, so that we can quickly get them settled in classes before Year 3s arrive. Class names will be on the outside doors so they won't get lost in the first two days. At the end of the day, please do come on to site and wait in the junior playground, where your children will find you at the end of the day at 3.20pm.

Year 3

Arrive **with a Parent/Carer** from 8.50am to 9.00am to walk the route to the playground and

see where to wait together. Our Y3 team will then meet you on the playground. This will hopefully be a less stressful and quieter, more relaxed return for our youngest pupils.

If you are dropping a child at the Infant School in the morning, you may send Junior children directly to their classrooms (or playground for Year 3), from the Infant playground, at the times detailed above for their year group.

Autumn
Term
Reminder

From the following Monday 6th September in our first full week, we will be aiming to return to a 'normal' school day from that Monday, with all children and parents arriving on site at the start and end of the day. We have missed you all so much and cannot wait to see you back on the playground. Staff will also return to being on the playground with you at the beginning and end of the day. Once we have settled back into our routines, year group teams will I am sure be seeking help with reading and other activities which has been very much missed.

PTA THANK YOU

Last weekend the PTA had a stall at the Crowthorne Market selling the toys and books kindly donated by parents/ carers. We are pleased to say it exceeded all our expectations and we raised a brilliant **£280.97!**





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Oaklands Junior School Governing Body

The Governing Body is ambitious for all children and infused with a passion for education and a commitment to continuous school improvement that enables outstanding outcomes. We oversee financial performance, challenge, support, and focus on the strategic direction of Oaklands Junior school.

If you want to raise a concern, please speak with your class teacher in the first instance. We welcome your feedback if you wish to contact the Governors, please email Charlotte Kieran, Chair of Governors.

Raising a concern,
[Parents-Carers-and-Visitors-Conduct-Policy-Including-Raising-a-Concern](https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/governors/governorprofiles/)

Governing Body team,
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