



# N E W S L E T T E R

## March 2018

### ATTENDANCE

We have listed below the attendance percentages for the spring term up to now. Each class should be aiming for a minimum of 96% attendance and parents' support in getting each class to reach or exceed this target is greatly appreciated.

Buttercups	91.2%	Daisies	93.7%
Tulips	94.6%	Poppies	95.7%
Daffodils	93.9%	Sunflowers	93.8%
Oaks	96.8%	Willows	95.6%

Well done to Oaks who have the highest attendance.

### **LATE ARRIVALS:**

**School starts at 8.45 prompt. Please make sure your child is in school by this time. It can be unsettling for your child if they join the class late, it can disrupt the rest of the class and can affect your child's attendance. Learning begins immediately.**

### Tea/Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who attended our Tea/Coffee afternoon on Thursday 22nd March. It was lovely to see so many people and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

### Staff News

We would like say congratulations to Mrs. Keight who had a baby boy in February and good luck to Miss Clay who starts her maternity leave at Easter.  
We welcome Mrs. Kaur who will be teaching alongside Mrs. Newell in Oaks Class.

### School Website

Please remember to check our website regularly. [www.ockerhill-inf.sandwell.sch.uk](http://www.ockerhill-inf.sandwell.sch.uk)  
You can access lots of really useful information such as holiday dates and school meal menus. We are hoping to introduce a mobile app version of the website which can also be used to send messages to parents/carers. Look out for more information coming soon.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please look out for information about the After School Clubs for the summer term which will be sent out after Easter.

### New Telephone System

We are replacing the school telephone system during the Easter Holidays. Hopefully this will be straightforward and the phone system will run as normal from 16th April but please be aware that there may be a few 'teething problems'.  
Thank you for your patience.

### Fund Raising

We would like to say a very big thank you for the generosity shown for our recent fund raising events:

Due to your kindness we have raised:

£449.46 for the Smarties Appeal

An amazing £330.50 at the Valentine Cake Sale

£520 so far for 'Sponsored Bunny Hop'

£164.90 for Sports Relief

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their sponsor money. It's not too late to send in any money you have collected.

All money raised from the Sponsored Bunny Hop will be used to upgrade the ICT equipment in school.

We also intend to fund the coaches again for this year's summer trips for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and a special event in Nursery.

*Thank you.*

### Data Protection

You may have seen in the news that the laws around data protection are changing. The new legislation is called General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and comes into effect from 25th May 2018.

As a school we are currently reviewing our procedures to ensure we are ready for the changes in May.

If you have any questions or concerns about data protection please contact Mrs. Penn in the School Office.

### Car Parks

Please make sure you keep to the pavements when you enter the school site – do not cross the car parks. Staff need to be able to access the car parks at all times and there have been recent incidents where children have been walking or running around while staff are trying to park their cars. This message is for the health and safety of the children.

### Induction Evenings

We have arranged the following Induction Evenings to provide information you need to support your child as they move into their new class in September:

Wednesday 20th June 6.00 pm New Reception Classes

Thursday 21st June 6.00 pm New Nursery Classes

Wednesday 4th July 5.30 pm New Year 1 Classes

Wednesday 4th July 6.30 pm New Year 2 Classes

Letters will be sent out nearer the dates with more information.

Ocker Hill Academy provide information and meetings for the children who will be joining them in September.

*Information about events in school can be found in the various notice boards around school, on the school website, in Newsletters and in regular letters sent out with the children. Please make sure you check all of these regularly to keep up to date, in particular, please check your child's home reader bag every day. Thank you.*

<u>Dates for Your Diary</u>	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens after Easter Holiday
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Theatre Group - Treasure Island
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> April	RE Day - Resilience
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	All Children Road Safety
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception - Inspire Day
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 Here to Help visitors in school.
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Author Visit Mike Brownlow 6.00 Information Evening for Parents. Five to Thrive Behaviour Ideas for Home
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	8.45 School Nurse Drop In
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Puppet Show Y2 Punch & Judy
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Shadow Puppets (Making)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2 SATS begin and will run until the end of term.
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> May	YR Theatre. We're Going On A Bear Hunt
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May	YR/N Teddy Bears Picnic
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Skipping Challenge How many skips can we do?
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	All Children Busy Feet - Health Matters
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Sports Day:    N am 11.00 - 11.30 R     9.00 - 9.30 Y1 10.00 - 10.30 Y2 1.30 - 2.30 N pm 2.45 - 3.15 (change of time from original list)  School Disco:        4.30 - 6.00
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Country Dancing
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED for Training Day
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School Opens
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Wear Bright Colours - Lajkonik Polish Festival

## Events during the Spring Term

The children have had lots of fun at school this term. We have arranged funding for them to take part in the following:

### Technology Week in January

Nursery made igloos  
Reception made bridges  
Year 1 made a dolls' house  
Year 2 made rockets

### Home Readers

We have held 2 'Mad Hatters' Tea Parties this half term for the children who have read 100 home readers (75 for children in Nursery).

We are looking forward to the next party celebrating children who have completed this wonderful achievement.

The children have also taken part in:

Smarties Day to develop maths problem solving skills.

We celebrated Chinese New Year by food tasting and by taking part in musical sessions in the hall with a performer and Chinese Dragon.

Pancake Day - lots of pancake day fun with races and tasting pancakes.

World Book Day was celebrated by focusing on the story 'Handa's Surprise'. As part of this theme Nursery, Reception and Year 1 took part in African Drumming and Year 2 made African Masks. The children also tasted the fruit featured in the book.

Reception and Year 1 have had puppet shows with the themes being Hansel and Gretel and Jack and the Beanstalk.

Nursery had a visit from a clown and learnt some circus skills.

Each year group now have their own newsletters sent out from class.  
Please look out for them.