

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I would firstly like to thank The Friends of Oakmeadow for organising our first disco in two years. The volunteers worked incredibly hard to prepare for the event and we are very grateful. For some children, this was the first disco they had been to and it was so lovely to see the children dancing and singing! We are aware not all of our Key Stage 1 children had their faces painted at the disco and they so we are looking to organise a special day in school where all the children can have this done. This week we have had some more visitors in to school - Severn Trent Water came in to do an assembly with the children reflecting on water wastage, some children have taken part in a squash programme and a martial arts group have come into school to run workshops with our key stage 2 children. A huge well done this week to our U11s football team who won their match against Market Drayton this week too! Next week we are looking forward to holding our first Head's Tea Party on site since Covid started and to our Year 3 4 Easter production!

Have a lovely weekend,
Samantha Hill
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2022	
Monday 4th April - Thursday 7th April	Year 6 Final Mock SATS
Monday 4th April	KS2 Squash competition - Shrewsbury Racketball club
Monday 4th April	EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Heads Afternoon Tea 2pm
Monday 4th April	Netball match at Oak vs Longlands
Tuesday 5th April	Year 3/4 Easter Performance in Church 2pm-3pm
Tuesday 5th April	Parents evening
Wednesday 6th April	Year 3/4 Easter Performance in Church 2pm-3pm
Wednesday 6th April	Parents evening
Thursday 7th April	EYFS songs for Easter 2.30pm-3pm parents invited
Thursday 7th April	Parents Phonics workshop for Reception and Year 1 5.00-5.45pm
Thursday 7th April	U11s football VS Meole Brace at Oak 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter Holidays!
Monday 25th April	Back in School
Monday 25th April	Year 4 Pioneer Trip
Wednesday 27th April	Year 4 returning from Pioneer Trip
May 2022	
Wednesday 4th May	Tempest in for class, sports teams, Nursery individual/siblings and year 6 leaver photos
Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May	Year 6 SATS week
Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May	Year 6 SATS breakfast - more information to come.

Eco School Update: Community Garden



Today we planted the runner beans. We made a support for them using canes (to hold them up when they get taller). We each planted two sunflower seeds - we are having a competition to see who can grow the tallest one. Have a look when you walk past to see who you think will win! As it has been a hot week, we have made sure that all the plants that we planted last week were ok and had enough water. Y5 and Y6 have been helping to water them each morning.

Bird Feeders

Children in Eagles class (Year 6) put the fat balls out in the bird feeders in Enchanted Oaks. Today, we went to check on them. We saw that some birds have started to eat them so will come back after the Easter break and check if they need refilling.

Litter

All classes have been taking part in frequent litter picks around the school this term. Well done to Dragonflies who sent a picture of all the litter they found. What a great job!



Values and Worship:

Worship and values: This week we have started to look at the Easter story and the concept of forgiveness. We have thought about how it is not always easy to forgive but how it can make us feel more at peace and can help us build healthy relationships if we do.



REMINDER & NOTICES

**Thursday 7th April at 5pm
Year 1 and Reception Phonics Workshop**

- Thank you to all those who donated on Red nose day. We are pleased to say we raised £365 this year!
- Covid update: Numbers have dropped within school considerably - thank you to those who have been vigilant with symptoms. On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April. Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April. Updated guidance has advised that children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend

We are delighted to be able to offer a workshop to help you develop your understanding and skills in supporting your Reception and Year 1 children with their phonics and reading. Research has shown that reading at home has a highly beneficial impact on children's progress and we want to help you make this time both effective and enjoyable. Location: Hall
Time: 5pm - 5.45pm
Date: Thursday 7th April
In the workshop we will:

- explain the principles of teaching early reading and writing through using phonics
- demonstrate how we teach phonics, reading and writing in school
- provide practical ideas for supporting your children
- share support materials that you can use at home
- explain the upcoming Year 1 phonics check

We look forward to seeing you. Many thanks for your support.
The EYFS and Year 1 Team.