



Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. The start to this half term has been an exciting one for our children with enrichment opportunities taking place to enhance the curriculum. Year 1 have had their Victorian Toys workshop and 'Roctopus' joined us yesterday to do music workshops with our Key stage 2 children. We will share the videos made on Seesaw when they are ready. World Book Day saw our children taking part in 'Drop everything and read!' and in a Trust competition in which they designed front covers and blurbs for books. We have also continued with our sporting events with our Under 11s competing in football today. With all of these fantastic activities happening in school we are mindful of events taking place in the wider world particularly in Ukraine. As a staff we have been considering how we can address the current affairs sensitively with our children, especially with those pupils who have loved ones in the forces who might be feeling particularly anxious at this time. As a result, we have decided to support Red Nose Day on the 18th March this year as part of the money raised this year will go towards funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine and those attempting to cross the border. If you feel you child has certain worries about events happening in Ukraine or if there are personal circumstances which mean they may be anxious please let us know and we can work with you to support them.

Best wishes,
Samantha Hill
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2022	
Tuesday 8th March	Year 2 trip to Whittington Castle
Thursday 10th March	Netball VS Longlands played at Oakmeadow.
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day- wear something Red!
Monday 21st March	KS2 Squash- Shrewsbury Racketball club
Thursday 24th March	Year 6 parents SATS information workshop
Monday 28th March	KS2 Squash- Shrewsbury Racketball club
Monday 28th March	EYFS and KS1 Heads Tea
Tuesday 29th March	Severn Trent Assembly for KS1 and KS2
Tuesday 29th March	KS2 Heads Tea
Wednesday 30th March	Easter Disco!
April 2022	
Monday 4th April- Thursday 7th April	Year 6 Final Mock SATS
Monday 4th April	KS2 Squash competition- Shrewsbury Racketball club
Tuesday 5th April	Year 3/4 Easter Performance in Church
Wednesday 6th April	Year 3/4 Easter Performance in Church
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

Eco School Update:



Litter

Thank you to everyone who supported our litter free lunch day, which was held before half term. We are hoping that this will become a regular occurrence each month.

It was great to see people thinking amount the amount of litter that they bring into school. Some families have also been using reusable wrapping and boxes like the ones featured below - which is great to see! Keep up the good work



This half term all classes will be responsible for completing a litter pick around the school grounds. We want to get everyone involved with this to help make our school litter-free.

Litter, biodiversity, and healthy living are our three focuses this year and we have already made a great start to achieving our targets for the year. Thank you to everyone who has supported us in this journey.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 14th March – Friday 18th March – Science week – with some Eco links

25th March – 10th April – Great Big School Clean

Values and Worship:

This week we visited church for our monthly service and introduced our new value of Honesty and Integrity. We talked about the importance of honesty and how it is the foundation for trust.



REMINDER & NOTICES

- Please can you ensure that your child’s dinner account is kept in credit and all school meals are paid for in advance via the school money system. As this is an audit requirement it is essential that you keep sufficient funds in your account. We are not permitted to loan money from school funds.If you do not have access to School Money please let the admin office know and a password reminder can be sent to you via text message and email.
- Parking: We are receiving information of parents still parking on the yellow zig zags outside Lansdowne gate at collection time. We ask that you do not do this please. Also consider how parking on corners and certain parts of the road can limit visibility for our children leaving site. Parking in these places means that the safety of the pupils may be compromised as they attempt to cross without a clear view of the traffic coming along the road. Thank you.
- Contacting school: Can we please remind parents and carers if you try to contact school by telephone during the day and there is no answer due to staff being on other calls, that you leave a message on the answerphone. This is checked when admin staff have finished on calls. You may also choose to send an email with your message or query to admin@oak.mmat.co.uk which can then be picked up. Many thanks.

- To celebrate ‘Women’s History Month’, our ‘Composers of the Week’ through the month of March, are all women. We will be listening to these pieces of music in school; please feel free to listen at home and who knows – we may inspire more pupils to learn to play an instrument or to become budding composers! 😊 Please see the PDF attached.
- Brilliant Balance Bike Training with Bikeability for Bumblebees and Grasshoppers:
Reception have had the most wonderful time this week whilst doing their balance bike training. Oakmeadow have been so lucky to have this opportunity to develop our children’s gross motor skills, balance and core strength. It has been great to see some of them developing the skills. The children have been really resilient over the past two days as it has rained a lot. Even though the weather has been a bit wet, they have all had the most wonderful time whizzing about on the bikes with big smiles on their faces. We would like to say thank you to the great team from Bikeability for sharing their equipment and expertise with our reception children. We hope that our Year 1 children have as much fun as us next week when it will be their turn on the balance bikes.

