



We hope you enjoyed a fabulous holiday.

Applications for Reception places for children starting School in September 2020 are due to be submitted by 15th January. Please ensure if your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 you submit your application by this date.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/starting-or-transferring-school/starting-infant-or-primary-school/>

SEND Inclusion Award

In April, we will be looking to be accredited with the **SEND Inclusion Award**. This award offers mainstream schools like Oakmeadow the opportunity to gain accreditation for ensuring high-quality provision and outcomes for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is provided. This verification process will support and qualify our existing practises.

Specifically, the award will focus on 'outcomes' for our pupils and how we can demonstrate the impact of their SEND provision.

The award will lead us through a process of self-evaluation, action planning and evidence collection before the final verification and accreditation.

The SENDIA award will aid our commitment in continuing to maintain and develop high-quality SEND provision throughout the school by:

- ★ promoting awareness of SEND issues and inclusion for all staff, parents, pupils and governors
- ★ evaluating and improving classroom practice and interventions
- ★ focusing on pupil outcomes.

Successful completion of the award will enable Oakmeadow to:

- ★ gain recognition for the high-quality education and care for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities we believe we provide.
- ★ demonstrate to parents, governors and Ofsted inspectors that our provision complies with current

legislation and the SEND Code of Practice, and is effective in achieving good outcomes for all pupils.

Over the forthcoming weeks, the working party comprising of parents, teaching staff, pupils and governors. Questionnaires will be sent out to parents of children with SEN who are or who have recently received additional provision. As parents or carers of a pupil who has received additional support, your views are vital in helping us to understand what we are doing well and more importantly how we can do better. All responses and suggestions will be carefully considered and used to help us put together an Action Plan. This will be shared with parents in our newsletters and on our SEND page on the school website.

Dates for your diary 2020	
	January 2020
Monday 13th	Key Stage 1 Family Lunch
Monday 13th	Spring Term Clubs Start
Tuesday 14th	Year 3 Swimming
Thursday 16th	Young Voices Concert—Genting Arena Birmingham
Tuesday 21st	Year 3 Swimming
Tuesday 28th	Year 3 Swimming
	February 2020
Tuesday 4th	Year 3 Swimming
Wednesday 5th	Whole School Assembly at Christchurch—Parents welcome to attend
Tuesday 11th	Year 3 Swimming
Friday 14th	Mufti Day—Break up for Half Term
Monday 24th	Back to School
Tuesday 25th	Year 3 Swimming
Thursday 27th	Year 3 Trip to Craven Arms Discovery Centre
	March 2020
Monday 2nd	Reception Family Lunch
Tuesday 3rd	Year 1 Trip to Weston Park
Tuesday 3rd	Year 3 Swimming
Wednesday 4th	Whole School Assembly at Christchurch—Parents Welcome to attend
Tuesday 10th	Year 3 Swimming
Monday 16th	Nursery Family Lunch
Tuesday 17th	Year 3 Swimming
Monday 30th	Year 3 & 4 Easter Production PM
Tuesday 31st	Year 3 & 4 Easter Production AM
	April 2020
Thursday 2nd	PTA Disco
Friday 3rd	End of Term

Please be advised of the following Whole School Assembly dates at Christchurch. Parents are welcome to attend and refreshments will be available from 1.30pm

5th February, 4th March

Oakmeadow C of E Primary and Nursery School



Online Safety Newsletter: January 2020

New device?

Smart Phones

Did your child get a new smart phone for Christmas or are they using yours? Have you made sure that the correct parental controls have been set up to help protect your child whilst using the device?

Example controls include setting the device so only age appropriate apps can be downloaded and the ability to disable in-app purchasing (or don't store your payment card details) to avoid any hefty bills.

iPhone advice: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

Android advice: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/android-smartphone/>



Smart speaker

Have you invested in a smart speaker for your home? "Hey, Google" or "Alexa, play some music" may be your key commands now but have you set up the correct parental controls? For example, when using a supervised account on a Google nest, children can't make purchases.

Google Nest: https://support.google.com/googlenest/answer/9039704?hl=en-gb&ref_topic=7196250

Let's go online together!

Why not go online with your child and combine learning and fun! Oxford Owl have an area on their website full of activities for your child:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome-back/for-home/reading-owl/kids-activities>

It also has a free eBook Library developed for children aged 3–11 years old. You can use these books to help your child learn to read and develop a love for reading. There are over 100 eBooks avail-

Is this fake news?

This is a handy guide designed to help you support your child in developing their critical thinking and digital literacy skills when spotting fake information online. Read the guide here:

Amazon Echo: <https://www.common sense media.org/blog/how-to-set-parental-controls-on-the-amazon-echo>

Playground Activities during Morning Drop off

Polite Reminder to children that football isn't be played in the morning before school, as this is an unsupervised time. Thank you for your continued support.

A massive thank you for your donations to the Alzheimer's Society at our Christmas Performances, we raised an amazing £436!



Thank you also for supporting our PTA through using Stikins name labels. We have raised £12.23 on sales placed between 1st October 2018 and 30th September 2019.

The Friends of Oakmeadow would like to pay tribute to a wonderful lady who spent more than 10 years raising thousands of pounds for children in the village.

Wendy Evans joined the PTA in 2006 and was a committee member for over 10 years, while battling cancer.

She passed away earlier this month leaving three children, Emily, Jack and Katie - all of whom attended Oaklands or Oakmeadow over the years.

Wendy was an essential part of the PTA, especially after Oakland and Longmeadow came together and the PTA was on the brink of folding.

Sally Page, who worked alongside Wendy to keep the PTA going at that time, describes Wendy as an "incredible lady".

"Wendy would do anything for anyone and rarely moaned or let things get to her and she was determined not to let cancer beat her," she said.

"She was an incredible lady who inspired so many and will be so dearly missed."

Angela Stone, chair when Wendy joined the PTA, adds: "She was so enthusiastic and did it all with a smile. All of her efforts were purely for kids enjoyment and she was amazing, putting her life and soul into it."

GIFT AND JUMPER AMNESTY



**Friends of
Oakmeadow**

**CAN YOU HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR
THE SCHOOL THIS YEAR?**

**• DUPLICATE XMAS GIFTS
MAKE GREAT RAFFLE
PRIZES!**

**• XMAS JUMPERS THAT
NO LONGER FIT WILL
ALLOW US TO LAUNCH A
NEARLY-NEW SALE IN
NOVEMBER!**

**• SEND YOUR
DONATIONS INTO
CLASSES BY THE END
OF JANUARY!**





It's 2020!

And the Friends of Oakmeadow are looking forward to another year jam-packed with great events, fundraising and lots of fun had by all!

We are **so pleased** to reveal that over the past financial year (2018/19) we have donated more than **£10,000** to the school!!!

So what did it go towards?

£246.40 for Christmas crafts and sweets for the whole school

£700.00 for the Wet Play Boxes

£8,000.00 contribution towards the development of the outside area

£1,000.00 towards the school pantomime trip to see Mother Goose

£7.00 for biscuits and extras for our new parent packs - received by the parents and carers of those children starting school for the very first time in Reception!

£37.55 for ice pops (well, we did have a very warm Summer!)

And **£249.00** for the Year Six leaver books!

THANK YOU so much to all of you who volunteered, donated, attended the events and supported the Friends of Oakmeadow - you are wonderful!

Free School Meals

Are you eligible for free school meals? why not find out now?

If you or your partner are claiming any of the following benefits you maybe eligible:

- Income support
- Income based Job seekers allowance
- Income related Employment and support Allowance
- Guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Child Tax Credit only (provided you are not receiving Working Tax Credit and you do not have an annual income that exceeds £16,190)

To apply online for free school meals please click the link below

[https://forms.shropshire.gov.uk/cus/servlet/ep.app?
ut=X&type=24585&auth=303&web.url.Value=http://swo8umbracoo2:8082/free-school-
meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/&.Value=](https://forms.shropshire.gov.uk/cus/servlet/ep.app?ut=X&type=24585&auth=303&web.url.Value=http://swo8umbracoo2:8082/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/&.Value=)

Or Please complete the attached form and return to the school office or for more information email fsm@shropshire.gov.uk

Advertising


Would you or someone you know like to advertise their business in our newsletter for just £20 a year.

Please email admin@oakmeadowprimary.co.uk for more information.



SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

PRICE GUIDE

<u>Official School Logo Items</u>				<u>Plain School Uniform Items</u>	
Coats	£5			Lilac Summer Dresses	
Jumpers / Cardigans	£3			Daps / Shoes	
T-Shirts/PE (House) T-Shirts	£1			Skirts/Pinafores/Shorts /	
Book Bag /Rucksacks/PE Bags	£1			Trousers	
Baseball Caps	£1			P.E. Shorts /Leggings/T-Shirts	
				Hair Scrunches' /Socks/Tights	

Located Opposite The Main Meeting Room

**This Service Is Run Entirely By Volunteers
& All Donations Go To Oakmeadow PTA**

PLEASE HELP To Keep This Service Available By



1. Donating good clean uniform (in the box provided)
2. Paying for purchases at Reception
3. Keeping the cupboard tidy

Thanks For Your Support!

If you have any spare children's clothes hangers donations would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off at the main school reception. Thank you

Henry MOON and the greasy Spoon



"Awesome,
the best play
I've ever seen"

CHILDREN FROM METHERINGHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL

rhubarb theatre
a kaleidoscope of visual fantasy

Radbrook Community Centre
Radbrook Green

Sunday 23 Feb, 3.00pm


Tickets £5 /£23 family

01743 235384

online at www.artsalive.co.uk

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He's grey and he is wrinkly, unsteady on his feet,
He may be over 80, but he's so much fun to meet,
He's kind and such a gentleman, brings life to every room,
He'll shake your hand and quietly say, 'Eh-up i'm Henry Moon'

 For more details visit www.rhubarbtheatre.co.uk



**Evan Cornish
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Sign in as normal, search for Friends of Oakmeadow, select then shop as normal.

We get given 0.5% of the cost of your net purchase* at no extra cost to you. Easy!

*currently only on web not app shopping



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