



7th February
2020

Dear Home

Firstly a huge THANK YOU for sending the children back for the Spring Term in smart uniforms and looking very well presented. I believe it is always a key indicator within a school uniform, how the children present themselves says a huge amount about their learning attitudes. Thank you for supporting us with this. A gentle reminder on jewellery though, studs only and watches with no camera capacity only please (this is a safeguarding issue). Thank you.

We have had an unsettled first few weeks back in year 2 unfortunately, with bereavement causing Mrs Skoltock to request her contract termination. She feels at this time she needs to focus on her family, which we respect. Ms Taylor has stepped back in to settle the class and lead them through year 2. In addition, it is with sadness we share that Mrs Kirby's mother has passed away and so currently she is taking compassionate leave. We send her love from all our school community. It is in these busy times that the team really pull together, we are grateful to those parents who have emailed in sending their thoughts and support. Thank you.

Last Friday, you will have received a letter about the Governors intention to enter into due diligence with Marches Academy. As a Head. I have been working with the Academy for over 9 months now, along with members of the leadership team. We are also trainers for their teaching school and support other MAT primary schools too. It therefore seemed a natural next step to explore this potential. We are inviting parents to meet to discuss this and we welcome you to come in and ask any questions that you may have.

With that in mind, I would like to take the opportunity to reiterate what the letter states by saying that no decision will be made unless it is in the interest of being the very best for our children. We do feel there are many advantages to joining (stated in the letter) and hope you will agree this is a good opportunity to continue to grow and develop Oakmeadow.

The Leadership Team

Young Voices

On Thursday 16th January Mrs Morris and Mrs Marston together with four other members of staff took the Oakmeadow Young Voices Choir to perform at The Genting Arena in Birmingham. Following many Fridays of weekly practise and another 4 hours practise at the venue, our Oakmeadow children sang their hearts out with 6,000 other children from all around Midlands.

They were amazing!

Well done Young Voices!

Call for Volunteers!

We would like some parent/carer volunteers to support with reading in school. If you would be interested in volunteering one morning or afternoon in EYFS or KS1, please contact admin for further details.

We also require some volunteers to walk to church on a monthly basis, to walk mainly with our reception/year 1 children, if you are able to help, please let the school office know. Thank you

Book People Bus

The Book People Bus is coming to Oakmeadow on Monday 24th February between 8.30am-4.30pm. The children will be taken in small groups to the bus throughout the school day to have the opportunity to purchase a book.

Children to bring up to £5 into school with them on the day. There will be a card machine on the bus for parents to make any purchases at the end of the school day.



Mufti Day—14th February 2020

We will be having a Mufti Day on Friday 14th February (Last day before Half Term) to raise money and awareness for Prostate Cancer. We hope you will join us in supporting this important cause. Donations can be made via school money under school shops items.



Headlice

Please be aware we have headlice in Year 2. Please check your child's hair regularly to help us ensure this doesn't spread. Thank you

Could we please request all long hair is to be a 'hair up' policy please to

Advertising

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

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

GYMNASTICS

On Thursday 30th January we took five year 3 girls to take part in the school games gymnastics competition at the Sports Village.

The girls had to complete a floor and vault routine, they did amazingly well on-ly having a couple of days to practise.

We are proud to say Oakmeadow finished 3rd overall. Well done girls you were all brilliant and a pleasure to take out of school.

School Uniform

Please see below reminder of our School Uniform.

Please ensure Children have a weather appropriate coat in school

(No Hoodies Please)

School Uniform

We have a uniform, which gives our children *a smart and distinctive appearance and fosters a sense of belonging to our school.*

The following sets out our uniform in detail and you will be helping your children feel 'at home' here if you can gradually equip them with the same clothes as their school friends.

The uniform is available to order direct from Decco Stitch, details will be given to you by the main office.

Uniform
Dark grey or black skirt/culottes/trousers
Dark grey pinafore/shorts
Dark grey or black trousers
Teal polo shirts with embroidered school name
Purple school sweatshirt or cardigan
White/grey/black socks – ankle or knee length
Dark tights in the winter
Summer dresses in purple and white check/striped cotton
Dark navy or black P.E. shorts and white polo shirt or a dark navy/black leotard
Trainers/pumps for outdoor P.E. (summer KS1; all year KS2)
Oakmeadow School bag
Oakmeadow P.E. bag to hold kit

- A track suit or jogging bottoms are useful but not essential for outdoor games in KS2.
- With very young children, it would be helpful if clothes were easy to take off and put on to make changing for P.E. sessions less difficult for them.

By entering your child into this school, you are saying that you support what it sets out to achieve. In encouraging your child to wear the correct uniform you support the school in the setting of standards and assist your child in learning to take a pride in his/her school and in his/her own appearance.

We ask parents not to send their child to school with 'extreme' hairstyles, overly large hair accessories or the sort of appearance that is likely to draw attention. Here are some examples of what is acceptable (anything under 3cm):



On grounds of health, safety and welfare we also do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. An exception is ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask children to remove these during PE and games.

PLEASE HELP US AND YOUR CHILD BY CLEARLY MARKING ALL CLOTHES WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

Any lost property can be returned to its rightful owner quickly if it is clearly marked.

Sporting and School Games Updates

Over the past few weeks, it has been a very busy time sporting-wise, with children representing our school in many different disciplines.

First, we sent a team of Year 3/4 to take part in a Marches Academy Trust Varsity competition, where the children took part in a round-robin of different sports including a dodgeball tournament, archery and boccia.

We won all three events making us the overall varsity champions.

Well done to all the children that took part, you were an absolute credit to the school demonstrating all our school values. Here they are in assembly receiving the cup!



Sporting and School Games Updates

We had the girls football team competing in the U11s County Cup on Wednesday evening where they performed admirably, and last Thursday, we had two teams out simultaneously in different events. A team from Y4-6 were competing in the Embrace Quickstocks Hockey, held up at Meole Secondary. The children took part in three skills-based sessions organised by the secondary sports leaders, before competing in a round-robin competition. The standard was high, and team 1 did exceptionally well to finish in 4th place. Well done to all competitors. At the same time, we had a squad of gymnasts competing in the School Games Y3/4 gymnastics competition. After not much practice, the girls did very well, with lots of gold and silver awards for their routines. They finished 3rd overall. Well done girls.



At the time of writing, we also had a team compete today – Tuesday 4th February in the Sportsability competition up at the Sports Village, where they took part in a range of inclusive disciplines, including indoor boccia, curling, archery and golf! We are awaiting results on this one, but it sounds like the children had a great time.

Not having even taken place yet, we currently have two teams competing in the School Games Quicksticks Hockey finals up again at Meole Secondary, as well as the netballers playing their final fixture of the season, having finished 3rd overall.

Wow! What an active start to the new year! Long may it continue!

School Games

Sportsability Games



On Tuesday 4th February we took six year 5 / 6 children to the sports village to take part in a school games sportsability event.

The children took part in archery with Rachel and Max winning gold, tri golf and boccia at which the school won gold.

Well done to everyone who took part, you were a credit to the school.

Letters out this month

Spring After School Clubs KS1/KS2

SEND Inclusion Award—Parent Evaluation Form



Primary School Half Marathon 2020

Year 3 Trip Discovery Centre



Year 4 Roman Soldier Visit

Year 1 Trip to Toy Museum

Year 5/6 Guided Darwin Walk

Outdoor Learning Meeting

NSPCC Speak out Stay Safe Programme

Local Area Inspection SEND

Year 6 SATS Revision Guides and Parents Meeting

Speak out Stay Safe Fundraising Event

Parent Consultation Letter

Year 2 Big Sing 2020

Year 5 Big Sing 2020

Copies of our letters are available on the school website.

Dates for your diary 2020

February 2020	
Tuesday 4th	Year 3 Swimming
Wednesday 5th	Whole School Assembly—Christchurch (Refreshments available for parents from 1.30pm)
Monday 10th	Parent Meeting to discuss Academy Conversion 5.30pm
Tuesday 11th	Year 3 Swimming
Tuesday 11th	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12th	Parents' Evening
Friday 14th	Mufti Day—Last day of Term
Monday 24th	Back to School
Tuesday 25th	Year 3 Swimming
Wednesday 26th	Year 5/6 Darwin's Walk Trip
Thursday 27th	Year 3 Trip to Discovery Centre Year 5/6 Darwin's Walk Trip
Friday 28th	Year 5/6 Darwin's Walk Trip
March 2020	
Monday 2nd	Reception Family Lunch
Tuesday 3rd	Year 1 Trip to Toy Museum Year 3 Swimming
Wednesday 4th	Whole School Assembly—Christchurch (Refreshments available for parents from 1.30pm)
Tuesday 10th	Year 3 Swimming
Wednesday 11th	Year 2 Big Sing—International Centre, Telford (Details to follow)
Thursday 12th	Year 5 Big Sing—International Centre, Telford (Details to follow)
Monday 16th	Nursery Family Lunch
Tuesday 17th	Year 4 Roman Soldier visit into school
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 Spring Term
Monday 20th	Start of summer term—Children return today



Sonic Sport Football Camp



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Your child will need indoor and outdoor clothing/footwear and a packed lunch.

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Address.....
..... Post Code.....

Email Address.....

Emergency Contact name..... 2. Emergency Contact name.....

Relationship Relationship.....

Contact Number..... Contact Number.....

Medical Requirements/ Allergies and Any Other Information

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Oakmeadow C of E Primary and Nursery School



Knowsley
City Learning Centres

Online Safety Newsletter: February 2020

Safer Internet Day 2020



**Safer
Internet
Day 2020** | Tuesday
11 February
Together for a better internet
www.saferinternetday.org.uk



**Safer Internet Day (SID) is on the 11th February this year and will be celebrated globally with the theme:
Together for a better internet**

What is Safer Internet Day?

Safer Internet Day is coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre but is celebrated across the globe. Its aim is to inspire a conversation about using technology responsibly and urges parents, schools and other organisations to get involved.

Resources for parents

The UK Safer Internet Centre have produced a series of short films for SID in which they asked young people to give their advice for parents/carers about how they can talk to their children about their online lives. The clips are available to watch here:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer/film-how-can-parents-talk-children>

We hope you can get involved on the 11th February!

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 1.2.20.

YouTube: Restricted mode

Does your child use YouTube? Have you set up the restricted mode? Restricted Mode (available on the website and app) allows the user to restrict access to mature or objectionable content.

Childnet have produced a parent's guide to YouTube Restricted Mode, which illustrates how it works and what you should be aware of:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-youtube-restricted-mode>

Remember that this mode may not be 100% effective.

YouTube Kids may be a safer option for your family as it provides additional settings such as a content filter by age as well as providing a more contained environment.



Hollie Guard App

The Hollie Guard app works on iPhone, Android and Windows devices. The app allows you to keep an eye on your children while they are traveling to and from school using the Journey feature, so whenever they use this feature, their emergency contacts (you) are informed about where they're going.

Users can also use this app to get help quickly while out if they're in danger. If a user is in danger, they shake or tap their phone, which activates Hollie Guard and automatically sends their location and audio/video evidence to their designated contacts. Visit their website for further information or to register your interest:

<https://hollieguard.com/>



Apple iOS: Parental controls update

If your child has an Apple device then you/they have probably updated their device to iOS 13.3 by now. Did you know that this update included two new screen time features for parents?

Communication limits

This new feature allows you to limit who your child can call, FaceTime or Message during allowed screen time and during downtime. During allowed screen time, users can be contacted by everyone or by contacts only, which prevents unknown contacts from contacting them.

You will need to go to Settings - Screen Time - Communication Limits to set up. *iCloud syncing of Contacts must be enabled for this feature to work*

Contact list

The contact list for children lets parents/carers manage their child's contacts on their child's devices.

The above two features are in addition to the parental controls offered by Apple. To set up parental controls or for further information about all of the other parental controls available (such as preventing explicit content) then visit Apple's website here:

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



Childline Calm zone

Childline have created this area, which includes activities, tools, games and videos. Its aim is to give you ideas to make you feel calmer when you are stressed or anxious.


<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>





SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

PRICE GUIDE

<u>Official School Logo Items</u>			<u>Plain School Uniform Items</u>	
Coats	£5		£1	Lilac Summer Dresses
Jumpers / Cardigans	£3		£1	Daps / Shoes
T-Shirts/PE (House) T-Shirts	£1		50p	Skirts/Pinafores/Shorts /
Book Bag /Rucksacks/PE Bags	£1		50p	Trousers
Baseball Caps	£1		20p	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

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Judy Shone

At Bayston Hill Memorial Hall

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020 7:30pm

Saturday 22nd February 2:30pm

Tickets Adults £6 children U 16 £4

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And Rowlands pharmacy 01743 872154