

Welcome back everyone!

We do hope that you had a fabulous summer break – the children are certainly refreshed and it's been smiles all week. It has been a super start to our term.

Thank you to all our homes, the uniform looks extremely smart and the children have certainly come back ready to work hard! We really appreciate your support.

This term we have a lot of event in the diary- so please look out for them. We will be having a 'Sea of Poppies' later in the term and of course our FABULOUS fire-works! We look forward to seeing you at these events, they are really a great way to meet you all and also to raise much needed funds for the school and charities.

So what is new?

- We are really pleased to announce that we have been successful in a bid to have an **ALL WEATHER running track** put on our field! This is such an opportunity, it will offer our children so many experiences throughout the year and hopefully outside clubs will be able to benefit too! I am sure you have seen our great new outdoor Astro area, with its wonderful stage. Plus we have refurnished our Early Years area. It is amazing- please come and have a look if you can. A massive thank you to Mr Smith and all the staff that worked during the holidays to get this ready.
- Alongside this we are now in partnership with TACT, who are music and performance arts specialists, to open up our curriculum in this area and offer more in the arts. We are very excited about this.
- We are really privileged to continue our work with our specialist volunteers who provide counselling, therapy and our therapy dog Betsy is growing up fast! So our next plan is to develop a bespoke music and therapy room in KS2... we are so excited.

So, as you can see, there is a lot going on and there are lots of exciting plans in place for Oakmeadow. This includes starting applications to access grant funding for an outdoor space to be able to hold health care, well-being and additional parent and child classes. **So watch this space.**

The Leadership team



Letters out this month

Club Grids

Year 6 Secondary application Letter

EYFS - Waterproof clothing Letter





<u>Nursery</u>

Mr Smith and Mr Heath have been extremely busy in our EYFS area over the Summer Holidays! As you will have noticed, he has moved the fencing back outside to provide more space for a new physical area. We now have stepping stones and tyres where the children can develop their balance and co-ordination and we are awaiting the delivery of our brand new slide! The children have loved playing in the tent, pretending to go on camping trips and our new mud kitchen has been a huge hit! We now have a beautiful reading den for the children to practise their story telling skills and a fantastic outdoor writing area to encourage mark making. They have moved our gravel pit and built a brand new sand pit for the children to play in. He has worked his socks off over the holidays and has managed to fit all of this in whilst overseeing the building work in nursery. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mr Smith & Mr Heath for all of your hard work over the Summer and for bringing our plans to life in the EYFS area!



Pantomime Trip

As you are aware, we are hoping to take the children from Reception up to Year 6 to the pantomime on Thursday 29th November.

We will be making the final booking next week, if you would like your child to come along then the **full £13 needs to be paid by Thursday 13**th **September** to guarantee a ticket. Without full payment unfortunately we are unable to guarantee a ticket.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss anything in regards to payment please do not hesitate to contact Samantha.frost@oakmeadowprimary.co.uk





Oakmeadow Church of England Primary and Nursery School

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Level 2 / 3 Teaching Assistant Starting Salary Grade 4, Pt 11-13. (£8.81 - £9.01 per hour) (Salary dependent on qualification)

Temporary for two terms initially

25 hours per week, working pattern Monday to Friday

Required ASAP

We are looking for an enthusiastic and supportive individual to join our team. The position will be based in our KS1 & KS2 setting.

The successful candidate must have a good standard of education, preferably with 5 GCSEs including Maths and English and experience of working with children. The post holder will be supporting children in the KS2 setting in the first instance, but must be prepared to work across all the primary years as required.

We are looking for a candidate who is: -

- Knowledgeable in strategies to engage and enthuse children
- Committed to children's progress and able to make observations of children's learning
- Enthusiastic and supportive to both teachers and pupils.

Crucially we need a flexible, adaptable individual who is a real team player. We are looking for a person who is committed to giving their best to our children (as they deserve) and has a good sense of humour.

Information about the school:

Oakmeadow C of E Primary and Nursery School is an inclusive community school with a strong Christian ethos. The school serves the large village of Bayston Hill and the wider community.

Visits to the school are welcomed and actively encouraged .Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Please download an application form from the Shropshire Council website. If you require a job specification, please email: **elaine.fletcher@oakmeadowprimary.co.uk**

This would be a very rewarding and enjoyable place to work for any hardworking and dedicated Support Assistant. The school has a large group of friendly staff who are very supportive and always happy to help.

Closing Date: Friday 14th September

Interview Date: Thursday 20th September

Drum Lessons

Please contact Mrs Hoy in the school office, 01743 875020 if your child is interested in starting drum lessons.

Thank you.



Taking holidays in term time

We would like to remind parents that taking holidays during term time unless under exceptional circumstances can result in a fine. For further information please follow this link to the Local Authority website: <u>http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-attendance-or-exclusion/pupil-leave-of-absence</u>

As a school we are legally obliged to monitor attendance and any attendance that falls below 97% may trigger letters home and in some occasions you may be asked to come into school for a meeting. If attendance drops below the national expectation of 95% you may also be expected to meet with the Education Welfare Officer.

<u>Absence</u>

Please can we remind all parents/carers that if your child is going to be off school due to illness, you need to contact the school on 01743 875020 each day that they are off.

If you have an appointment, we ask where possible, that you provide the school with a copy of the appointment letter prior to the date and time of the appointment.

Thank you.

Rucksacks are getting bigger!

We ask that parents & carers are mindful of the space available to house rucksacks and that children ideally use a school rucksack or one of the SAME size.

Thank you.



<u>Reminder</u>

The school office is **closed every Friday** from 9:30 - 2:30. The school answerphone will be checked regularly throughout the day in case of emergency.

Thank you .



Admission dates for Ladybirds Nursery 2018-19

From September 2018 the enrolment dates for Ladybirds Nursery will now be at the beginning of each half term only. Please see admission details below.

Group visits

A great opportunity for you and your child to meet the staff and explore our fantastic nursery environment!

Autumn 2nd half

18th October 2018 – 1-2pm 23rd October 2018 – 10-11am

Spring 1st half

18th December 2018 – 1-2pm 20th December 2018 – 10-11am

Spring 2nd half

12th February 2019 – 1-2pm 14th February 2019 – 10-11am

Summer 1st half

9th April 2019 – 1-2pm 11th April 2019 – 10-11am

Summer 2nd half

21st May 2019 – 1-2pm 23rd May 2019 – 10-11am

Home visits

This is an opportunity for the Nursery teacher to come and visit you and your child at home in order to learn more about them in their home environment and for you to share relevant information about your child.

Autumn 2nd half

22nd October 2018

Spring 1st half

17th December 2018

Spring 2nd half

11th February 2019 Summer 1st half 8th April 2019 Summer 2nd half 20th May 2019

Start date

This is the date your child will officially start nursery



Autumn 2nd half

5th November 2018

Spring 1st half

7th January 2019

Spring 2nd half

25th February 2019

Summer 1st half

29th April 2019

Summer 2nd half

4th June 2019



If you would like any further information about Ladybirds Nursery then please contact Judith Hoy on 01743 875020

<u>Pupil Premium</u>

Did you know that parents who meet certain criteria could be helping our school gain an additional £1320 per pupil by simply completing a Free School Meals application form?

The government continues to provide schools with additional funding to support or enhance the learning of pupils who are currently or have been entitled to free school meals within the last six years. This funding is called Pupil Premium. However, it is essential that parents and carers apply for free school meals in order for us to receive this funding, <u>even if your child doesn't wish to receive a free school meal.</u>

Who qualifies for government free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal credit
- Income support
- Income-based jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of pension credit
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working tax credit run-on paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

At Oakmeadow, the money is used for eligible children to:

- Subsidise trips, such as educational visits and experiences.
- Provide additional support for children with Special Educational Needs and Looked After Children.
- Improve the attainment of children who are below average for their year group and not meeting National Expectations.

If you think that your child may be eligible for free school meals then please go to: https://shropshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals/are-you-eligible-for-free-school-meals/





Gome along and join us for our official open afternoon. A chance for you and your child to explore our fantastic new and improved nursery environment and EYFS outdoor space. Refreshments, cakes and biscuits for you to enjoy! No need to book, just come along. We look forward to seeing you.

Young Voices

Children and staff from Oakmeadow will once again be performing at the Young Voices concert at the Genting Arena, Birmingham in January 2019. This year, Tony Hadley (for those parents/grandparents who remember eighties music with great fondness) will be one of the guest performers. The club will take place every Wednesday up until the concert date on Tuesday 22nd January.

More information about joining the Oakmeadow YV choir will be sent out this week. This year, we are asking parents to pay £15 to register. This will pay for a YV T- shirt, that your child will need to wear at the concert, as well as a small donation towards the coach costs.

Our YV choir will also be invited to sing at other events throughout the year.

We are looking for children who enjoy performing in front of a large audience and who can be relied upon to attend the weekly choir practises.

Mrs Morris & Mrs Gurden can't wait to start learning the songs for this year – and of course the dance moves!!

The club is open to children from Year 4 – Year 6.

We hope to see you there!!





Our values story

Fiona Famous was a very popular girl at school. She was clever and fun, and got on well with everyone. It was no accident that Fiona was so popular. From an early age she had made an effort to be kind and friendly to everyone. She invited the whole class to her birthday party, and from time to time she would give presents to everybody. She was such a busy girl, with so many friends, that she hardly got a chance to spend time with individual friends. However, she felt very lucky; no other girl had so many friends at school and in the neighborhood. But everything changed on National Friendship Day. On that day, at school, everyone was having a great time, drawing, painting, and giving gifts. That day in class everyone had to make three presents to give to their three best friends. Fiona enjoyed the task of choosing three from amongst all the dozens of her friends. However, when all the presents had been made and shared out among classmates, Fiona was the only one who had not received a present! She felt terrible, and spent hours crying. How could it be possible? So much effort to make so many friends, and in the end no one saw her as their best friend? Everyone came and tried to console her for a while. But each one only stayed for a short time before leaving. This was exactly what Fiona had done so many times to others. She realized that she was a good companion and acquaintance, but she had not been a true friend to anyone. She had tried not to argue with anyone, she had tried to pay attention to everyone, but now she had found out that that was not enough to create true friendship. When she got home that night, created quite a puddle with her tears, and Fiona asked her mother where she could find true friends. "Fiona, my dear," answered her mother, "you cannot buy friends with a smile or a few good words. If you really want true friends, you will have to give them real time and affection. For a true friend you must always be available, in good times and bad". "But I want to be everybody's friend! I need to share my time among everyone!" Fiona protested. "My dear, you're a lovely girl," said her mother, "but you can't be a close friend to everybody. There just isn't enough time to be available for everyone, so it's only possible to have a few true friends. The others will by playmates or acquaintances, but they won't be close friends". Hearing this, Fiona decided to change her ways so that she could finally have some true friends. That night, in bed, **she** thought about what she could do to get them. She thought about her mother. Her mother was always willing to help her, she put up with all of Fiona's dislikes and problems, she always forgave her, and she loved her a great deal...That was what makes friends! And Fiona smiled from ear to ear, realizing that she already had the best friend anyone could ever want.

PTA News

Friends of Oakmeadow

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

PRICE GUIDE

Official School Logo Items Coats

- Jumpers / Cardigans
- T-Shirts/PE (House) T-Shirts
- Book Bag /Rucksacks/PE Bags
 - Baseball Caps



Plain School Uniform Items Lilac Summer Dresses Daps / Shoes Skirts/Pinafores/Shorts / Trousers 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

Community News

The Arts Centre Telford Presents AUDITIONS

THE MUSICAL

TACT

AUDITIONS: YR 3+

Saturday 8th September The Arts Centre Telford, Holyhead Road, Ketley, TF1 5AN

SHOWS:

15th-20th December at 7pm with 2pm Matinee on the 15th & 16th Memorial Hall, Wrekin College, Sutherland Ave, TF1 3BH

For More Information Email: admin@theartscentretelford.com Family Festival of

Wellbeing

Storytime Sessions Childrens Crafts and Activity Tasters

Holistic Therapies Wellbeing Products & Services Workshops Family Advice

Craft & Gift Stalls Healthy Living Products Natural Skincare & Beauty

> Sunday 16th September Shrewsbury Town Football Ground 10am - 4pm

Adults - £2 Children over 3 - £1 Under 3's - Free Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children) - £5

www.facebook.com/familyfestivalofwellbeing