

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first weekly news bulletin! Following responses to our communication survey, we are moving to this regular method of communication to keep you updated with key dates, information and notices. Each news bulletin will be saved on our website under Parents – Weekly news bulletins (should you delete one or need one for reference!) We are very grateful for all the responses to the survey as we value your feedback so that we can improve. We hope you find the adaptations useful, and that a streamlined and consistent approach ensures you receive all the information you need easily

In school this week, we have launched our Children’s Health Project where children have been introduced to the four pillars of health which we will be referencing throughout the year, and which will be underpinning our curriculum. As part of this our outdoor lunchtime provision has been developed and children have had the opportunity to cook as part of a focus on nutrition. The children will be more regularly working with the school kitchen to adapt the school meal offer and we will let you know more about this in future updates.

Thank you for your continued support,

Samantha Hill
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2022:	
Tuesday 25th January	Panathlon sports competition at The Sports Village
Thursday 27th January	U9s football at Greenfields
February 2022:	
Monday 7th February	Year 3– Rabbits Swimming
Tuesday 8th February	Year 4 Roman Soldier visit– in school.
Monday 14th February	Year 3– Rabbits Swimming
Tuesday 15th February	National Child Measurement Programme– Year 6
Wednesday 16th February	National Child Measurement Programme– Reception
Friday 18th February	Break up for half term!
Monday 28th February	PD day
March 2022	
Tuesday 1st March	Back in School
Thursday 3rd March	Balance Bike training for Nursery and Reception Children– Week 1
Thursday 3rd March	Roctopus in school for Year 3,4,5 & 6.
Wednesday 30th March	Easter Disco
April 2022	
Tuesday 5th April	Year 3/4 Easter Performance in Church
Wednesday 6th April	Year 3/4 Easter Performance
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

Eco School Update:



Eco Club and School Council have finalised our three focus areas for our action plan for the remainder of the year. We will be focusing on:

- Litter
- Biodiversity
- Healthy Living

We have created an action plan and have shared it with the school and are planning on some exciting activities for the Spring and Summer term such as litter picks, creating bird feeders and creating a community garden. If you have green fingers and are interested in helping us plant our garden, then please get in touch with the school office and leave a message for Miss Connell. Additionally, if you have any spare seeds at home, Eco Club would be keen to use these within the garden. We are starting to prepare the ground in our community garden ready for planting – let’s hope this icy weather clears up soon so we can get some planting done!

Upcoming Dates:

28th – 30th January 2022

Be wowed by your local wildlife. Big Garden Birdwatch is for everyone, whether you’re a complete beginner or a birding expert. Simply count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 28 and 30 January 2022. Keep a look out on Seesaw for the relevant resources that you need - let us know what you find!

Values and Worship:

This half term our value focus is Faith. In assemblies so far we have considered how important it is to have faith in ourselves so that we can achieve our goals!

We watched this video [Audio Adrenaline - Believer \(Official Video\) - YouTube](#) and discussed how Derek Rabelo a surfer born without the ability to see, has achieved his goals in the face of adversity.



REMINDER & NOTICES

- We have been focusing on healthy eating in classes and assemblies this half term. Research shows that nearly 28% of pupils in Reception are overweight or obese, rising to over 40% of pupils in Year 6. Please remember that breaktime snacks should be fruit or vegetables only. The NHS Food Scanner app is a handy health hack to make it easier for families to find healthier food and drink options.
- We now have our Community Allotment on site ready to go! As we move into the spring months we are looking for volunteers to come into school and support the children with planting and growing plants and vegetables. This is an exciting opportunity to involve our parents and carers with the education of our school pupils. If you are interested, please contact admin if you are interested in helping and we will let you know of next steps.
- We are still looking to recruit Governors to support school. If there are parents, previous parents or community members that feel they would have the skills and experience to support Oakmeadow, monitoring school performance and make a difference the school community in this rewarding role, please contact admin on admin@oak.mmat.co.uk

COVID Update:

We are pleased that numbers of Covid are currently incredibly low in school. As you know, we experienced high numbers in Autumn term which put strain on staffing and impacted on children’s attendance. We are thankful to those families supporting with testing this term as this is keeping disruption to children’s education at a minimum.

As you know, close contacts of Covid 19 in schools continue to be identified by NHS Test and Trace in partnership with the positive case and/or their parent. As a school however, we continue to feel that the most helpful information that we can share with our parents and carers is when any positive cases are identified within one of the classes in school. We will let you know when one case emerges and then again if the cases rise significantly in the class which might indicate increased transmission.