

Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term of Spring, I have been reflecting on what a successful few weeks we have had. Low Covid numbers have enabled teaching and learning activities run according to plan and less stress on staffing has meant that additional opportunities are once more able to be a regular part of the offer here at Oakmeadow.

Visitors to school have enhanced the curriculum - this week we invited the Shropshire Fire Service to come and deliver an assembly to Years 3 -5 giving crucial messages on fire safety awareness. We have had further sporting success this week with our netball team achieving the runners up position in the league held at Sundorne Sports Village. Today has been our 'Get moving for Polio' day where the children have been learning about this cause and - although the weather has thwarted plans to run around the track - the children have been in the hall and studio to do an activity to meet their Fit 20 target! Thank you to those who have donated to this cause - school money will continue to be live over half term for you to do so if you haven't already.

It has also been our Litter Free lunch day today and it has been lovely to see the children considering packaging and how their choices can be different to help the environment. After half term we have more exciting opportunities planned for the children - on 3rd March it is World Book Day where children will be completing activities in class to celebrate reading, Year 2 will take their trip to Whittington castle and Year 1 will have their toys workshops amongst others. We are looking forward to ending the half terms with the Easter Disco and Year 3/4 Easter performances at Christchurch! I hope you all have a lovely half term, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 1st March.

Best wishes
Samantha Hill
Headteacher.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2022:	
Monday 28th February	PD day
March 2022	
Tuesday 1st March	Back in School
Tuesday 1st March	Pancakes as a pudding day!
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
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.
Friday 4th March	Year 1 Victorian toys Workshop- In school
Friday 4th March	U11s Football Vs Greenfields- at School
Tuesday 8th March	Year 2 trip to Whittington Castle
Friday 18th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 24th March	Year 6 parents SATS information workshop
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

On Thursday the netball team attended the next lot of fixtures at the sports village. It was exciting stuff as Miss Connell, Miss Price AND Miss Morris were watching and cheering the team on! With some amazing teamwork the team won both matches, one game 5-0! And the second game 4-1! Grace made some fantastic interceptions which the girls were able to take advantage of and score from the other end. Amelia's and Chloe's skills in the attacking circle were noticed not only by our spectators but those of the other teams too. Amazing effort girls. Well done



Values and Worship:

This week we have reflected on our value of Faith and have nominated our champions – see the winners below! In our assembly we talked about the courage to keep trying when we make mistakes and to make the right choices.



REMINDER & NOTICES

Value Champions this half term:

- School would like to say a huge thankyou to The Friends of Oakmeadow who have offered each class a pot of funding to support their curriculum. It is so wonderful to see how the money raised from the events we hold have gone back to the children and is supporting their learning. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful, committed PTA!
- Headlice. We have had some cases reported of headlice within school. Please ensure you check your child's hair regularly.
- Please can we remind parents that no dogs are to be allowed on site please.
- Thank you to all families who have supported keeping Covid numbers low this half term through LFD testing. We ask that you consider doing this before returning after half term so that we can ensure a positive start to term. Thank you.

At the end of each half term we celebrate our Values Champions from each class. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated the value of Faith:

- Grasshoppers: Martha Roberts
- Bumblebees: Sophie Engler
- Caterpillars: Indie Harvey
- Centipedes: Hudson Fletcher
- Butterflies: Immy Green
- Dragonflies: Theo Becousse
- Rabbits: Jake Owen
- Hedgehogs: Elsa Berry
- Robins: Theo Granger
- Owls: Sophie Marshall
- Badgers: Grace Carr
- Hawks: George Davies
- Eagles: Libby Simmonds

