



Friday 8th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near our Easter break I would like to say some thank yous and mention some special people at Oakmeadow. Firstly, after the holiday we are sad to say that we will be losing Mrs Churchill, currently a Teaching Assistant in Year 3, who has decided to retire. Mrs Churchill has worked in Bayston Hill for many years and at Oakmeadow since it opened. We will very much miss her smiling face and wish her all the best in her retirement. Secondly, Mrs Butler our TA in Year 4 will also be leaving us after Easter. I know the children and staff will be sad to see her go as she has contributed such a lot to the children. Mrs Gurden, we are happy to announce is expecting her second child! She will be leaving her post after the holidays also but we are so excited to welcome the next addition to our Oakmeadow family and wish her all the best! We have employed Mrs Nolan to teach in Caterpillars and we have a new Teaching Assistant starting school, Miss Hart, who will take on the responsibilities in Year 3. Mrs Breeze who has been working in school for the past year will move to Year 4 to support. Another happy announcement is that Miss Connell is getting married this weekend! On her return after Easter she will be known as Mrs Smith, We are so excited for her! I would personally like to thank all the staff at school for the commitment shown to the children over this term and the offer that we provide here at Oakmeadow. Staffing has not been easy at times but we have managed to provide all the experiences we wanted to and proceed with the trips and events planned. Finally, a huge thank you to our families and wider Oakmeadow community for all your support, I hope you all have a wonderful break and we will see you Monday 25th April.

Best wishes,

Samantha Hill, Headteacher.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2022

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

May 2022

Monday 2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday– Off school
Wednesday 4th May	Tempest in for class, sports teams, Nursery individual/ siblings and year 6 leaver photos
Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May	Year 6 SATS week
Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May	Year 6 SATS breakfast– more information to come.
Thursday 12th May	Year 5 Big Sing workshop in school with Ben Pierce
Thursday 19th May	Young Voices Concert
Friday 27th May	Break up for May Half term

June 2022

Monday 6th June	Back in school
Wednesday 15th June	Year 5 Pioneer Trip
Friday 17th June	Year 5 returning from Pioneer Trip

Spring term Headteacher's Awards.

This week it was lovely to host our first on site Headteacher's Tea Party on site in roughly two years! Well done to all those children who have been noticed by their teachers for consistent positive learning attitude and modelling our value of honesty and integrity:

- **Ladybirds:** Harlen and Pippa
- **Bumblebees:** Layton and Robyn
- **Grasshoppers:** Edward and Ewatomi
- **Caterpillars:** Vinnie and Bonnie
- **Centipedes:** Jake and Mia L
- **Butterflies:** Finley and Ruby
- **Dragonflies:** Kobi and Laura
- **Rabbits:** Finley and Olivia
- **Foxes:** Harry and Millie
- **Hedgehogs:** Isaac and Erin
- **Robins:** Leo and Frankie
- **Owls:** Micheal and Jessica
- **Badgers:** Hayden and Sophie
- **Hawks:** Aiden and Pippa
- **Eagles:** Josh and Poppy

Values and Worship:

We have ended the Spring term by further considering the message of hope at Easter time. Year 3 4 demonstrated this beautifully in their performance of The Three Trees and the other year groups considered this in our church service this week.



REMINDER & NOTICES

- **Covid reminder:** Children who test positive should stay at home for 3 days (The positive test / onset of symptoms is Day 0) and until they are well enough to attend the education setting and do not have a temperature. Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer required.
- Over the holidays, as a reminder if you have any concerns outside of school regarding the safety of a child, adult or family you can ring anonymously for advice and support 0345 678 9021 (Compass team).
- **Easter HAF Program.** A reminder to all those families in receipt of Free School Meals that your HAF vouchers can be used for holiday clubs this Easter. There are many providers across Shropshire who will accept these. Please follow this link to find local providers <https://shropshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/activities-and-events/>

Dear families,

We have received several enquiries recently asking for advice on issues affecting family life. To support parents and carers, Shropshire Council are providing workshops, courses, and a helpline to offer support.

Please see the attached poster where there are details of:

- Positive Behavioural Support workshops
- Sleep hygiene workshops
- Understanding you Child SEND courses
- Parenting Support Helpline

All booking information is included but if you would like support to book please contact: Miss Lisa Oliver via admin@oak.mmat.co.uk following the Easter break.