

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for the summer term! It is hard to believe this is the final term of this academic year. Summer is always a busy one for school with lots of events taking place. We started as we mean to go on, with Year 4 taking their residential trip to the Pioneer Centre. It was an absolute pleasure to see the children enjoying all of the activities on offer. A big thank you to the staff who accompanied the children also. You will notice on the dates grid below we have started to think about events to take place this half term. We are excited to have plans underway for a Jubilee Day celebration for the last day of this half term. We would like to invite parents and carers in to have a picnic lunch with their children. Parents can bring their own food and children will be given the choice of bringing a packed lunch or choosing from a special British themed menu. Pupils can be collected straight from the picnic when it finishes at 2pm or we will of course remain open as normal for those children that cannot be collected early. More details will follow about other events taking place. Today we have said farewell to Mrs Butler and Mrs Gurden who have completed their last day at Oakmeadow. We will miss them greatly but wish them all the best in the future and we very much look forward to meeting the next Oakmeadow baby! I hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and we will look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday,

Samantha Hill
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

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
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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

Cycling for Ukraine:

We have been contacted by some parents to let us know of a wonderful venture that some of our Oakmeadow pupils have decided to do, to raise money and help the children caught up in the conflict in Ukraine. Harry Penny asked his parents if they thought that people would sponsor him to ride 20 miles on his bike. They told him that it was a great idea! Harry quickly got his brother Finley onboard and over the next few days, they asked their friends if they would like to join them. In total, on Saturday 30th April, 9 children (accompanied by parents) will be cycling a 20-mile route from Bayston Hill to Uffington and back (Via the Quarry Park)! The children taking part are Harry Penny, Finley Penny, Isaac Ward, Miller Beech, Finley Sat, Erin Salt, Sam Jones, Jake Jones, and Alfie Jones.

Along with their parents we have been blown away by the amount of money that the children have been able to raise for the UNICEF Ukraine appeal. The total on their JustGiving page now stands at **£1320** - far exceeding Harry's original target of £100!

Well done to all those involved and good luck this weekend!



Values and Worship:

This week we have introduced our new value of Resilience to the children. In assembly we talked about how we can persevere and keep going when things are difficult.



REMINDER & NOTICES

- Next Wednesday, as the first Wednesday of the month, we will be visiting Christchurch for our monthly service in the afternoon. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear for walking and a coat if necessary.
- As the weather gets warmer, please ensure you send a water bottle and sun hat into school with your children. Sun cream to be applied at home please.
- Tempest will be visiting school on Wednesday for Nursery individual and sibling photos, classes and sporting groups. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform on this day including bringing a cardigan or jumper. If your child has PE on this day, please can bring trainers in a bag to change into.
- After school clubs start next week and will run for 8 weeks.

Year 4 Pioneer trip:

Our Year 4 pupils spent the beginning of this week at Pioneer Outdoor Adventure Centre. Over the three day stay, they tackled high ropes, zip wired, abseiled, made a raft and took part in many other outdoor pursuits. For many of the children it was their first time away from home but they did so well. It was an absolute pleasure to see everyone challenging themselves in so many ways. Well done Year 4.

Years 5 & 6 will be following in their footsteps later on in the term.

