



Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back to the Spring term. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all whose children have joined us in Little Owls and Eagle Owls and across the school. The term has started well and the days are flying past!

Late arrivals:

Please note the changes taking place to the process of coming in late at the front office. All parents are now asked to sign in their children on the screen located in the front office. Members of staff will be available to take pupils to their class and begin their learning while parents wait to sign them in. Through doing this we can ensure that your child misses as little of their school day as possible. It is the parent's responsibility to sign their children in if they are late and it is important that you do sign your child in. After 8:50am they will have missed their class' register and the screen in the front office will update your child as present, once they are signed in. If this does not happen there is the possibility that your child will be marked as absent for the day.

Parent survey:

We sent out a survey on Friday 16 January – thank you to the 41 parents who responded. The termly year group newsletter tells you what your child will learn each term and each half term we send a curriculum newsletter informing you of what your child has learnt so far. We teach all subjects in the National Curriculum – our curriculum overview is on our website. Each term new clubs are offered and the letter is sent out by our office team and is on our website.

Nail varnish and gel nails:

Please note, as per our uniform policy, nail varnish and gel/fake nails are not allowed. Please ensure that children have non painted/natural nails for school.

Spotlight on safeguarding: Social media

Children and young people use a wide range of social media platforms to connect, learn and express themselves. While social media can offer creativity, connection and learning, it's important to understand the risks and how to support children to stay safe online.

Five tips to help children stay safe

1. Review safety, wellbeing, and privacy settings +
2. Check age ratings and platform features +
3. Talk openly about social media +
4. Encourage safe and thoughtful sharing +
5. Support positive online experiences +

Please refer to the website for further information.
[What is social media? | NSPCC](#)

Diary dates:

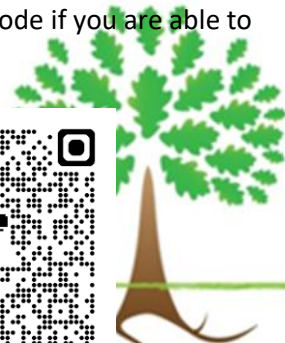
Friday 6th February – Number Day
 Friday 13th February – Break up for half term
 Monday 23rd February – Return after half term
 Monday 2nd March – Secondary school offer day
 Tuesday 3rd March – Parents evening
 Thursday 5th March – Parents evening
 Friday 27th March – End of term

Year group newsletters:

The letters were sent home on Friday 16th January informing you of what your child will be learning this term. These are also saved on our website. Please refer to these for PE days and upcoming events.

Amazon wishlist:

Thank you to those who have very kindly purchased stationery for the classrooms from our Amazon wish list. Please click on the QR code if you are able to purchase any items.



Pencil cases:

We are asking that children in KS2 (years 3-6) bring in their own pencil case with their equipment inside. We find this encourages children to take care of property by taking responsibility for their possessions and organising their equipment. Handwriting pens and purple biro's (for self-assessment) will be provided by the school.

To help, we have listed the below expectations for these:

- A small pencil case - **this must fit in your child's tray.** Although we want the children to have a choice, please choose carefully as some can be very distracting!
- Coloured pencils
- Two HB pencils
- Small ruler
- Rubber
- Glue stick

Please do not send in other equipment such as compasses, scissors or sharpies.

New APP: MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)

We are currently rolling out the MCAS app for parents to help with reporting attendance, updating important contact information, viewing other important documents and streamlining the way we currently communicate with parents. Over the course of the next few months you will be receiving instructions on how to download and set up the App. Once you have the app you will then be able to view information for all your children at Oak Green in one place.

**Panathlon – Congratulations!**

On Friday 23rd January we took two teams of children from our ARP to the Primary Panathlon Bowling at Rogue Leisure Aylesbury. The teams competed against other schools across Buckinghamshire. Team 2 finished 3rd place overall and Team 1 finished in 1st place, one of our pupils even came away with an additional gold medal for the highest individual score across all the schools. The staff and pupils had an amazing morning, and the pupils are very proud of their medals.

Doughnut sale:

Thank you to everyone who purchased a doughnut at our recent sale. We raised £201 which we will add to our school trip fund.

**Social media links:**

To ensure you are kept up to date fully with events at Oak Green and in the local area, please follow us on our Facebook and Instagram page.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088436825471>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/oakgreenaylesbury>

Rocksteady:

Last week we were delighted to welcome Rocksteady into our school. Key Stage 2 pupils had an engaging and high energy filled assembly with Tommy. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument please visit <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/> to sign up. Lessons for Key Stage 2 pupils will begin in the summer term. Please note that Rocksteady will replace iRock so if your child currently attends lessons with iRock please ensure you complete this registration process.

Attendance:

It is essential that you inform us if your child is absent. This week we completed home visits for all children who were absent and no reason had been given. Please inform us of the reason for your child's absence by email, ringing the office or sending a message on the MCAS app if you have access to this.

Number day:

On Friday 6th February, we will be taking part in NSPCC's Number Day! We are inviting all the children to come in dressed up in anything number or maths related. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in fun maths games and activities both inside and outside the classroom. We are asking for a £1 donation for the day and all of the money raised will go directly to the NSPCC to help them support children in need.

**Are you looking for a venue to hire?**

Oak Green School can offer our hall, playground area, school field and MUGA for hire.

If you are interested in hiring our venue on a regular basis, please contact us on 01296 423895 or email office@oakgreen.bucks.sch.uk for terms, conditions and pricing.

Staffing update:

Mrs Alam and Mrs Ford have now started their maternity leave. Mrs Ford currently teaches in 6A two days a week and this will now be covered by Mrs Khan.

With kind wishes,
Mrs N Beesley & Mrs D Kelloway
Co-Headteachers

