

Oak Farm Junior School

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Welcome

A warm welcome to a new academic year. It was great to meet all the parents who attended the information evenings last week and we hope you feel that you now know a bit more about what your children will be doing at school this year.

We are delighted to welcome the new year 3's to the Junior School. They seem to have settled in well and have already produced some lovely art work based on autumn leaves which is in the Year 3 corridor.

We have also welcomed Miss Daoust from Canada who is teaching in year 5 and Mrs Nolan who is teaching in year 5 and 6.

Mrs Waheed, who went on Maternity leave last term, has had a healthy baby girl. Both mum and baby are doing well.

Please see the enclosed list of dates for your diary about some of the things that are happening this term.

Uniform

At Oak Farm Junior School, we believe that it is important for the children to maintain a smart, yet practical, appearance and it gives the children a feeling of identity and pride in the school, as well as themselves. It gives a sense of equality amongst peers and it makes life simpler for parents when it comes to clothing their children for school.

Girls

Brown skirt or pinafore of approximately knee length or brown tailored trousers or brown tailored shorts

White polo t-shirt or white school blouse

School brown sweatshirt or brown cardigan

School brown fleece (for **outdoor** wear only)

Brown, white, black or grey socks or tights

Yellow and white checked dress (optional for Summer term and during hot weather).

Black or brown shoes – flat and sturdy. No boots, trainers or plimsolls

Boys

Brown tailored trousers or brown tailored shorts

White polo t-shirt or white school shirt

School brown sweatshirt or brown jumper

School brown fleece (for outdoor wear only)

Brown, black or grey socks

Black or brown shoes – flat and sturdy

No boots, trainers or plimsolls

In bad weather, wellington boots or similar can be worn outside by boys and girls (including to and from school).

PE

Black shorts, plain white t-shirt, black trainers or plimsolls. Black tracksuit trousers and tops can be worn in cold weather.

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Bag 2 School

On Friday, please remember to take the opportunity to get rid of all clothes that have been outgrown by filling up the Bag 2 School bag. This is organised by FoOF and helps to raise lots of much needed money for school equipment and helps to make more room in your wardrobe!

The collection date is on Friday 25th September 2015. Items can either be left on Thursday 24th September (Between 3pm and 3.45pm only), or on the **MORNING** of Friday 25th September (between 7am and 9.30am only). No items can be accepted after 9.30am on Friday 25th September as Bag2School will be collecting items received during the school day on this date.

School Dinner money

Please put dinner money in a named envelope and give it to your child to give to the class teacher. School dinners are now £1.95 per day.

Attendance News

I'm hoping this year's attendance will be the best yet at Oak Farm Junior School and more of our pupils will be in school and learning as much as possible.

Please read the updated Attendance Policy which is on our website.

The school day starts at **8.50 am**—**this is the time that your child should be lined up in the playground ready to come into school and be registered as present .**



IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY PROCEDURES

Please bring your child to school **EVERY DAY** unless your child is too ill to attend. If they are ill please take them to the doctors and bring a note into school if possible. A copy of the appointment slip or any other proof will be fine also.

Phone school **EVERY** morning that your child does not attend so that their attendance records are kept accurate and up to date. You can leave a message on the absence line. Please clearly leave your child's name, class and a reason for their absence. Please be clear about the reason for absence.

If your child arrives after 8.50am, then you **MUST** take your child to the **Main Office** to sign them in as late. This is so we can mark them as present in the building. These late procedures are in place so that every child is entered onto the register and can be accounted for in the event of an emergency.

This is to ensure the Health and safety of YOUR child, so please make sure that these procedures are followed at all times.



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Macmillan Coffee Morning– Friday 25th September 2015

On Friday, there will be a coffee morning for parents in the Learning Zone, between 9.00am and 10.00am, in support of the Macmillan charity which supports families living with cancer. Please support this by coming along for a coffee and a chat after the children have gone into class.

We would also be grateful for any donations of cakes, biscuits etc. We hope to see you there.

Transfer to Secondary School- September 2016

A letter and flyer were sent out to the parents of Year 6 children, giving you information about applying for a Secondary School for your child.

The Admissions Team would like all applications to be made online. For full details, key dates and to apply online go to:

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schools

If you do not have internet access, you can obtain a brochure and paper application for by calling the Admissions Team on 01895 556644.

The closing date for applications is **31st October 2015.**

Culture Bite

Culture Bite is Hillingdon's month long festival of Art & Literature. There will be an array of exciting and tempting events across the borough. The festival Launches on Sunday 27th September with Big Fest Hillingdon's street party in Uxbridge High Street. Throughout October Hillingdon's theatres, libraries and other spaces will host a multitude of cultural events from arts classes, author talks to children's workshops and theatre shows.

For the full programme of events visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/culture



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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2015 - 2016

Autumn Term 2015

Training Day	Tuesday 1st September 2015
Training Day	Wednesday 2nd September 2015
Term Starts	Thursday 3 rd September 2015
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2015
Training Day	Monday 2nd November 2015
Term Starts	Tuesday 3 rd November 2015
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December 2015

Spring Term 2016

Training Day	Monday 4th January 2016
Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th January 2016
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February 2016
Term Ends	Thursday 24 th March 2016

Summer Term 2016

Training Day	Monday 11th April 2016
Term Starts	Tuesday 12 th April 2016
May Day	Monday 2 nd May 2016
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2016
Terms Starts	Monday 6 th June 2016
Term Ends	Wednesday 20 th July 2016

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2016 - 2017

Autumn Term 2016

Training Day	Monday 5th September 2016
Training Day	Tuesday 6th September 2016
Term Starts	Wednesday 7 th September 2016
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October 2016
Term Starts	Monday 31 st October 2016
Term Ends	Tuesday 20 th December 2016
Training Day	Wednesday 21st December 2016

(76 days)

Spring Term 2017

Training Day	Tuesday 3rd January 2017
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 th January 2017
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February 2017
Term Ends	Friday 31 st March 2017

(58 days)

Summer Term 2017

Training Day	Tuesday 18th April 2017
Term Starts	Wednesday 19 th April 2017
May Day	Monday 1 st May 2017
Half-Term Holiday	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2017
Terms Starts	Monday 5 th June 2016
Term Ends	Friday 21 st July 2016

What's Happening This Term!

Autumn Term - 2015

Date	Event
Friday September 25th	FoOF Bags to school day/ Macmillan Coffee morning in the learning zone.
Monday 5 th October	District Cross Country Event
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 6 to Henley River and Rowing museum
Tuesday 13 th October	Parents' Consultation evening 3:30 - 5:30pm
Wednesday 14 th October	Parents' Consultation evening 5pm - 8pm
Thursday 15 th October	Year 4 to synagogue
Friday 16 th October	World Languages Day
Tuesday 20 th October	5L and 5D to Chiltern Open Air Museum
Wednesday 21 st October	5M to Chiltern Open Air Museum
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 6 to Denham Country Park/ Year 4 to synagogue
Friday 23 rd October	Year 5 Harvest Festival/ Break for Half-Term
Monday 2 nd November	Inset Day
Tuesday 3 rd November	Children back to school
Thursday 5 th November	Year 4 - Crew Theatre - Egyptians
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 5 - Crew Theatre - Vikings
Wednesday 11 th November	Girls' football tournament
Wednesday 18 th November	Year 3 Celtic Harmony visit
Wednesday 2 nd December	Year 6 visit to RAF Hendon
Thursday 3 rd December	Christmas Panto - Jack and the Beanstalk
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 6 Production
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16 th December	Year 6 Production
Thursday 17 th December	FoOF pantomime trip
Friday 18 th December	Term Ends
Thursday 31 st December	FoOF pantomime trip
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Term starts

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Year 6 Prefects and House Captains

Our prefects and house captains have been chosen for this year. The prefects were selected by their teachers as a result of being excellent role models in school. The house captains, meanwhile, were elected following a vote by their fellow year 6 pupils. Congratulations to all of the following children:

Prefects:

6H: Riona and Jaskaran
6M: Jasveen and Jamie
6S: Layla and Tom

House Captains:

Jupiter: Zainab and Brandon
Mars: Chloe F and Milad
Mercury: Emilia and Stanley
Neptune: Chloe B and Freddie S

Stars of the Week!



Each week, in assembly, teachers announce the 'Star of the week' for their class. These awards celebrate the successes and efforts of the children and encourage pupils all pupils to work hard and demonstrate a positive attitude.

Congratulations to the following award winners for our first two full weeks:

3H: Ameia and Sienna
3K: Cynthia and Siene
3S: Hannah
4A: Adrees and Andrea
4B: Junayd and Sienna
4KR: Riya and Levi
5D: Nabil and Naomi
5L: Sarah and Jasmine

5M: Max G and Huda
6H: Eamon and Alisha
6M: Chloe B and Chloe F
6S: Maddie and Randev
French: Danyal (5L) and Victoria (4KR)
Music: Jasmine (4A) and Abdullah (6M)
Mrs Nolan's Maths Group: Max O. (5L)

Football Match

Colham Manor 3 Oak Farm 4

The Year 5 and 6 football team kicked-off their season with an opening league match away at Colham Manor. Nerves were evident early on as the home side enjoyed more of the possession. However, the best chance of a goalless first half fell to Oak Farm when Stanley's powerful strike was beaten away by the goalkeeper.



In the second half, the game burst into life with Colham Manor taking the lead within minutes of the re-start. Two more goals quickly followed as we found ourselves 3-0 behind. This seemed to be the shock that Oak Farm needed to get into the game and the deficit was reduced to 3-1 when Shae pounced upon a rebound to fire into the roof of the net. With confidence returning, it was soon 3-2 as determined play from Harley saw him fire home a second. With only minutes remaining, Oak Farm won a free-kick and Nabil levelled the scores with a brilliant long-range strike. Unbelievably, with the match entering its final minute, Harley picked up the ball inside the Colham Manor half and fired a vicious dipping effort past the keeper to score his second goal and complete a wonderful comeback victory!

Well done to the entire team:

Jack Burlikowski, Daniel Burge, Rowan Duff, Zachary Dickens, Harley Tanner, Nabil el-Ghaidouni, Stanley Thompson, Shae Cooper, James Ford, Freddie Smith