

Outstanding Oak Trees



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the last term of 2018! I hope you've had a lovely break. This half term, the children will be focussing on our whole school topic: 'We are Yorkshire!' Oak Trees will be becoming Amazing Architects, and will be planning and creating their own famous buildings in Yorkshire using recycled cardboard boxes, paper tubes, wooden matchsticks and lollipop sticks, so the classroom (and children) will be getting messy yet again!

We will also be finding out about the soldiers who fought in World War 1 and remembering all of those people who sacrificed their lives 100 years ago. We also have two exciting whole school trips planned this half term! One to the Yorkshire Museum and Museum Gardens and one to watch Cinderella at The Grand Opera House. Then, we have all the Christmas activities planned including Christmas Jumper day, Christmas play performances, Christmas parties and Christmas Craft parent afternoon.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks,
Mrs Milson

Spellings Homework and Mental Maths- Monday afternoons

Oak Trees will continue to be given a new spelling pattern to learn every week, but it will be on a Monday afternoon instead of Tuesday afternoon. Acorns and Conkers class both do their spellings on a Monday afternoon, so we thought it would save confusion if Oak Trees did it on a Monday too. The children are expected to search for at least 10 words that have that particular spelling pattern and then write 5 sentences to ensure they understand the meanings too.

It is particularly important for the year 5 and 6 children to try and be more adventurous with other punctuation marks, fronted adverbials and exciting vocabulary too. Please encourage your child to do this. House points will only be given if children have thoroughly checked their sentences.

We will also be practising fun mental maths questions every Monday afternoon, after going through the spellings they've found. This will develop their confidence in answering arithmetic questions and speed up their thinking, processing and reasoning skills.

Updated Homework Policy for Oak Trees

Thank you for completing the homework surveys. As a school, we have updated the homework policy which for Oak Trees is as follows:

- Reading (10-15 minutes daily)
- Spelling (5 minutes daily)
- Maths times tables/activity (10 minutes three times a week)
- Real life maths (30 minutes once a fortnight)
- Creative themed challenge (once a half term)

Homework for year 6

In the spring term, year 6 pupils will be sent the following each fortnight (in addition):

- Reading comprehension and maths activity
- A writing task

This will prepare children for Secondary School and the volume of work they will receive.

Reading Records

As many of you will know, Oak Trees have a reading competition running throughout the year, which is encouraging them to read more regularly at home.

If your child is reading often at home, please comment and sign their reading records each week, so that we know, how often they're reading and that they are being listened to at home.

Remember, reading texts do include: newspapers, magazines, comics, recipes, letters, information on the internet etc.

Reorganised Learning Zone Library!

The Learning Zone has now been revamped! The books have been sorted into labelled sections with different types of nonfiction and fiction books.

If your child is interested in looking at and choosing some of the books from the Learning Zone, you are welcome to come on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon to collect your child from class at 3:10pm, to choose their favourite books. They can keep swapping them for new books each week.

If you would like to do this, please let Mrs Husband know at the office which day/week you will be coming to collect your child early. If your child usually goes on a bus or walks home and would like to look at the new books, please email Mrs Husband with your consent.

Polite plea to all parents

This is a polite reminder for all children to have their own named water bottle in school every day. We do encourage children to drink throughout the day, but it seems there are some children who're only having a small drink at dinner time.

Also, at present, there are many children in class who aren't bringing a coat to school. Please send them with a coat every day, as if the weather gets too cold or wet, and they don't have coat, they will have to stay inside at playtimes to avoid getting ill.

Dance on Thursday afternoons

This half term, Oak Trees and Conkers will be learning how to create a 'Line Dancing' routine in a group.

They will need their PE kits in school every week for PE on both Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Spotacular Children in Need Day!

On 16th November, all children are invited to come to school wearing spotty or Pudsey bear clothes. Please can children bring donations of cakes and biscuits, and some money so they can have a go on the games stalls or buy some cakes.



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Dates for your Diary (I hope you have a pen!)

Autumn 2- November to December

- 8/11/18- PE for Oak Trees and Conkers (Line Dancing)
- 12/11/18- Anti Bullying Week
- 16/11/18- Children in Need Spotacular Day
- 19/11/18- Curriculum Parent session 6-7pm
- 19/11/18- Quiz at The Jolly Farmers 8pm
- 19/11/18- last week of clubs
- 21/11/18- Warriors in school hall 3:15pm
- 23/11/18- Non Uniform Day for Air Ambulance
- 26/11/18- Whole school trip to Yorkshire Museum and Museum Gardens
- 26/11/18- Breakfast and after school club to start
- 28/11/18- Senior Warriors and Year 6 only in hall
- 30/11/18- Non Uniform Day- Bring a bottle for Christmas Fair
- 3/12/18- Christmas Craft afternoon for parents 1:05- 3:15pm
- 5/12/18- Christmas Fair in hall 2-4pm
- 7/12/18- Christmas Jumper Day- Bring hamper item in
- 10/12/18- Flu vaccines for reception to year 5 children
- 14/12/18- Christmas Recipe Nativity 9:15am and 2pm
- 17/12/18- Whole school trip to watch Cinderella at The Grand Opera House
- 18/12/18- Christmas Movie Night 5:45-7:30pm
(£3.50 per child for a Christmas movie, hot dog, popcorn and juice)
- 19/12/18- Christmas dinner for children
- 20/12/18- Christmas party for whole school
- 21/12/18- Break up for Christmas!
- 7/1/19- Children back to school