

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 18th June 2021

Covid

We were informed earlier this week of the pausing of the release of lockdown restrictions. Therefore, we will be continuing to run in our present format until the end of term. The need to keep our bubbles separate means that Sports Day will happen in bubbles, and parents will not be able to be spectators at the event. We realise that this may be disappointing but with the cases in Gloucestershire rising sharply and bubbles in some schools already being closed, we feel that a cautious approach is the best one. This also means that the Year 6 performance will also have to be filmed and the film then shared with parents.

We urge all parents to keep children at home if they are displaying any covid symptoms and to get them tested at the first opportunity. All adults are able to access free lateral flow tests that they can take twice a week to help stop the spread of this disease. The last thing any school wants is to be in a position where we are asking children, bubbles and families to isolate following a positive case, especially as the summer holidays are approaching.

Mrs Kettle

The end of term will also be a sad occasion for Oak Hill as Mrs Kettle has decided that the time has come to retire from her roles at Oak Hill. Carole is an Oak Hill institution and we are so grateful for everything that she has done over all the years to support generations of children through the school. We will be

advertising for a replacement to fill those exceptional shoes shortly.

Winchcombe Transition Days

We have been informed by Winchcombe that the transition days for our Year 6 children will now be virtual due to the rising cases in Gloucestershire. They are writing to every parent to inform them of the changes and how they will work.

New Staff Hoodies

We are delighted to say that we have purchased staff hoodies for all the staff. We will now also be proudly displaying the school badge alongside the children.



School Photos

Individual and class photos will take place on Wednesday 23 June. Strict covid measures will be followed at all times. Please ensure your child has a sweatshirt or cardigan with them.

Covid Local Support Grant Scheme

The Department for Work & Pensions has extended the COVID grant support for vulnerable families until 20 June 2021.

The Grant, now called the *COVID-19 Local Support Grant*, is available to individuals and families with children who have been financially impacted by Covid-19 and it offers support with food, utilities and other essentials. An application form and further information on eligibility criteria can be found at the following link: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/covid-19-local-support-grant-find-out-more-and-apply/>.

Car Share

We have been asked by a parent to see if there are any parents who would be able to help with a car share arrangement from Winchcombe. If you are interested, please talk to Gail or Esther in the office

Road Closure

The B4078 will be shut the week commencing 2nd July. This may affect your routes from Alderton to Dumbleton and vice versa.

Church Service in Alderton

Services this week are as follows:

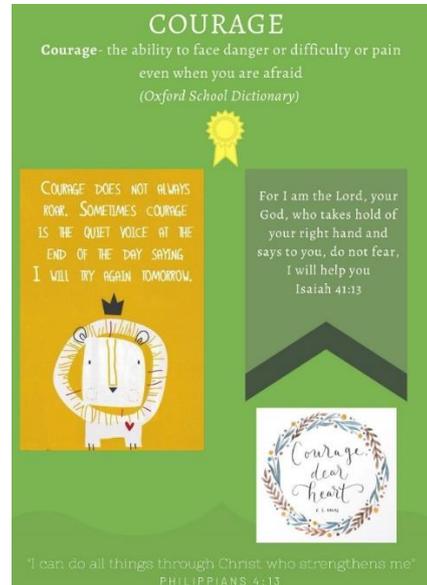
HC at 9.00am Great Washbourne

HC at 10.30am Dumbleton

Both Services are being led by Revd Michael Hand.

Apologies that there will be no Zoomed Service on this Sunday.

Half Termly Christian Value



Grammar School Registration



Maple Class

We have had more fun with shapes in Reception this week, sorting them out according to their properties and making our own Carroll diagrams. We have been creating

our own shapes outside, and using shape stampers and rollers to make shape art.

In English, we have been continuing with Handa's Surprise and enjoyed tasting the fruit from the story. We thought of fantastic descriptive words to describe how they tasted, looked and smelled. We have also worked really hard with our writing, writing out our own versions of the story.

We practiced our hockey skills this week, dribbling in and out of cones and racing each other, ready for sports day. The children have mastered this really well, so it will be an interesting race!

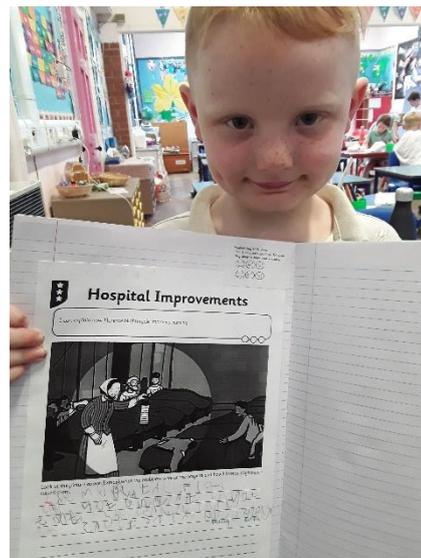
At the end of the week, we had a special visit from Ken Roles, who brought an observational bee hive for us to examine as part of our topic on animals. It was fascinating and led to some really thoughtful questions. Thank you Ken! Ken has borrowed our wildlife camera to try to capture photos of the bees for us.



Willow Class

This week in Willow class we have been continuing our topic of superheroes! We started the week looking at significant people in our life and then investigated Florence Nightingale and all of the amazing things that she did during her life. In English, we started the week by receiving a letter from a book! The famous book 'Treasure Island' wrote us a letter and sent us some photos from the book. We decided to write back and ask the book some questions such as, did you find any

treasure on the island? Our focus this week has been on question marks and the children have written some fantastic questions. On Thursday, we bought our favourite books from home into school. We got into pairs and wrote some questions for our partner about their book and what we would like to find out about the book. All the children did a fantastic job at thinking of questions, but also being persuasive and convincing us that we should read their favourite book! In Maths this week, we have been continuing with multiplication. Year 1 have been adding equal groups and investigating doubling. Year 2 have been investigating arrays and going back over the 2, 5 and 10 times table and writing these as multiplication sentences. We also had a treat at the end of the week when an observational bee hive was brought to Dumbleton for us to look at. The children had loads of questions that they wanted to ask and were completely fascinated watching the bees through the glass. What a great experience!



Hawthorn Class

This week in Hawthorn we have used the text *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo to inspire our writing. The children have looked at the language used and taken part in various drama activities too. We will continue using the text next week too.

In Maths, the children have been comparing and sorting different angles. They have been able to use mathematical vocabulary to justify their answers. In our Think it Through Friday activity the children have to sort shapes based on their own criteria. It is always wonderful to see the children's unique take on these tasks.

In Art with Mrs Kendall, the children have designed a coat of arms selecting different images to represent different aspects of their personality. Next week they will be creating these using fabric and fabric pens. In French, they are continuing to learn the language to describe the body. The children are all speaking with confidence which is wonderful to hear!

In Science, we investigated different magnets. We had a challenge to see who could attach the most paper clips to a small magnet; some children were able to attach over 25! In History, we questioned how the Normans came to rule over England, the children used different sources to explore how and why the battle of Hastings took place and how William the Conqueror became king.



Juniper Class

We have had another great week in Juniper class. In Maths, Year 6 have continued their work on algebra, whilst Year 5 have been recapping decimals. On Friday, we have

started 'Think it Through Fridays' where the children have the opportunity to develop their problem solving skills. This week we focused on the magic V's. In English, we have moved on to explore another Twisted Tale (Goldilocks and The Three Bears) where the children created a crime investigation board to help piece all of the evidence together. Next week, they will be writing investigation reports to find out who was the true culprit.

On Tuesday, the children had a visit from our local PCSO who talked to the children about the importance of online safety. The children very much enjoyed the talk and are looking forward to his return visit next week.

On Wednesday, the children took part in a village walk. Their task was to draw a map of the village, including certain landmarks that they passed along the way. This will lead on to a debate about creating a brand new supermarket in Alderton. The children very much enjoyed being outdoors and exploring the local area.

A gazebo has been put up in the playground to keep children cool during the hot weather. Please can they apply and bring sunscreen and hats to school.



Stars of the Week

Maple Class:

Star of the week: Guy, for fantastic work in English, writing a super version of Handa's Surprise.

Value of the week: Lila, for always showing compassion and friendliness.

Willow Class:

Star of the week: Mark, for working hard to understand multiplication and being amazing at your times tables.

Value of the week: Miles, for being a kind friend and always willing to help others.

Hawthorn Class:

Value of the Week: - Harry B for always being polite and respectful. Trying his best to show our school values always.

Star of the Week: - Lottie for excellent use of historical sources to justify her ideas.

Juniper Class:

Value of the Week: Jake I - for continuing to do a fantastic job in the play. He makes an excellent Mrs Gloop!

Star of the Week: Kelsey - for settling back so well into life at Oak Hill school. She has quickly made friends and is trying really hard with her work.

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

June

18th Swimming Year 5 and 6

22nd Yr 5/6 Bellboating trip

23rd School Photos

25th Swimming Year 5 and 6

28th Athletics Competition- Year 3/4

July

1st-2nd Book Fair @ Alderton

2nd Transition Day in School

1st – 2nd Year 6 transition

2nd Swimming Year 5 and 6

7th Sport's Day

8th Yr 6 Boundless Outdoor Day

Reception Multisports Festival

9th Swimming Year 5 and 6

15th Gloucestershire Kwik cricket competition (Year 5/6 open)

16th Gloucestershire Kwik cricket competition (Year 5/6 girls only)