

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School

*'Jesus said, 'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness'
(John 10:10)*

FAITH – VALUES – ACTION



Newsletter Friday 15th September 2023

Harvest Festival

We would like to invite you all to come and join us for our Harvest Festival celebration on Thursday 21st September at 2pm in Alderton Church. We will be collecting donations for the Winchcombe foodbank. If you are able to bring along a donation that would be greatly appreciated. The foodbank is listing itself as being currently short of;

- SOUP
- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- TINNED MEAT
- CUSTARD
- SAVOURY & SWEET SNACKS
- TEA
- RICE PUDDING
- STOCK CUBES
- COOKING OIL
- PACKET SAUCE MIXES
- LAUNDRY LIQUID/POWDER

We do not hold Open Mornings because we like to provide a more personal experience for anyone looking around, so that they have chance to really chat to staff and the children about our vision and experiences of Oak Hill CE Primary. If you know anyone who is starting to consider their schooling options, please do tell them about our wonderful small school.

New Website

We are delighted to say that our new Website is now live. The whole website has had a complete redesign and we hope is easier to navigate and contains more lovely photos of the children. We will be continuing to update the site as we go. Thank you to Miss Leather, who has led on the new design.



Reception 2024 Intake

We are delighted to say that we already have several show rounds booked in for prospective Reception children for 2024.

Roles and Responsibilities

This year we have moved away from the usual house captains and vice house captains. Instead we will have Sports Ambassadors, Worship Ambassadors and School Ambassadors. Each of the roles have specific responsibilities that will help across the whole school. This year our Sports Ambassadors are Henry and Isla. The Worship Ambassadors are Harry, Summer and Lottie and our School Ambassadors are Betsy and Ellie. We look forward to seeing how this year's Year 6 rise to the challenge of these new roles.

Residential Hoodies

The hoodies for our Year 5 and 6 residential visit to Georgeham have arrived this week. The children chose their colour and added a name or nickname on the back. They were very excited and were allowed to wear them during Maths lesson on Friday.



Residential Meeting

Parents of Redwood Class are invited to a meeting about our residential visit to St George's House in October. The meeting will last for about 30 minutes and will start straight after school on Tuesday 26th September. Children are welcome to join.

Tennis Coach

As well as our Cricket Coach, we have a Tennis Coach coming in to work with the children over several sessions. Although it rained, the children really enjoyed their first session in the hall. Let's hope for some drier weather over the next few weeks.





At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they need it to do so. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationonline.com for further guides, facts and tips for adults.

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#WakeUpWednesday

REMOTE EDUCATION 10 TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

Remote education ensures continuous learning outside the classroom. For parents and carers, remote education isn't always straightforward and there can be a number of factors they need to consider, especially around ensuring their children feel comfortable and are familiar with the whole concept. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers support their child in getting the most out of their remote education experience.

- 1. TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING**
It's important to take an active interest in your child's learning. If you can't be there to help, try to find ways to support them. Take an active interest in their learning and help support them whenever they need a helping hand.
- 2. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION AND ONLINE ACTIVITY**
It's important to monitor your child's digital activity. Be aware of the level of their online activity and contact them if you notice a change. Encourage them to report any concerns that they notice and not to post or send any negative comments just because they are behind a computer.
- 3. ESTABLISH A DAILY SCHEDULE AND ROUTINE**
Working from home and trying to learn in a more casual setting that children might experience with play and a degree of freedom might take a bit of getting used to. Try to stick to a daily routine and use the time to help your child get used to the new environment.
- 4. ENCOURAGE SCREEN BREAKS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AWAY FROM DEVICES**
Screen time can be healthy but it's important to encourage more physical activity. Encourage your child to take breaks from their screen time and to get some fresh air and exercise.
- 5. ENSURE YOUR LEARNING DEVICE IS IN PUBLIC SPACE IN THE HOME**
It's important to ensure your child's device is placed in a public space in the home. This helps to ensure that you can see what they are doing and that they are using the device in a safe environment.
- 6. IMPLEMENT SAFETY CONTROLS AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS ON APPS AND SOFTWARE**
Parents should ensure that their child's device has safety controls and privacy restrictions in place. This helps to ensure that your child is protected from any potential risks.
- 7. ENSURE YOUR CHILD ONLY USES OFFICIAL SCHOOL COMMUNICATION CHANNELS**
It's important that all communication with teachers and school staff is done through approved school channels. This helps to ensure that your child is protected from any potential risks.
- 8. FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH RELEVANT SCHOOL POLICIES**
Schools should have policies in place to ensure that your child is protected from any potential risks. It's important to familiarise yourself with these policies and to ensure that your child is aware of them.
- 9. MAINTAIN FEEDBACK WITH TEACHERS**
Regular communication with teachers is important. Try to find time to talk to your child's teacher and to provide feedback on their learning experience.
- 10. MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH**
Remote education will likely mean that your child won't get the same level of social interaction and will miss out on their friends. It's important to monitor your child's mental health and to provide support if they need it.

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Online Safety

A free online safety guide on Remote Education for parents and carers.

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In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential issues such as creating a safe learning environment, adhering to school policies and making sure the appropriate systems and communication channels are in place so that educators, parents and carers get the most out of their remote education experience.

Student Teacher for Elm Class

We are delighted to welcome Miss Hattrick to Elm Class over the next few weeks and months. Miss Hattrick joins us from Worcester University where she is undertaking a PGCE in Primary Education. She is really looking forward to working with the lovely children in Elm Class and is eager to further her experience in education.



Church Service in Alderton

9.00am Great Washbourne HC CW

10.30am Dumbleton HC CW

Half Termly Christian Value



Rowan Class

This week the Reception children have completed their first full week and have settled wonderfully into life at Oak Hill. They have been busy learning to write and recognise their names, learning their first sound 'S', starting their new topic 'Me and My Community' and getting to know the other children and staff in school as part of their memorable experience lesson and beginning a unit on matching and sorting in Maths.

Year 1 and 2 have been doing a great job at helping the new Reception children to settle in. This week they have started a new unit in English using the book 'The Way Back Home' to write a Science

Fiction Narrative. In Maths, they have been continuing to work on place value. Year 1 have been counting and representing objects and Year 2 have been working on recognising tens and ones. They have also begun their new topic 'Childhood'.

Elm Class

A busy week in Elm Class as usual, with lots of learning taking place. In English, we are basing our writing upon the book, "Stone Age Boy" which links in very well with our history topic. In Maths, both year groups are studying place value: Year 3 to 1000 and Year 4 to 10000. Tuesday afternoon had the children enjoy their first tennis session with coach Liam. Despite the rain, we all had lots of fun and exercise in the school hall. In Science, we have begun to learn about healthy eating, a balanced diet and food groups. We break out into year groups regularly throughout the week, including all reading lessons in which both year groups this week have been learning about the skill of summarising.

Redwood Class

We have had a great week in Redwood Class this week. The children have been working on their opening for our English unit. 'Tyger' by SF Said is full of drama and suspense and the children have done a great job capturing that. We have also been writing some food based poetry ready for the Harvest festival.

In Maths, the children have been reading, writing and breaking down numbers up to one million. Next week we will work on rounding before we start addition and subtraction.

In History, a play was the focus of our lesson. We were exploring the origin of the story of the Shang dynasty. The children did a great job and took part in some good

discussion about historical evidence. Then in Art, we explored tints and tones of colours.

In PHSE, the children are working on their relationships and how to work effectively together. This week they had the challenge of building a bridge with newspaper and tape. It had to be strong enough to hold a car!

We have had two exciting PE lessons too this week with our first tennis coaching session Tuesday and a cricket coaching session where the children worked on their accurate bowling.

House Points

House point totals for this week:

Ashdown- 237

Dean-217

Sherwood-203

Stars of the Week

Rowan Class:

Star of the Week - Arthur for showing enthusiasm towards your learning

Value of the Week - Max for having lovely manners and being a kind friend to everyone

Elm Class:

Star of the Week - Reuben for his enthusiasm to learn and involvement in class

Value of the Week - Edie for her enthusiasm to learn and involvement in class

Redwood Class:

Star of the Week – Lottie for fantastic first piece of writing.

Value of the Week – Summer for being a good friend and helping welcome the new Reception children

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change. Further dates to be added once we have confirmed some dates and times.

September

- 21st Harvest Festival 2pm
Cricket Coaching – Redwood & Elm
- 25th Winchcombe Meeting for Prospective Parents 4pm
- 26th Tennis Coaching
- 28th Cricket Coaching – Redwood & Elm
- 29th Elm Class to Conygree Farm

October

- 3rd Tennis Coaching
- 5th Cricket Coaching – Redwood and Elm
- 6th Cheltenham Literature Festival
- 10th Tennis Coaching
- 12th Cricket Coaching – Redwood & Elm
- 17th Tennis Coaching
- 19th Cricket Coaching – Redwood & Elm
- 23rd Year 5/6 Residential to Georgeham – all week
- 27th Break up for half term