

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 23rd February 2024

Welcome back

Welcome Back to Term 4, the timetable is already jam packed and Easter eggs are on the horizon!! We are delighted to welcome Megan into Year 5, she has settled well. Welcome to the Oak Hill family.

Closure of Dumbleton

The Department of Education has confirmed the closure of the Dumbleton site. The site will return to the Estate on 25th March. Over the coming weeks, we are removing remaining items from site and skipping anything that is not needed.

Academisation

The process of academisation is ongoing. We are due to have a TUPE meeting for staff on Monday 4th March after school and Primary QuEST are liaising with GCC around the building and repairs. This means that the likely date for conversion has been delayed until 1st May 2024.

Primary QuEST oracy competition

Another wonderful display of skill from the pupils on a huge variety of subject matter. Congratulations to:

🎉 Fraser 🎉 Megan C 🎉 Lila S 🎉 Martha 🎉 Jake and Henry 🎉

Letters are coming home to our winners with details of the next stage at Hartpury College.

Woodpeckers Club

Thank you to everyone for your patience and forbearance as we have had the challenge of temporarily replacing Miss Harding. I sent a dojo yesterday with adapted times for sessions going forward over the next week. I will be updating further information as soon as possible.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Miss Harding as she had her operation yesterday - we all wish her a speedy recovery.

Life Education Bus visit

It was lovely to welcome the Life Bus and Harold the Giraffe into school on Tuesday. All the children took part in appropriate workshops around PSHE.



MoneySense workshop

On Wednesday KS2 was visited by MoneySense who set the children a task to be detectives and unpick a fraud crime. The children really enjoyed this and showed lots of enthusiasm.



🐣 Easter Fair: Tuesday 19th March - 2.30pm 🐣



Following our Easter service, we will be holding our first Easter fair.

Raffle donations plea - Easter fair

We are seeking raffle donations for the egg-citing Easter fair and appreciate any support in this respect. We know how blessed we are with a talented community - please contact the office or pop in if you are able to donate.

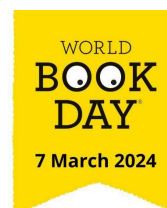
📖 World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 📖

We invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book to use in English lessons on World Book Day (book does not need to match costume).

We are holding a mystery book swap on WBD and ask children to pick a book from home to donate. The book needs to be wrapped with their name on the front, an age recommendation, a few bullet points summarising the book so the other children can select one that will suit their interests, based on the descriptions. Please bring them in before Monday 4th March.

World Book Day costume swap

The Library
Costume Swap



5 February - 19 February

DONATE a costume to any library (thank you!)

19 February - 7 March

SWAP an old costume for a new one!

- Accessories, whole and part costumes accepted
- Donations will be accepted throughout the swap
- Discover swaps across all county libraries
- Both adult and child costumes welcome
- You can still take a costume home if you don't have one to swap



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Uniform reminder

A further reminder that your children need to wear the approved uniform as detailed on the website:

http://www.oakhill.gloucs.sch.uk/_documents/%5B826107%5DUniform Policy - Approval on 30 January 2023 - Review December 2023.pdf

Particular attention should be given to appropriate footwear, PE and hair sections. Contact the office for uniform provider or FOOHS for second-hand items.

Rowan class

A fantastic first week back in Rowan class this week! Reception started a secretive club called 'Drawing Club' which they have really enjoyed! Each week they have a different story as their focus and then daily they have something different to draw. On their picture they can write secret codes/number sequences which can make magical things happen to their picture. This week we read *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and we drew the tiger, his food at the cafe and a tiger bus!! We had lots of amazing secret codes which did all sorts of amazing things - making the tiger shrink and flowers dancing on the cafe table! We can't wait to see which book we will be using next week. In maths, Reception continued to look at the numbers 6,7,8 and have been doubling this week. In topic, they produced some wonderful Aboriginal art after exploring the Aboriginal people. They have also been looking at flags from around the world.

Year 1 and 2 continued their poetry work in English and have written very funny lines using onomatopoeia words to make their writing even more effective. In maths, Year 1 started a new unit on place value to 50 and Year 2 started a new unit on money. In topic, we have been looking at London landmarks and in RE we have started a new unit on Judaism. We enjoyed learning about how to keep our bodies healthy on the Life Education Bus with Harold on Tuesday and took part in the Primary QuEST Oracy competition on Thursday. A busy week!



Elm class

We have had an exciting and educationally varied week. The class have been fortunate to have two sets of visitors this week: Coral Life Education supported with a cast of puppets covering the topic 'It's good to be me' which included a suburb look inside the human body to discuss the role of some of our internal organs and Natwest Bank who delivered a 'MoneySense' workshop with the pupils working in groups to solve issues connected to identity theft.

The children had the opportunity to construct their own compass using magnetised pins within floating straws, which was a fun, active session.

In other areas, we introduced the Muslim faith, finished our CAM models and learnt about climate zones and the capital cities of Europe.

Sadly, today marks the final day of Miss Hattrick's time with Elm class. We would like to thank her for all her efforts over the preceding weeks and wish her the very best for her future teaching career.

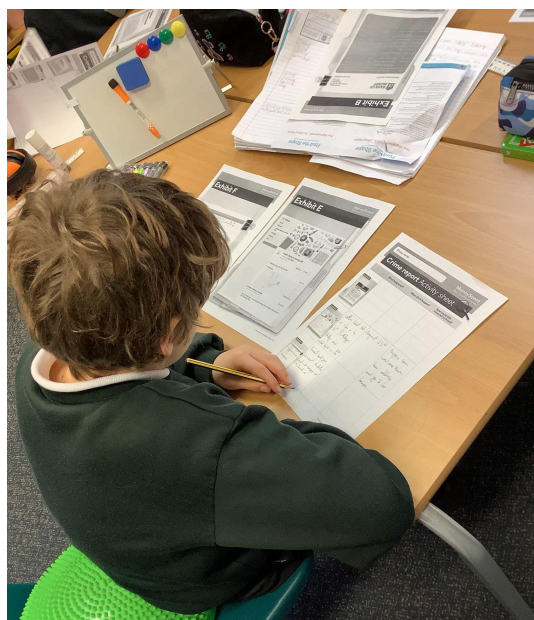


Redwood class

Our first week back has been extremely busy and productive! In English, the children continued their learning of *The Highwayman* poem, focusing on structure and descriptive vocabulary. They have begun to create their own edits of the poem, using descriptive adjectives and verbs.

In Maths, we continued our algebra unit and explored forming equations. On Wednesday we had a visit from the volunteers at NatWest, the children explored online fraud working in groups to solve the issues.

Afternoon work has included investigating seasonal vegetables and the challenges of farming in the UK. The children have also moved on to football and basketball in PE.



School tours

We would be delighted to show round prospective parents and pupils - please recommend us.

Church services

10.30am - Alderton – HC for Lent 2 - our dear friend Revd Michael Hand will be taking this Service.

6.00pm - Wormington – Choral Evensong

Revd Mike Holloway (from Winchcombe) is running a course on Wednesday evenings, (started 21st February) 7 for 7.30pm at Alderton Vicarage. The course is entitled 'Life Attitudes' and is based on the beatitudes in Matthew 5. These eight sentences summarise so much of Jesus' teaching and the way he lived his life. For all of us who seek to follow Jesus, they are both inspirational and practical.

Half termly Christian value

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness- stop feeling angry with somebody about something
(Oxford School Dictionary)

Somehow forgiveness
accomplishes miracles
that can happen in no other way
- Gordon B. Hinckley

And when you stand
praying, if you hold
anything against anyone
forgive them, so that your
Father in heaven may
forgive you your sins
Mark 11:25

**The weak can never
forgive. Forgiveness is
the attribute of the
strong.**

— MAHATMA GANDHI —

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Bikes and trikes

You may have noticed, as you enter school, the large collection of boxes that are in the entrance hall. We have purchased new bikes and trikes for Rowan Class. We can't wait to get them unpacked and built for the children as soon as the shed is made!

Mathematics support for families

Support for all around maths to help enjoyment.

https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/helping-children-maths/family-maths-toolkit?mc_cid=a9887d6743&mc_eid=e8780e04c8

Online safety

As infants, we all rely completely on adults to help us resolve situations that cause us to become upset or stressed. This is known as co-regulation. The next phase, once autonomy has begun to develop, is called self-regulation: when children start to become capable of exercising more control over their impulses and behaviour, and managing their own emotions.

This vital developmental milestone, however, isn't reached spontaneously. Learning to self-regulate needs sensitive guidance from trusted adults - simply talking with children about their thoughts and feelings,

for instance, can ease the route to self-regulation. This #WakeUpWednesday guide has some expert tips for supporting children to reach this goal.



More road works

B4078 from B4077 to Evesham Road Overnight
closures from 28th February - 27th March.

B4077 Stow Road Alstone Fields Teddington
Overnight closures for resurfacing 7th - 14th March.

Open morning



THE CRYPT SCHOOL

Open Morning

Wednesday 20th March

Welcome to Gloucester's only co-educational grammar school, with a proud and distinguished history stretching back to 1539.

Our Open Morning (9.30am and 11.30am timeslots) offers visitors the opportunity to experience what The Crypt School has to offer – a supportive and inclusive environment with modern teaching facilities, a strong pastoral system and a wide ranging enrichment and extra-curricular programme which enables our diverse student body to flourish.

To book your place and find out more, visit cryptschool.org/openday

TEL: 01452 530291 **EMAIL:** enquiries@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk
www.cryptschool.org

School premises consideration

Please can parents be mindful of other pavement and road users before and after school. Please park with consideration to residents. Many thanks.

Infectious diseases reminder

In line with DfE guidelines, you must inform us immediately if your child shows symptoms of:

- Measles
- Chickenpox
- Rubella
- Whooping cough
- Scarlet fever
- Slapped cheek syndrome
- Hand, foot, and mouth disease

Prompt reporting means we can minimise the risk of transmission within the community. Information received will be treated in confidence, while ensuring measures are taken to protect the health and safety of our staff, volunteers and students.

And finally...

House Points

Ashdown	173
Dean	233
Sherwood	190

Stars of the week

Rowan class

Star of the week: Tallulah for amazing maths work around money

Value of the week: Rylee for wonderful courage and perseverance with riding a bike during balanceability

Elm class

Star of the week: Amber for always trying her best to produce improving work in all subjects.

Value of the week: Ava for demonstrating courage during lessons and attending school council meetings.

Redwood class

Stars of the Week: Rosa for contributing to class and working hard on your public speaking.

Value of the Week: Meg for settling in to Redwood class so well and showing so much confidence by engaging and contributing to class.

Don't forget....

Diary Dates

Please note that these are subject to change.

February 2024

23rd Swimming Yr3/4

March 2024

- 1st National secondary school offer day
Swimming Yr3/4
- 7th World Book Day
- 8th Swimming Yr3/4
- 11th Assessment week
Class photographs
- 14th Science Collective Worship & Workshops
- 15th Swimming Yr3/4
- 18th PC Curtis visiting Redwood
- 19th Easter service 1.00pm
Easter fair run by School Council
PQ Maths24 Quiz @ Staunton
- 20th Tag rugby festival
Parents evening
- 21st Freestyle football workshop
Parents evening
- Term ends**
- 22nd **INSET day** with Primary QuEST