



The Oaks Primary School
Bringing Learning to Life



Monday 7th January 2019

Weekly Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Job Vacancy

We are looking to expand our Breakfast Club and After School Club Team. If you're interested in becoming a 'playleader' please speak to Mrs Grundy.

Games and Toys

If you have any games that are in good condition and suitable for our After School Club please speak to the office or to Miss Ralph or Miss Copeland. We are looking for donations of good quality toys and games. Thank you.

Diary Dates ~ Spring Term 2019

Wednesday 16 th January	Takeover Day for Y6
Monday 21 st January	Reading Information Evening for parents 7pm
Tuesday 22 nd January	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 31 st January	Reports to Parents
Monday 4 th February	Year 1 Trip to LegoLand
Tuesday 5 th February	KS2 Disco 3.15—4.30
Thursday 7 th February	KS1 Disco 3.15.– 4.30
Tuesday 12 th February	Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 15 th February	Finish for half term
Monday 25 th February	Back to school
Monday 4 th March	Governors Committees Meeting
Wednesday 6 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 th & Thursday 14 th March	Parents Evening
Monday 25 th March	Full Governors
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Bingo
Friday 5 th April	School Closes for Easter

After School Club

Bookings online can be made 24 hours in advance. This is the preferred booking method. In emergencies please ring the school office and we will be happy to book children on before 9.15am. After this time NO bookings can be made. Thank you for your support.

Reminder: Mobile phones, Fit Bits and Smart Watches are not allowed in school. A simple digital watch or analogue watch are suitable for school and support your child with telling the time. Please support this policy in school

Holidays during school time

Please let me remind you about the important change in Bolton's code of conduct regarding penalty notice fines for irregular attendance at school.

Since the 1st September 2018, the criteria for issuing a penalty notice has been reduced and a fine will be considered where a pupil has had 10 sessions (equivalent of five days - consecutive or otherwise) of unauthorised absence over the period of two consecutive half terms.

In our school we have an issue with families taking an increased amount of absence due to family holidays in term time. Please limit these requests to less than five days. Any requests of five days or more for a family holiday will result in families being referred to the Local Authority for a penalty notice. No funds from penalty notices come into school but school has to be seen to be challenging parents that take holidays during school time. There are 13 weeks a year for holidays, appointments and visits please keep holidays to these time or take a day or two extra attached to a school holiday period if you need to.

The penalty notice currently stands at £60 per parent per child. So for a two parent family with two children it is £240.

More information about penalty notices can be found on Bolton Council's website: <http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/Truancy.aspx>

Thank you for your support

Mrs. Jo Grundy
Headteacher

Mr. Jon Wormald
Chair of Governors

Can you support us with Reading in School?

Could you spare 30 minutes any day of the week to come in to school at 2.40pm and listen to children read on a 1:1 basis? We have a number of children that need additional support with their reading as they don't have the opportunity to practise at home. Please contact me via the office or on email

grundyj@the-oaks.bolton.sch.uk
with the day you are available.
Many thanks!

Times Tables Rock Stars!

Is your child using it?

The website helps children learn times tables and division facts through fun games and activities. Please support your child to log on and try it.

School Starts at 9am

Any children coming through the front door after 9am will need to be signed in by an adult and it will be recorded as Late in the register.