



The Oaks Primary School
Bringing Learning to Life

Monday 23rd January

Weekly Newsletter

Diary Dates

Tuesday 31st January ~

Friday 3rd February ~

Tuesday 7th February 2.30pm ~

Tuesday 14th February 2.30pm ~

Friday 17th February

22nd & 23rd March 4-7pm ~

Y5 Trip to Jodrell Bank

School Disco 3.15-4.30pm - No Clubs

Year 4 Drama Performance

Year 3 Drama Performance

School closes at 3.15 for the half term break.

Parents Evening

Teaching Strikes

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday, 1 February

Tuesday, 28 February

Wednesday, 15 March

Thursday, 16 March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over pay, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible **that learning may be disrupted on the dates listed**. We're currently considering several options, and I will let you know ASAP what the arrangements will be. *I'm sorry about the potential disruption to you and to your child's education.*

Let's Glow Disco ~ Friday 3rd February 3.15-4.30pm

Children in school council are busy preparing and organising the event.

Cost £3 and payable on PAY360—tickets will not be issued, but names recorded on a disco list and shared in class.

Children can bring clothes to get changed into at the end of the school day if they are attending the disco. They will need to bring some spending money for the stalls and tuck shop.

Glow accessories stall - items from 50p - £2.50

Tuck shop - drinks, sweets, choc, crisps and hotdogs

Neon face painting £1

Reading at Home

It may feel hard to find 20 minutes each day to read with your child, but the cost of not doing this is far too great. Children who read for just 20 minutes per day see 1.8 million words each year!

At The Oaks, reading four times a week is part of our home learning policy and a vital part of children's education.

Remember we teach children how to read and ask that you practise the skill at home!

THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINS EACH DAY

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school.
If not addressed early the educational gap widens...

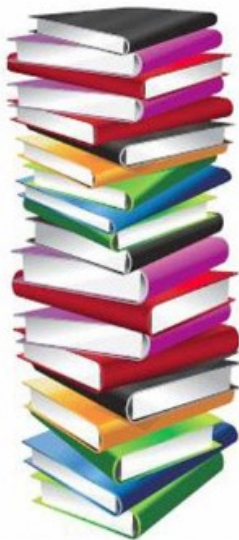
Child A



Reads 20 minutes
per day

3,600 minutes
per school year

1,800,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
90th percentile

Child B



Reads 5 minutes
per day

900 minutes
per school year

282,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
50th percentile

Child C



Reads 1 minute
per day

180 minutes
per school year

8,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
10th percentile

Standardised Test Scores

By the end of grade 6, Child A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days, Child B will have read for 12 school days and Child C will have read for 3 days. Nagy and Herman, 1987.



A Royal Visit!

On Friday, Aleena, Oliver and Zuha from Y6 along with Mrs Hamer and I had the absolute pleasure of meeting King Charles and Camila, Queen Consort at Bolton Town Hall. Thomas from Year 3 represented the scout group.



Thank you for your support. Jo Grundy: grundyj@the-oaks.bolton.sch.uk