



The Oaks Primary School
Bringing Learning to Life

Thursday 10th February

Weekly Newsletter

Diary Dates

Friday 11th February:	End of half term School closes at 3.15pm
Monday 21st February:	School Re-opens
Wednesday 2nd March:	World Book Day—Dress Up
Wednesday 9th March	Year 2 Trip to Skipton Castle
Thursday 17th March	Year 5 Trip to Brockholes
Tues 22nd & Wed 23rd March:	Parents Evening
Wednesday 30th March	Class Photographs
Wednesday 25th May:	Year 6 Trip to London and Houses of Parliament

Parking

Unfortunately we continue to have problems with parking at the front of school. I am at a loss as to why so many people drive to school when they live so close. Please park further away from school and walk. Or walk from home. It is better for mental health and wellbeing as well as the environment!

The dropped kerbs have white lines and are not to be parked on. The double yellow lines and the zig lines are not to be parked on. Nor is it acceptable or legal to pull up to drop off in these areas.

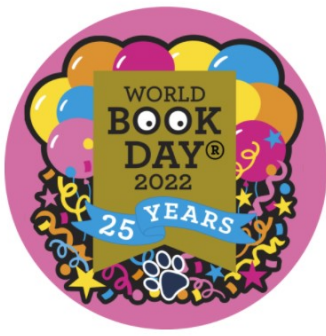
There have been a number of near misses in the last few weeks. Children and parents that are pedestrians being frightened and concerned for their safety.

Parking issues are also leading to arguments and abusive language. No one wants to witness that particularly with children around too. Any further reports of abusive outbursts will be reported to the police via 111.

One Way System

The One Way system no longer needs to be followed. Thank you.

We will keep the additional gate open for Year 3 and 4 parents to **walk out that way**. Please do not walk from the car park past year 3 and 4 to the quiet area if collecting from year 3 and 4 - please continue to walk round.



World Book Day— Wednesday 2nd March
We are inviting the children to dress up as a book character.

World Book Day - Competition

For our competition this year, children can design a **book in a box**.

Children can use a shoe box or cereal box to create a book in a box. The competition is optional and to be completed at home if the children wish to join in.

We are asking the children to bring in a shoebox with several items that represent a book, or a scene from a book, that they have read recently. The purpose of this is to increase book talk in the school. On the day, the children will be given the opportunity to talk about the book that they have chosen to represent, as well as explore other children's boxes. This will be a wonderful way to share what has been read and to seek inspiration for new books!

Any entries need to be brought into school on Monday 28th February.

Please ensure your child's name is clearly displayed on the entry. There will be one winner in each class and these will be announced on Wednesday 2nd March when we celebrate World Book Day in School.

Ideas:



Times Tables and Mental Maths

Please can we remind and encourage parents to work on basic maths skills at home. Children in Year 2 upwards need to know their times tables. These will have been specifically detailed on their progress reports.

These can be practised through games, apps, Times Tables Rockstars. **A few minutes a day** can make a huge difference to children's confidence in these areas.

Children in Year 4 have an online test in June. Timestables are a key maths skill that support so many other aspects of maths. If children are fluent and fast in their times table facts it makes maths so much easier for them. Please support your child with this. Thank you!

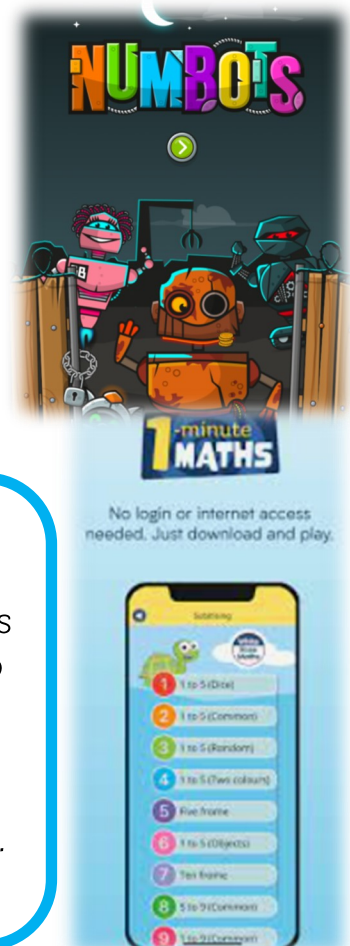


Numbots

This is great for KS1, children in Year 1 and 2 have a log in. Some children in Year 3 will still benefit from using this App also. Children in Reception will bring home a log in after half term for Numbots.

New App for KS1

1 Minute App: This new App is free to download and excellent for children in reception and KS1.



Water Bottles

All children need a water bottle for school.
Please remember these each morning.
Thank you!



Extracurricular Clubs

These will start again after half term. There are a range of clubs on offer for different year groups. Some clubs are at lunchtime and some are after school.

Look out for forms that are being sent home via email to register your interest.

A confirmation text will be sent the first week back to confirm if your child has a place.

Chess club, Boccia, Gymnastics, are at lunchtime.

Football for Y4/5, Netball for Y5/6, Craft Club for Y1/2 are all after school.

Forest Schools ~ Year 1 and Year 2—Tuesday Mornings

Year 1 and Year 2 will have **forest schools** sessions with Mrs Edwards after half term. The sessions will be on Tuesday mornings and run until May Half term.

For the sessions children need to come appropriately dressed.

KIT LIST

Children come to school in their PE kit and need to bring with them:

- hats and gloves
- water proof trousers
- a warm and water proof coat with a hood
- Wellies or walking boots.

Ideally children need a separate coat for playtime and need to wear trainers for inside school and the rest of the day.

We do have a small amount of kit in school so please contact us if do not have your own kit or are unable to purchase your own kit. Please let us know by Monday 20th February.

Children in Year 1 - Please come to school ready for your session wearing your kit and wellies/waterproofs. Please bring a bag with a spare pair of socks and trainers in.

Year 2: your session is later in the morning so please come in PE kit and trainers and bring a bag with your forest schools kit in! All items **MUST BE NAMED** please. This really helps us to support the children to keep their items together.

Forest Schools is a wonderful opportunity for the children. The children will develop so many skills in these sessions. Mrs Edwards links the learning in the forest to other subjects children are learning in class to deepen their knowledge.



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