



The Oaks Primary School
Bringing Learning to Life

Thursday 30th June

Weekly Newsletter

Sports Day Arrangements

Monday 4th for KS2 / Tuesday 5th for Rec and KS1

For many of you this will be your first Sports Day at The Oaks. Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the arrangements to ensure we keep everyone safe and help the event run smoothly.

- Fingers crossed, the forecast is looking good! *If we have to cancel a text will be sent to parents in the morning.*
- Please send children with a sun hat: sun cream already applied and wearing their PE kit.
- Please send their usual water bottles, we can refill in school.
- There will be a designated area for spectators to sit.
- **Please bring your own chairs and rugs to sit on.** There will be a limited number of school chairs available.
- The gate will open at 1.20pm and Sports Day will start around 1.30pm.
- At the end of Sports Day all children will need to go back to class and will be dismissed at normal time at 3.15pm.
- Refreshments will be on sale.
- **Please do not come over to the children's seating area.** Staff need to ensure children are kept safe and in their allocated area at all time.
- Please do not bring dogs.
- Please do not smoke or drink alcohol

Thank you for your support

Diary Dates

Key Stage 2 SPORTS DAY—1.30pm
Rec & Key Stage 1 SPORTS DAY—1.30pm
Year 5 at Sharples High School—Arts Day
Reception Class Assembly 2.40pm
Year 6 Leavers Party 7-9pm
Year 6 Leavers Assembly 6-7pm

Monday 4th July
Tuesday 5th July
Wednesday 6th July
Tuesday 12th July
Tuesday 19th July
Thursday 21st July

Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.

Reports to Parents

These will be sent home W/B 11th July.

A reply slip will be sent home with the reports for your comments and feedback.

NEXT YEAR ~ Messages and Reminders

Ruck Sacks in KS1

Ruck Sacks are only allowed in KS2. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 need to bring their books in their book bag. These are available from the school office. The cloak rooms do not have space for big bags. Book Bags are much easier for the children and teachers to organise in their classrooms.

PE Kit and Brands

From September all children need to wear PLAIN black shorts or joggers or leggings. Please do not allow your child to wear branded sportswear for PE, it is creating competition and anxiety between peers and that is one of the main reasons we have a school uniform. No small white logos of any sort will be allowed. Please plan ahead and order a couple of pairs of shorts and or leggings/joggers. Supermarkets and M & S do plain ones. Thank you!

Pierced Ears

Please plan ahead and get ears pierced at the beginning of the holiday. Children are not allowed to wear earrings at school. Thank you.

Supporting your child's learning at home. Some helpful ideas!

There are lots of ways to support your child with their learning. The most successful children are those that are well supported at home.

'Support' can take various guises:

- Ensuring your child is well organised with the correct kit and resources for school
- Reading with your child regularly whatever their age. Sharing books and raising the profile of reading.
- Helping your child log home learning on SeeSaw
- Visiting a library or researching projects online
- From Year 1—help your children learn their spellings each week - little and often works best!
- Can your child tell the time? Use everyday routines to practise telling the time and solving problems.
- Support your child with money. Can they recognise the coins? Can they calculate the correct costs and the change?
- Reducing screen time: make sure screen time is kept to a minimum. Can children complete their home learning before going on screen time?
- Keep technology out of the bedroom
- Plenty of sleep!

Please do come and speak to us if you require support yourself or any further ideas of how to engage your child at home.

Please ensure that your accounts are up to date. All payments need to be made for school dinner money in advance. School meals are £11 a week and should be paid in advance.

Please log on to Pay 360 to check what you owe and clear the balance. Any issues please let me know!

One of our school values is APPRECIATION...

Please chat to your child at home about the value appreciation. In school we discuss this value regularly and reward children for showing appreciation. This could be shown through using manners such as please and thank you. We encourage children to appreciate the opportunities they are given and not just material objects. However, we do expect them to appreciate materials and resources in school and look after these.

Children of this generation often find appreciation difficult to understand. They take things for granted, expect more and for objects to be achieved quicker and in a more immediate way. Everything is instant, can be ordered online, downloaded etc. Sometimes we all forget to appreciate each other and what we have in our lives.

So this week, if you can, please take a little time to consider these ideas below....

- Say please and thank you. ...
- Help someone less fortunate. ...
- Send out thank you cards. ...
- Look for awe-inspiring moments in your day. ...
- Share your gratitude at the dinner table. ...
- Compliment others
- Set expectations when shopping. ...
- Make giving and volunteering a habit. ...



School Kitchen

We are currently experiencing supply issues in the kitchen meaning that sometimes lunches are having to be altered at the last minute. Staff are working hard to minimise the disruption to children but sometimes these have been unavoidable.

Our kitchen manger has also been poorly for the last two months which has exasperated the challenges for staff.

Staff Carpark

The carpark is for Staff use only. Please do not park on the car park after 7.45am. Staff are unable to park when they arrive at school!