



*The lunch last Sunday at the community centre was fantastic and it was lovely to see so many children and families at the event. The Old Oak Bubble and Squeak children represented the school really well and impressed everyone with the way they spoke and behaved.*

*I hope your child has a reading book they are enjoying at home, either with you or independently. I have said before that reading is the single most important thing that can support your child at school in all subjects. It also helps children to develop their vocabulary and the number of words they can use. A poor or limited vocabulary is a real barrier to your child's progress. You can help them by making sure they read every night!*

*Finally, I showed a visitor around on Wednesday afternoon, and we were both impressed with the amount of music going on in classes just before the end of the day. Year 6 were drumming in the upstairs hall, Year 3 were playing the recorders and the choir were practising in the music room. The Royal College of Music students had just left the school after working with the reception children! All of this provision is still taught by specialists, is free to all children and for me, remains a big part of life at the school. However, if you would like your child to learn an instrument after school and pay for the tuition, this can also be arranged.*

*Finally, please check the lost property if your child has lost school uniform. I counted 16 Old Oak sweatshirts, 3 cardigans, 4 fleeces and 3 rucksacks in the key stage 2 lost property alone. There were also at least 9 coats in there as well!*

*Have a lovely weekend!  
Mr. Brown*



Children on the Scrubs this week

### **ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

If your child is not in school, you must call and let us know. If you do not, WE WILL CALL YOU TO FIND OUT WHY. We have a duty of care to your child to do this. If we cannot contact you, the absence will be unauthorised. Unauthorised absence is a child protection issue for the school – a child is not in school and we do not know where they are – and could involve Children Services.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

If you, or any of the contacts we have, change their mobile phone number, please let us know immediately so we can change the details on our system. We must be able to contact you at all times.

### **MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**

If your child has a medical appointment during the day, please bring evidence of the appointment on paper or on your phone.

### **PUNCTUALITY**

School starts at 8.55am. For Nursery and Reception parents and children, the gates are open until

9.05am to allow parents to get an older child to another gate beforehand. We then close the Nursery and Reception gate and staff settle the children and begin the day. If you are late, please wait in the main reception area until 9.25am, when your child will be collected by a member of staff. The mornings are very busy in the Early Years and it is not possible for a member of staff to keep opening the gate for children who are late.

### CLUBS

Look out for the invitations to the clubs on Monday. Some of the clubs were very popular and we will have to choose the children by lottery on this occasion as the groups cannot be too big. If your child is not successful this time round, then they will be put on the waiting list for next term. The clubs will start next week and run on 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> November from 3.15-4.15pm.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The School photographs will be taken on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 by a company called Braiswick. Please keep this date in your diary! The company is new to Old Oak Primary School. However, they are a very reputable organisation with considerable experience working with children of all ages. Please be aware all photographs will be taken in one day. To ensure this runs as smoothly as possible you will have 2 choices only as follows:

- 8.00am for family photos/ sibling photos only. This includes afternoon session nursery children. You will have to bring your child/children in at 8.00 or we will not be able to accommodate pm nursery children.
- All individual photos of children will be taken class by class throughout the day – no family photographs will be taken during that time.

If you have any questions please speak to Beverley Beason, the School Business Manager, located in the Admin Office.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL- FINAL REMINDER

**PLEASE BRING CANS AND PACKETS OF FOOD TO SCHOOL BEFORE OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>.**  
**We will distribute the food across the estate on 20<sup>th</sup> October.**

**WE DO NOT ALLOW ANYTHING WITH NUTS IN THE SCHOOL AT ANY TIME. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHILDREN WITH ANY FOOD THAT CONTAINS NUTS.**

### LEARNING THIS WEEK IN CLASSES -

Each week we will let you know about some of the learning in class so you can talk about this with your child. All of your children will have begun a new class reading book this week. Ask them about this and what has happened so far.

Class	Learning
Nursery	We have exploring shapes and patterns and making collages
Peach and Rowan	We have been adding candles to our cakes and counting them and learning the sounds <b>d/o/u/g</b>

Olive	We have talked about Autumn and talked about resilience
Maple	We are preparing to write a newspaper report and talking about thoughtfulness
Hazel	We have been counting on and back from 2 digit numbers
Laurel	We have been learning how to improve our writing and counting in steps of 50
Magnolia	We have been learning about sound with sound strings and written some poetry about wolves
Sycamore	We have been learning about the parts of the ear and learning how to stay safe on the computer
Willow and Elm	We have been counting beyond and below zero and writing a persuasive argument
Hawthorn and Plum	We have been practising our English grammar- extended noun phrases and fronted adverbials - and looked at the structure of poetry and revised our written work

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**- Elm class visit the British Museum

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – Willow class visit the British Museum

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Years 1 and 2 have road safety performance

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Elm class assembly at 10.15am in the lower hall

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – the boys and girls' football teams play in the Mayor's Cup

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – school photographer is in school

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival assembly at 10.15am

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Governors meeting 6.00pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – distribution of the Harvest Festival food collected to those in need on the estate

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – last day of the half term. School finishes at the normal time