



Old Oak Primary School Newsletter 10th January 2020

Welcome back everyone and I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. It already seems a long time ago even after one week! But it is so impressive how quickly the children have settled into school life again and I have already given out several stamps of excellence! The Spring term is key for your child as they have settled in with the new class and routines, so this is often when the children really begin to shine. I am looking forward to seeing many more children with fantastic work who would like a stamp.

Some key events this term include the Playground Bagel Breakfast initiative from 20th January and our move to be a healthier school. We are also beginning our workshop consultation with parents on the new Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education. See below for more information.

We are also going to be moving back to the homework books again this term as some of the children have found the folders difficult to maintain. These should be going home next week.

Finally, for your child's safety, can I remind parents that if their child/children are being picked up by somebody different, that the school is told in advance. We cannot release a child at the end of the day to another adult if we have not been informed beforehand.

Picture of the Week!



Children and parents in reception class enjoying a book at the beginning of the day. Have a good weekend.

Mr. Brown

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION POLICY – PARENT WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 28th January – 9.00am

or

Thursday 30th January – 4.30pm

These will take place in the lower hall. We will inform parents and carers about the changes we will make to how and what we teach with regard to the Relationships and Sex Education curriculum. Please come to one of these workshops. There is one workshop in the morning and one in the afternoon for working parents.

LET'S MAKE OLD OAK A HEALTHIER SCHOOL

We agree with the government and are supportive of the drive to address childhood obesity and the health problems this may cause. As the government states:

“Schools are a vital part of our plan, and have opportunities to support healthier eating, physical activity and to shape healthy habits. Schools also have unique contact with parents and can signpost them to information and advice on keeping their children healthy. From September 2017, we will introduce a new voluntary healthy rating scheme for primary schools to recognise and encourage their contribution to preventing obesity by helping children to eat better and move more. This scheme will be taken into account during Ofsted inspections.” **Childhood Obesity: a plan for action**

We are now asking that cakes are not brought into school on birthdays. If every child brings a cake in, then each child eats a cake in school 30 times a year, which is almost once a week! We understand that birthdays are important to children and there should be some celebration. We are looking for alternative ways to allow children to celebrate birthdays, so if you have any ideas, please suggest them to me at the gate before and after school.

REMINDER - OLD OAK IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL

PLAYGROUND BAGEL PROJECT- REMINDER

From Monday, 20th January, the school will provide a bagel for every child who would like one. These will be available from **8.40-8.50am** in the key stage 1 playground. The gate will open 5 minutes earlier at **8.40am**.

This week's Punctuality and Attendance 07/01/2020 - 10/01/2020.

Group	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend	Late
R Peach	7.7	1.9	90.4	6
1 Hazel	8.9	11.3	79.8	5
1/2 Rowan	2.2	6.5	91.3	1
2 Maple	0.0	6.0	94.0	2
3 Laurel	5.3	7.4	87.2	4
3/4 Magnolia	1.0	4.2	94.8	12
4 Sycamore	0.0	0.0	100.0	0
5 Willow	1.3	2.1	96.7	2
5/6 Plum	4.2	2.5	93.3	3
6 Hawthorne	3.1	6.3	90.6	3
Totals	3.9	5.1	89.8	42

Punctuality:

EY/KS1: Rowan class only had 1 late and Maple had 2.

KS2: Sycamore had no late marks and Willow had 2.

Overall there were 42 late marks this week.

Attendance:

EY/KS1: Maple class had the best attendance with 94.0%

KS2: Sycamore had 100%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday, 15th January – Laurel Class assembly at 10.15am

Wednesday, 15th January – Mr. Brown attending a headteacher meeting in Hammersmith

Friday, 17th January – Reading Open Morning for parents in Key Stage 1

Friday 17th January – Hawthorn class visit Imperial College for the day

