

# Oakwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school and to see them keen to get into their classrooms and see their friends and all the staff again. There is already an excited buzz of learning through the school which is inspiring to see.

This week, the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) team have very much enjoyed meeting the children and families who will be joining Oakwood this year. As always, these meetings are really helpful, and it has been great to be able to help the children explore our classrooms and begin to settle. Welcome!

We welcome four new members of staff this year: Mrs Thompson, our new Deputy Headteacher; Mrs Islam and Miss Peers, our new class teachers in Poplar and Lime respectively; and Mrs Khan, our new Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA). We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs Lawson, our specialist music teacher, who is now back in school on Tuesdays to lead music lessons and singing assemblies in Key Stage 2.

We will be sending out a newsletter every two weeks to share and celebrate the successes and achievements of our community here at Oakwood with you. We will also include key dates for your diary of upcoming events, important reminders and useful links.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend  
The Oakwood Team

### Important dates for your diary...

#### Meet the Teacher dates:

Class	Day	Time
Ash	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.35-3.05
Beech Year 1 "O" children	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.35-3.05
Beech Year 2 "K" children	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00-9.30
Cherry "O" children	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00-9.30
Cherry "A" children	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.35-3.05
Lime "O" children	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00-9.30
Lime "K" children	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.40-3.10
Maple	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.40-3.10
Poplar	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.40-3.10
Rowan	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.40-3.10
Sycamore	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.40-3.10
Willow	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2.40-3.10

You will now have been sent term dates for this academic year and these are also published on the school website.

### Recommended reading...

At Oakwood, we really value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge. We hope you and your children enjoy this week's selection of books!

Following lockdown, you may not be aware that libraries are open again. Please do visit your local library and you may well find some of these books there.

#### Reception

*First Day at Bug School*  
by Sam Lloyd



#### Key Stage 1

*Life is Magic*  
by Meg McLaren



#### Lower Key Stage 2

*Real-Life Mysteries*  
Author: Susan Martineau  
Illustrator: Vicky Barker



#### Upper Key Stage 2

*Secrets of a Sun King*  
by Emma Carroll



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## Celebration Assembly

Every week, a celebration assembly will be held to mark children's successes, efforts and achievement individually and as a class. During these uncertain times, classes have been celebrating their successes within their own classrooms. We will continue to review the situation and when we feel it is safe to do so we will have assemblies as phases and eventually as a whole school.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the areas we celebrate during this assembly.



Each class celebrates a **'Person of the Week'** for demonstrating values which are highly cherished in our school.

In every class, a few children are chosen to receive a special mention. This certificate is to indicate that a member of staff has noticed that child for a particular reason that week, whether that is for persevering in their learning, doing additional home learning, helping a friend, learning a new skill, being a responsible monitor and many more.



The **'Golden Dustpan and Brush'** celebrates the tidiest classroom.

The **'Golden Clock'** celebrates the class with the best attendance and punctuality.



If your child receives one of the above celebrations, please do speak to them and the teacher about it. We truly value our children here at Oakwood and their contributions to the Oakwood community.

## Oakwood Ducklings' new home!



Over the summer our Oakwood ducks moved to their new home at Woodside Animal Farm. Some of our members of staff have visited them and we can report that they have settled in very nicely!

## The daily run

Classes in Key Stage 2 have been inspired by the Olympics to get straight out on our excellent running track (especially in the glorious sunshine!) to set targets for the daily run. We are determined to improve our personal best!



## Work of the week!

We will be reinstating our 'Work of the Week' display next week. Every week an exemplary piece of learning is chosen to be displayed in our school dining hall. This is an excellent opportunity for students to learn from one another because the knowledge, or skills exemplified in the piece are highlighted for all to see and celebrated in our newsletter.

**Please remember if you have any queries or questions, do make an appointment to come and speak to a member of staff. We are always very happy to meet with you. Don't let a little worry become a big one!**