

PARENT SURVEY

Treasure Week, RESULTS Trash

**TOP
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**YOU
SAID**

**WHAT HAPPENS
CURRENTLY AND
ACTIONS SO FAR**

**FURTHER
PLANNED
ACTIONS**

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**YOU WANT US
TO BAN
SMARTPHONES
FROM SCHOOL**

We have joined the consortium of schools promoting a smartphone free childhood

We have facilitated the parent led group to meet at school

Our current school rule is that children who walk home alone can bring a smartphone to school but it must remain in their bag at all times (including on the playground before and after school)

From September 2024, children will no longer be permitted to bring smartphones to school.

Children who walk home from school will be permitted to bring a “dumbphone” as long as it remains off and in their bag at all times.

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**YOU
TREASURE
OPAL AND
YOU WOULD
LIKE US TO
DEVELOP
THIS
FURTHER**

We are now running the OPAL programme every day

The OPAL working group includes a parent rep and a governor rep and we plan half-termly meetings to review progress and discuss any concerns

All staff have had training on the OPAL programme and adventurous play

We have adopted a new Play Policy

We can't wait to bring in a wider range of engaging play activities and quiet places outside so that all children have somewhere they can play in the way that suits them.

We will continue to regularly monitor and review the impact of OPAL on children's behaviour and wellbeing.

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YOU WOULD LIKE US TO OPEN EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES TO CHILDREN IN EYFS AND KS1.

Currently, the PTA run gardening club for KS1 during the school day. Other clubs are available from KS2 onwards. We have been in touch with club providers to find out which activities can start from earlier year groups. Some clubs have said they could start from Year 1 or 2 and we have mapped our school capacity to see where and when we can accommodate more clubs.

We have exciting plans to open clubs to younger year groups from September 2024 and we will be in touch as soon as possible with further details.

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YOU VALUE THE INCLUSIVE NATURE OF OUR EXISTING SPORTS CLUBS. YOU WOULD LIKE US TO DEVELOP THE NUMBER AND RANGE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY PROVIDING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN TO TAKE PART IN SPORTS.

We currently run extra-curricular sports clubs such as netball, football, multi-sports, fencing, acrobatics and speed-stacking, in addition to clubs across other areas of the curriculum. Our full list of current extra-curricular clubs can be found [here](#). We have been in touch with club providers to find out about additional sports activities.

We plan to increase the number and range of clubs available before school, after school and at lunch time from September 2024. This will include more sports clubs as well as clubs across other areas of the curriculum.

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YOU WOULD LIKE THERE TO BE MORE PLACES AVAILABLE AT JOUSTERS AFTER SCHOOL.

Jousters currently has a capacity of 60 places. The waiting lists are longest on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Thompson and Jennie, Rachel and Karen from Jousters have had several meetings to review the current arrangements and make plans for a way forward. More parents wanted to prioritise a wider variety of clubs and access to clubs from younger year groups, rather than more places for Jousters. However, we recognise that there is a waiting list for Jousters in the middle of the week.

Oakwood and Jousters are delighted to announce that we have agreed a plan to expand the number of after school places on Wednesdays and Thursdays from September 2024.

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YOU WOULD LIKE JOUSTERS BREAKFAST CLUB TO BE ABLE TO OPEN EARLIER IN THE MORNING

Jousters breakfast club currently opens at 7:50am. This is based on the start time of both Oakwood and Jousters staff and the safety checks that need to be completed before opening.

Mrs Thompson and Jennie, Rachel and Karen from Jousters have had several meetings this term to review the current arrangements and make plans for a way forward. This has included some intensive and lengthy investigation into safeguarding and health and safety legislation that would need to be in place for Jousters to legally and safely open in the mornings before school staff arrive on site.

Both Oakwood and Jousters would love to find a way for Jousters to open earlier in the morning. However, neither Jousters nor Oakwood currently have the staffing to be able to safely do so. We will continue to meet and consider possible solutions as we do want to support our families with this.

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YOU WOULD LIKE US TO MAKE MORE USE OF THE OUTDOOR AREA FOR LEARNING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM.

We are blessed to have wonderful, expansive grounds and a brilliant PTA who have devoted so much time to develop these.

We now use The Brambles and KS1 quiet garden every day at lunchtime.

Many classes use the outdoor areas for learning across the curriculum (for example in maths and science). However, we recognise that we could further develop this.

We plan to undertake a thorough review of our curriculum over the next year. We have arranged a package of support from a specialist advisor to help with this curriculum development. There is lots of work to do, including diversifying the curriculum, but we hope that our curriculum design can include mapping out opportunities for every year group to spend more time learning outdoors.

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YOU WOULD LIKE INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN TO PERFORM AND DEVELOP THEIR PUBLIC SPEAKING/MORE ASSEMBLIES FOR PARENTS.

Current performances to parents include: Christmas assembly for EYFS and KS1; LKS2 topic assembly and music performance; Y5 "Joseph" show, Y6 school play.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) consisting of the three Key Stage Leads as well as Mr Stanway and Mrs Thompson, have had a meeting to discuss ideas so far.

We absolutely want to increase performance opportunities for children and we would love to share more of our learning with you! We intend to map out a termly assembly for each phase so that these opportunities are consistent across the school.

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YOU WOULD LIKE US TO DEVELOP MUSIC PROVISION AND BUILD ON CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN INSTRUMENTS.

All children have music lessons within classes as part of the national curriculum. In addition, we hold weekly singing assemblies. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 learn a musical instrument. Currently this is recorders (taught by teachers) and violins (taught by an external specialist) This is funded by school and provided free of charge to parents. Extra-curricular instrument tuition is available 1:1 or in small groups and is delivered by Herts Music Service. Currently children can learn clarinet, flute or guitar.

We have an upcoming meeting with Herts Music Service to enquire about additional instruments and support packages they have available.

We want to recognise and continue the passion that Ms Buckley had for universal music provision. We are very keen to explore options of expanding our music offer and will update you when we are able to do so. We are also keen to set up a school choir and hope to be able to start this in the next academic year.

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YOU WOULD LIKE US TO RELAX THE CURRENT SCHOOL UNIFORM TO MAKE IT MORE PLAY AND WASHING FRIENDLY.

Our current uniform policy is published [here](#)

The changes proposed by parents are:

- Option of a bottle green polo shirt in addition to the white polo shirt
- Option of black or grey leggings instead of skirts/dresses

Option to wear Oakwood fleeces instead of jumpers/cardigans

We think these are brilliant ideas from the parents and we will be adopting these changes from September 2024.