

# Question and Answer Time

November 2023



At Oakwood, we value the views of our pupils and also want Oakwood to be the best it can be. With this in mind, the children were invited to ask Ms Buckley about learning and the running of the school.

The children from UKS2 asked the following questions:

## ***Could we have a non-uniform day?***

Ms Buckley explained the benefits of uniform to the children. Not only is it a way of making everyone feeling a part of the group, but it is cheaper than having a wide variety of clothes to wear. A non-uniform day has been planned for early December, to help receive donations for the up-coming school fair.

## ***Could we have a non-uniform week?***

The benefits of uniform were reiterated and the need to respect that not everyone can afford the variety of clothes needed for this. Our uniform is our identity.

## ***Could we have basketball nets?***

Ms Buckley recognised that these had been ruined in the storms over the past couple of years and that it would be nice to have them again. She reminded the children of the need to take care of all equipment so that we don't have to keep replacing it.

## ***Could we have monkey bars?***

We have fantastic static play equipment in the playground, which is made more interesting by the fact that it is not the same as the local park or other areas. This is what makes it attractive to use and the park attractive to use.

## ***Could the Year 6s go back on the benches in assemblies?***

Year 6 stopped going on the benches in/after COVID and they have yet to be reintroduced. Ms Buckley reminded Year 6 of the time needed to get benches out and set up the hall, she recognised that the children did not mind doing this, but does not want to take them out of their learning any more than necessary. She also reminded the Year 6 children, that they are role models to the younger children. Behaviour on the benches would have to be exemplary and before they are reintroduced she wants to see that in every assembly.

## ***Could UKS2 do a Secret Santa?***

Ms Buckley recognised that this is an enjoyable activity, but also talked about other aspects, such as children at Oakwood generally having everything they need as well as some of the gifts bought as "Secret Santas" that often end up in landfill in a short period of time and we know Oakwood children care about the planet! Ms Buckley and Mrs Roche wondered whether a better suggestion would be for children who wish to participate to make a donation into a class charity collection.