



# Oakwood Primary School



Newsletter 31<sup>st</sup> September 2021



*Assalamu alaykum (peace be with you)*

I pray that you have had a wonderful summer holiday and that you are in the best of health and Iman Insha'Allah. I would like to welcome you all to the new school year at Oakwood Primary, we are looking forward to seeing you again on **Monday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.

A reminder that the school gates open at 8.15am for the children to complete early morning work with the gates closing at exactly **8.30am**. The end of the school day is **3.30pm** for all children. Please come into the school playground to collect your children at the end of the day.

**If your child is unable to come into school, please contact the school office by 9am.**

Please could I remind all parents to drop children off responsibly. Please do not park your car across our neighbour's drives or keep your engines running during drop off and pick up times.

***The Prophet (SAW) said:***

***Whoever believes in Allah and the last day should do well to his neighbour. (Muslim)***

## Building Work

We are so fortunate to have completed some major building and maintenance work over the summer holidays, masha'Allah. The whole school has been repainted, classrooms have had new flooring and the playground has been resurfaced.

Our reception class now has a larger outdoor classroom to utilise as well. A special mention to Ustaadh Faisal who has been at school throughout the holiday and has facilitated this work, Jazak'Allah.

## Covid Update

Here is a list of changes following the updated guidance from the government:

- All vulnerable pupils are able to attend school.
- No 'bubbles' in school.
- All classes are back to normal.
- No staggered arrival, break, lunch and leaving times
- No requirement to wear a face covering in and around school.
- No requirement for 2m distancing in the classroom and around school.
- No restriction on movement and group activities in the classroom.
- No requirement for wiping tables/keyboards/surfaces before each use.
- No restrictions on sharing of equipment.
- Specialist areas (toilets, library, dining hall) able to operate as normal.
- All trips are permitted with normal risk assessments.
- No 'waiting time' for marking pupil work.
- All parents' meetings (and parents evening) allowed in person.
- Online lessons restricted only to those pupils who are isolating at home because they themselves have tested positive.
- School no longer responsible for identifying close contacts. NHS Test & Trace will do this, though may contact school.

### School Uniform

Please could I remind all parents that children should now be wearing full school uniform, including black school shoes. Trainers will not be permitted in school unless your child has PE. Your child should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day as usual.

### Meet the Teacher

We will be giving you the chance to meet your child's teacher over the next few weeks. This will provide you with an opportunity to be introduced to the team working with your child, information about what your child will be learning over the year, our expectations and your child's PE day.

**Please see below for the dates and times:**

**Nursery** 10<sup>th</sup> September 3.45-4.30pm

**Year 1** 14<sup>th</sup> September 3.45-4.30pm

**Year 3** 16<sup>th</sup> September 3.45-4.30pm

**Year 5** 20<sup>th</sup> September 3.45-4.30pm

**Reception** 13<sup>th</sup> September 3.45-4.30pm

**Year 2** 15<sup>th</sup> September 3.45-4.30pm

**Year 4** 17<sup>th</sup> September 3.45-4.30pm

**Year 6** 22<sup>nd</sup> September 3.45-4.30pm

*The presentations will be uploaded onto the website if you are unable to attend these sessions.*

### School Lunches

We are hoping to offer your children hot school lunches and will be writing to you shortly with regards to the arrangements for this. In the meantime, please could you ensure that your children come to school with a healthy packed lunch and snack. Please be aware that we are a nut free school and that crisps (even baked), sweets and chocolates are not allowed in school anymore. If your child brings these to school, they will be told to take them home at the end of the day.

Please use these links to help you with ideas for a healthy lunch:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#4qWEXRPPUE4hRhPb.97>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/12418/lunchbox-snacks>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/how-does-sugar-in-our-diet-affect-our-health/>

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/informationsupport/support/healthy-living/healthy-eating/food-labelling>

### Diary Dates

**Monday 6th September**—school re-opens

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** – National Read a Book Day

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** – National Literacy Day

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Roald Dahl Day

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** – National TA Day

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** - Macmillan Coffee Morning

### Hadith of the Week

“Actions are according to intentions.”

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(Bukhari & Muslim)