

Oakthorpe News



Spring



Welcome back! I Hope everyone had a very enjoyable half term. It has been lovely to welcome children back into school and hear some of the great things they have been doing. We are hitting the ground running with our Spring 2 half term and getting stuck into our learning straight away.

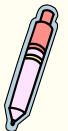
We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day with a few different activities across the week. Please see Mrs Rooney's post on Class Dojo for all of the details. We'd love to have as many parents pop along to our open events as possible!

We are in the process of sending out information about the different trips we have planned for the rest of the academic year. Please do take note of when payments need to be made by as we need to ensure all spaces are paid for to ensure the trip goes ahead. As always, if you need to speak to us regarding payment, please don't hesitate to call the office.

A reminder for Parent's Evening next week, please book on through Arbor if you haven't already. If your child is in Year 3 or 4, you do not need to book a time slot as we will be running an open-classroom event to come and look at your child's books as well as chat through any questions with myself.

I look forward to seeing everyone next week!

Parents



Year group	Attendance % We want to beat national and be over 95%!
R	98%
1	100%
2	96%
3	88%
4	95%
5	93%
6	100%

Attendance- some great attendances this week from R, Y1, Y2 and Y6. Let's keep working towards that 100% attendance!

Relish Payments- I would advise parents to set up a payment routine of pre-loading dinner money onto the Relish account rather than paying off after meals have been ordered. There are very strict requirements for dinner debt. As always, if you need support with dinner debt, please come and speak to us asap.

Oakthorpe Dates

Spring 2024-
2025



Spring Term

Monday 24th February- Children will be in school

Monday 3rd March- World Book Week begins -please see Dojo for further information

Wednesday 5th/Thursday 6th March- Parent's Evening

Thursday 20th March- Innovators trip to Tamworth Castle

Wednesday 26th March- 'Special Women'- Mother's Day celebration

Friday 11th April- Year 3/4 Assembly/LAST DAY OF TERM

Easter Holiday

Monday 28th April - Children will be in school

Monday 5th May- Bank Holiday- School Closed

Wednesday 7th May- Year 4 Rise Voices trip

Monday 12th May- Year 6 SATs week

Wednesday 14th May- Creators trip to Twycross Zoo

Wednesday 21st May- Year 6 Warning Zone trip

Friday 23rd May- Last day of half term

Please note change in date

BE A STAR

- SIT UP
- TRACK THE SPEAKER
- ANSWER QUESTIONS
- RESPECT OTHERS

STEP

- SPEAK POLITELY
- THANK YOU
- EXCUSE ME
- PLEASE

SHAPE

- SENTENCES
- HANDS DOWN
- ARTICULATE
- PROJECT
- EYE CONTACT

FIRST TIME

- FIRST TIME
- EVERY TIME
- EVERYWHERE
- EVERYONE

Fantastic Walking

- WALK IN SINGLE FILE
- WALK ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE
- WALK QUIETLY
- WALK WITH GOOD POSTURE- HEAD HELD HIGH, SHOULDERS BACK
- SMILE AS YOU PASS PEOPLE



Attendance Matters

Autumn ailments

Did you know that children can still attend school with a cough and a cold? Minor medical ailments such as headaches, coughs, colds, toothache and stomach ache can all be helped with over-the-counter medicines. These medicines should be administered before school to give your child the best chance of being able to still attend school. School will contact parents/carers if any child becomes too unwell to remain in school.

What happens if my child misses school?

There are many consequences of children missing time in school, such as:

- missing out on key learning and creating gaps in knowledge
- missing out on key social times with friends
- increasing anxiety and worries
- feel less of a sense of belonging

What happens if my child is late to school?

There are many consequences of children being late to school:

- missing out on important routines
- increased feelings of embarrassment upon arrival
- missing out on the main input of lessons, leading to not understanding their learning

We want to support all of our families in ensuring that all children have attendance over 95%. PLEASE ask for support from school to make this happen.