



Newsletter 1 (4.9.15)

Welcome back to a new academic year. I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

New developments

Some of you will have noticed our Reception area has changed. We now have a waiting area; this is to ensure that our visitors have a comfortable place to meet us and also to improve our safeguarding practice – keeping children and staff safe. In order to do this, visitors will need to wait in the waiting area until the person they are visiting comes to collect them. Only authorised adults will be able to let visitors in. Children will be discouraged from opening the main doors.

My office has also been moved to a more central place in the school. This is intended to make me more accessible for the children and staff and enable me to be more in touch with the school at work.

Mrs Baulch has also moved and she is now in my old office.

We are now having freshly cooked food for everyone and based on the first lunchtime there has been great positive feedback. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control we have had some teething problems with the ordering system. I would like to thank you for your understanding and we are sure we will be fully operational from Monday. Your orders for next week can now be placed.

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome our new members of staff: Mrs Nikki McDonald (Deputy Head), Mr John Ironmonger (Y6), Miss Mara Grkinic (Y5), Miss Polly Murdock (Y5), Miss Emma Goodman (Y1) & Mrs Chloe Heskin (Y3).

Good News

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Annetts has had a beautiful baby boy called Oscar on 22nd August 2015.

Some of you may have noticed that in previous letters our new Y3 teacher was Miss Piper, we would like to congratulate her on her recent marriage during the holidays – she is now Mrs Heskin



Mrs Baulch and Mrs Ducker took part in the 10k Race for Life, in support of Zain, in Cambridge and were able to raise £180 for Cancer Research.

Key Dates for the next term

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| Monday 7 th September | Reception in full time. Y6 off to PGL |
| Friday 9 th September | Y6 return from PGL |
| Wednesday 14 th October | Parents evening (4:00-7:00) |
| Thursday 15 th October | Parents evening (3:40-5:30) |
| Thursday 22 nd October | KS1 and KS2 Discos (5:00-8:00) – Halloween theme |
| Friday 23 rd October | 9:00am Y3 Harvest Assembly Close for Half term |
| Monday 2 nd November | Training Day |
| Tuesday 3 rd November | Children return to school |

Over the next few weeks we are hoping to be able to give you further dates for the year including future trips and charity events.

Gentle Reminders

Please can we make sure that all children's uniform and PE kit are named?

In Schools, there is an expectation for attendance to be at least 95%. At Oakley Vale we strive for that percentage to be much higher. To enable us to achieve this it is important that your children attend school every day as long as they are fit and well. Please avoid taking them out of school for holidays in term time (these will be recorded as unauthorised). If children have poor attendance this can have a significant effect on them achieving their full potential. It is also equally important that the children are on time at the beginning of the day.

Please can you make sure that you park safely and consider our neighbours around school and not park across their drives?

Also can I remind you that the drop off point on Lyveden Way is for dropping off only and not for parking unless you have a Blue Badge.

We all look forward to working together with you, to ensure the children achieve their very best.

Kind Regards

Miss Emma Goodwin
Head teacher

Please provide any comments or questions you wish to share and leave in the identified box at Reception.

Name (optional)

