



Wednesday 20th March 2019

**Term 4**

(Term 4/ issue 1)

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to our new look newsletter! Here are at Oakley Vale we are torchbearers for Ambition for All for March. We started our celebrations with a very successful STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) week. Thank you to everyone for all your support during the week. There are still further exciting events planned for the rest of the month including Oakley Vale's Got Talent. We hope you will be able to join us and don't forget to look out for the staff dance.

Best wishes

Emma Goodwin

(Principal)

## Dates for your diary...

March 2018	Oakley Vale's Ambition For All month
22nd March	Oakley Vale's got talent 7pm
26th March	Parents evening 4:00-7:00pm
27th March	Parents evening 3:30-5:30pm
1st April	Easter competition starts (details have already been sent out)
5th April	School closes for Easter
23rd April	Training day- school closed for children
Wednesday 24th April	School re-opens for children



A big thank you to everyone who came in dressed in red and donated money for Red Nose Day!

We raised a massive....

**£282.59**

## Attendance (end of term 3)

Year R	94.8%
Year 1	94.9%
Year 2	94.7%
Year 3	97.6%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	95.8%

Well done to Year 3 who currently have above average attendance, closely followed by Year 4 and Year 5 who have a just above national average attendance too. We will report back on the attendance in term 4 after the Easter holidays.

Please remember that registration is from 8.50-9.00am and after that your child will be recorded as late. Can we also remind you that term time holiday is unauthorised and that you risk a fine from the Local Authority if you take holiday during term time.

<p>0-89.9% Significantly below the national average. This means being persistently absent from</p>	<p>90-93.9% Below national. At risk of dropping into the persistent absent group.</p>	<p>94-95.9% Below the national average.</p>	<p>96-96.9% Just above national average.</p>	<p>97-100% Above the national average.</p>
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## From around the school



Well done to some Year 3 and 4 children who took part in a handball competition in Kettering.



Some of the Year 1 had a great time at the Northants Cricket Festival at the Northampton County Ground. They learned a range of different cricket skills in fun games. Well done everyone!



## STEM week

The children have all had such an exciting week studying various aspects of STEM (science, maths, engineering and Maths) during the week. All of the children were heavily involved in a wide variety of activities. The week also included World Maths day and World Book day. Some of the activities can be seen on our Twitter page, so please follow us. The week culminated in a competition between all the vehicles that the classes had made. Thank you to all the parents who came to support the school and show the children that the hard work they had put in was worth it. A big well done to Wolves whose vehicle went the furthest!



## Year 6



As well as being busy preparing for their SATs, the Year 6 children have also been learning to dance. They have all enjoyed learning the new skills!



## Year 3



Year 3 ended their Greek topic with a dress up day and lots of fun activities. It was really good to see so much support and so many talented adults too!

## Reception



Reception have been really busy exploring and developing their outside area. It has offered some great opportunities for team work and turn taking.





## Year 4



The children had a Victorian dressing up to mark the start of their new topic for term 4. The children experienced life as a Victorian child and were lucky enough to even play outside in the sunshine too.



The children also used Pancake day as an opportunity to work on fractions in maths. There was lots of fabulous team work and discussions around what fractions they had made. It also allowed deeper discussions to challenge the more able to children and make them think even harder!



## Year 1



The children in year 1 have continued their topic about The Circus by learning some circus skills of their own. What an exciting afternoon they all had. The children have written a recount text all about the fun they had too. As well as all of this hard work the children have been busy planting outside their classrooms.



## Year 5



Year 5 have continued their topic of School of Wizardry and Witchcraft and have been busy making wands. The magic continues! They have been experimenting with reading in unusual places too.





## Year 2

The Year 2 children have been outside enjoying the amazing weather we had after half term. We are so lucky at Oakley Vale to have such fabulous grounds.



The Oakley Vale Ambition for All month is in full swing and the cake sales are in proving successful. Thank you for supporting the school.



Here is one of the amazing cakes that have been made and donated so far.

The first Slipper Friday was a huge success and all of the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day. It certainly brightened up the school! Thank you for all of your support and could we just remind you that slippers or indoor shoes must have covered toes, for health and safety reasons.



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**@oakleyvalepri**



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