

## To All Parents

The year started with most of us having to learn new teaching skills to help our children through homeschooling to ensure that they kept up with their education. The homeschooling season was challenging for some parents and enjoyable for others. All the same, we are glad that our children have gone back to school and to some bit of normality.

## New Team:

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, the PTA held an Annual General Meeting which saw two new faces to the committee. Raymond Chitwanga and Nick Dewhirst were elected Chair and Treasurer respectively. They took over from Nicola Bennett who has been leading the PTA for two years as both Chair and Treasurer. Kristy Shields served as PTA Secretary. Nicola then took over as Interim Secretary. We applaud them for their fantastic work and achievements made during their term of office. This means that the bolstered committee will be well placed to build on the success of the last committee. It is great to have dads on the committee too!

We also would like to applaud the team of volunteers who worked tirelessly and could be relied upon to help even at short notice.

## Our Vision:

Our vision is to support the school as much as we can to ensure that all students have the best educational experience. This is supported by two building blocks:

- Closer engagement and working relationship with the school (administrators, staff and students)
- Closer engagement and working relationship with all parents.

This will be underpinned by driving consistency in everything we do and increasing our budget / resources. We will continue to seek opportunities to raise more funds for the school and keep the parents involved and informed. We also plan to either issue a report or call a meeting for all parents every term informing everyone of the upcoming events and accomplishments.

## Calendar

In the spirit of keeping everyone informed, we have attached a draft calendar for the upcoming events. This gives everyone a picture of current planned events. These are subject to government guidance on events.

## Call to Action

We are calling all parents to be involved. We are asking for ideas, views and proposals of how we can raise funds to support the school in these challenging times. We will be coming to parents with lists of areas we can make an impact and requesting your opinion on priorities. We are also asking for parents to volunteer their time and / or resources whenever we have events. We are waiting to hear from all of you. Together we can achieve more.

We have asked the school authorities to help us so we can achieve our vision together.

Please see our contact email, and link to the Oakley Vale PTA Facebook and Twitter accounts at the bottom of this letter. Please contact us to let us know of any fundraising ideas you may have, any ideas you may have where we can use our resources to improve the school and if you would like to join the PTA or can volunteer at future events.




## Next...Easter Parade

For our next event we are planning to run the Easter Parade, which has been held for the last few years at the school. Considering the current conditions and government guidelines with regards to events, we will continue with Easter Bonnets for Key Stage 1 pupils and Egg Decorating for Key Stage 2 pupils. Please ensure that Key Stage 2 children bring boiled eggs with them. We are proposing not to do egg rolling this time around, as this will be difficult to maintain the year bubbles.

In previous years we have used this event to raise funds by selling refreshments, but as we are unable to hold the usual event at the school, this year we will be encouraging every parent to give their children a donation to the PTA. Anything you can spare would be greatly appreciated by us all, and will be used to fund further improvements to the school. To allow us to have as little contact as possible we will be arranging for donation pots to be placed in each class where your donation can be deposited safely. Every child will receive a treat for taking part from the PTA and prizes will be awarded to winners in each bubble.

We look forward to the year, and to achieving greater successes as parents.

Yours,

		
Raymond Chitwanga (Chair)	Nick Dewhirst (Treasurer)	Nicola Bennett (Interim Secretary)

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January 2021							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
53				1	2	3	
1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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4	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2021							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 AGM
6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Disco
7	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2021							
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9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Easter Parade
12	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
13	29	30	31				

April 2021							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
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16	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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May 2021							
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21	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
22	31						

June 2021							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
22		1	2	3	4	5	6 Sports Day
23	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Summer Fayre
24	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	28	29	30				

July 2021							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
26			1	2	3	4	5 Poppy Sale
27	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Parents Meeting
28	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Leavers Disco
29	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
30	26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2021							
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35	30	31					

September 2021							
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38	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
39	27	28	29	30			

October 2021							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
39				1	2	3	
40	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
41	11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Disco
42	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
43	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2021							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
44	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
45	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
46	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Parents Meeting
47	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
48	29	30					

December 2021							
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	
48		1	2	3	4	5	6 Christmas Fayre
49	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
50	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
51	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
52	27	28	29	30	31		

**1 January** New Year's Day  
**14 February** Carnival  
**14 February** Valentine  
**14 March** Mothering Sunday  
**17 March** St Patrick's Day  
**28 March** Daylight Saving (start)  
**1 April** April Fools' Day

**2 April** Good Friday  
**4 April** Easter  
**5 April** Easter Monday  
**3 May** May Day  
**13 May** Ascension  
**23 May** Whit Sunday  
**24 May** Whit Monday

**31 May** Spring Bank Holiday  
**20 June** Father's Day  
**30 August** Summer Bank Holiday  
**31 October** Halloween  
**31 October** Daylight Saving (end)  
**30 November** St Andrew's Day  
**25 December** Christmas

**26 December** Boxing Day  
**31 December** New Year's Eve

Calendar & Holidays

2021