



OXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Be Kind.

Be Brilliant.

Have an "I can" attitude.

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Dear Parents / Carers

Headteacher's Newsletter 1

A very warm welcome back to the new school year! I hope you and your family had an enjoyable summer holiday. It certainly seems as though the children have come back to school, refreshed and raring to go!

As we have only been back in school for a few days, there is a limited amount of news to report, but there are some useful updates and reminders to share with you.

New children to Oxley

I had the privilege of being able to meet the new children starting in Reception today - what a fabulous group of children they are, too! It is often quite an emotional experience, particularly for the parents and carers, but the children seemed to be settling in really well.

New staff to Oxley

This term, we welcome some new members of staff to our team. Mr Dobson is the teacher for the Polar Bears class (Year 3), whilst Mr Duffy is teaching the Wolves (Y6). They have already made a great start to the new school year and will no doubt be a real asset to the school.

School security

Keeping the children safe is our number one priority, and to that end we have made some improvements to the security systems of the school. We have now installed an electronic signing-in system which has an interactive screen inside the school's main entrance. It is for all staff, visitors, contractors, etc, to ensure that only people who have been authorised and signed in are allowed into the school building. It will be extremely useful in the event of an emergency such as a fire evacuation, too.

It also links to our attendance system so that children who arrive late to school or need to leave for a doctor's appointment for example, need to be signed in or out using on the touch screen. If children are arriving at school after the gate is closed, and need to come through the office, parents /carers will need to accompany them to sign them in on the system. Please do not drop your child off and send them into school through the office alone. Our office staff are more than happy to help you use this if you need to.

If you need to come into school to speak to a member of staff, please come via the **main entrance** so that you can be signed in.

In the mornings, at drop-off times, we are ensuring that there are staff available by the entrances from the playground to meet you and take any messages you might want to pass on to your child's teacher. Usually, Mrs Parker and I are also available if you need to speak to us. We will also be leaving the gate open a little longer for parents and carers to leave the site, to avoid them having to walk through the school and exiting via the office.

Solar panels

Over the summer holidays, a number of improvements were made to the school building. One that is hard to spot is the installation of new solar panels. This will help to reduce the school's carbon footprint, whilst also saving money in the long term. The panels are also linked to a tablet in the hall that displays how much energy we are generating and how much pollution we have avoided making. We hope the children enjoy looking at this and that it will help them to understand the importance of taking care of our planet.

Wildlife area

Close to the modular classrooms, we are also creating a wildlife area. We want to encourage native plants and other wildlife onto our site. We are also investing in more equipment so that children can spend more time outdoors as part of their learning in Science.

School Nurse: drop-in sessions for parents / carers

Please also see the poster attached to this letter.

Last year, several parents/carers found it very useful to be able to talk to a school nurse about a range of different concerns. We are pleased to be able to run more drop-in sessions this year, too. The first session will be on **Tuesday 22nd October** from 2-3pm. The nurse can offer advice about issues such as:

- Toileting
- Sleep
- Behaviour
- Diet and Nutrition
- Emotional Wellbeing

If you would like to speak to the nurse, please call or email the school and we will book you in.

Tyre Park

Please remember that we are unable to supervise children playing on the Tyre Park after school. Children should therefore not be allowed to play on there unless you are able to supervise them. Although it is a rare occurrence, children have hurt themselves in the past and it is distressing for all involved.

Uniform

Last year, the children really took pride in their appearance, which was great to see! Attached with this letter is a brief reminder of our uniform policy. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

School Dinners

Please note School Food Support at County Hall have increased the cost of school dinners this year by 5p to £2.25 a day £11.25 per week.

Breaktime Snacks

Snacks will be available on Friday break times for all children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) priced at 65p. A snack list will be in the classrooms for the children to add their names to by Thursday at the latest. Snacks will then be added to your School Money account. Unfortunately if payment is not received we will be unable to provide your child with a weekly snack.

Iveshead Open Days

Iveshead school are running a number of events this term for parents and carers of primary children. Whilst it may be of most interest to those of you with Y6 children, these events are open to all of you. Please see the below for details of dates and times.

After-school clubs and childcare

Our after-school sports clubs and childcare provision is up and running again. We sent out letters and booking forms earlier this week. If you would like to book a place, please let us know. You should also be able to download a copy of the booking form from the school's website.

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 19th September, 5-8pm: Iveshead Open Evening for primary school parents / carers
- Tuesday 24th - Friday 27th September - Y6 residential visit to Caythorpe Court
- Tuesday 22nd October, 2-3pm: School Nurse drop-in session for parents/carers
- Monday 30th September, Wednesday 2nd October, Friday 4th October from 9:00 - Open Morning Tours at Iveshead School
- Tuesday 1st October - Thursday 3rd October: Y3 residential visit to Beaumanor
- Week beginning 7th October - Parents' evenings. Late appointments Wednesday 9th October.
- Friday 11th October: Harvest Celebrations. Reception and KS1 9:00 / KS2 10:00.
- Friday 11th October - last day of half term.

- Monday 21st October - INSET day. School closed to pupils.
- Tuesday 22nd October - School opens to children.
- Friday 1st November, 2:30 - Y6 class assembly
- Friday 15th November - Children in Need Day
- Friday 15th November - flu vaccinations in school
- Friday 22nd November, 2:30 - Elephants class assembly
- Wednesday 11th December, 2:00 - Reception and KS1 Christmas Show
- Thursday 12th December, 2:00 - Reception and KS1 Christmas Show
- Friday 13th December, 1:45 - KS2 Christmas Celebration at St Botolphs Church
- Friday 20th December - last day of term.

INSET Days when school is closed to pupils:

Monday 21st October

Friday 3rd April

Monday 13th July

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Jason Gilman
Headteacher