

Friday Post 15th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Request from parents

We have had a few parents ask us to send out a request to parents to ask them to be mindful of not crowding around the external classroom doors at pick up and drop offs. Some conversations that take place at the classroom doors can be confidential and it would be appreciated if parents could stand back or wait at a distance if a parent is talking with the teacher. If you would like to leave a note or message for the class teacher in the morning and have been unable to speak to the teacher directly, please come to the main office to leave a message. The office will ensure that this message gets delivered to the teacher as soon as possible.

Mobile Phones

Please may we request again that mobile phones **are not** used on the school premises.

Tissues

Please can we ask Parents to supply boxes of tissues for their Class.

Parents workshops this week

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend the 'Learning in' meetings this week, along with the Reception Phonics and Reading Workshop. It was lovely to see so many parents who did attend and we understand that, due to other commitments, some parents were unable to attend. As mentioned, we have posted the workshop slides on our website at the following link.

<https://theoaktreeschool.ovw9.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+Workshops&pid=48>

The Oaktree School **calculation policy** can also be found -

https://theoaktreeschool.ovw9.devwebsite.co.uk/_site/data/files/content/COEF65B26D433D3B7C9835E09B98E293.pdf

If you do have any further questions in regards to the end of year expectations for the core subjects of Reading, Writing and Maths please speak directly to your child's class teacher or email them through the school office.

Uniform Policy

Please may we ask that no jewellery, including earrings, are worn to school. Our uniform policy states.

'On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The only exception is for Year 2 children to wear an analogue watch to aid them with learning to tell the time.'

Your child will be unable to take part in any physical activity, which includes PE and break times if earrings are worn.

Please may we also highlight the policy in regards to footwear -

'The school wants all children to grow into healthy adults. We expect all children to come to school in safe, sensible footwear that they can put on and take off independently.'

What is allowed:

- **plain black shoes**
- **black leather or leather-looking shoes**
- **black patent shoes**
- **shoe fastenings that have Velcro or buckle.**

What is not allowed:

- **slip-on shoes**
- **platform soles or high heels**
- **boots (anything that covers the ankle)**
- **trainers are not school shoes, these are only for PE lessons**
- **shoes or trainers should not have flashing lights so as not to distract other children**

Children should not be wearing shoes with shoe laces, unless they are able to put these on and take them off independently.

We further request that your attention is drawn to the below -

- **Compulsory uniform items are available from Valentino's in Knaphill**
 - **School sweatshirts/school cardigans**
 - **Navy blue PE shorts**
 - **School book bag**

Please could all children bring in a school book bag and not a rucksack. We do not have space in our class rooms to store large bags.

Please find below a link to our full Uniform Policy.

<https://theoaktreeschool.ovw9.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=36>

Travelling Teddy

Travelling Teddy starts his adventures today and will be coming home with a different child each Friday.

Travel teddies are a great way to get children excited about new places and locations whilst promoting friendship and literacy. You can follow the adventures of our travelling teddy, in this diary.

Each week a child from the class is selected to take Travelling Teddy home with his diary to spend time with your child on their usual activities throughout a week attending in various locations. Travelling teddy might eat tea with your family, visit the local park, go to the shops, attend a birthday party or even go to Rainbows or Cubs with your child. Your child then writes one diary entry for Teddy recording his adventures over his stay with your family, draws a picture or adds a photo to the book.

The Travelling teddy and diary are then returned to school by the following Thursday and the adventures shared. Your child gets to read the diary entry aloud to the class and the next child is selected to take Teddy on another adventure.

We hope you have fun and enjoy reading about Travelling Teddy's adventures!

Supporting Your Children's Wellbeing

Please find below a link to a new page on our website which has resources that you can use to support your child's wellbeing.

<https://theoaktreeschool.ovw9.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Supporting+Your+Children%27s+Wellbeing&pid=96&action=saved>

Updates from the Autism Outreach team

Please find attached information regarding 'Dads and Autism' and Understanding Autism' for Parents.

HOPA News

HOPA would like to be able to reach every class with all things HOPA related! We'd like to keep you informed on events, dates, fundraising, etc.

We do this by sending messages through a "Rep" for each class.

[For all things school related, parents should email either office:

Office@oaktree.surrey.sch.uk

Or

Info@hermitage.surrey.sch.uk]

For all things HOPA related, you can reach us at hopahelp@gmail.com

We're still looking for HOPA reps for some classes! So that you and your class don't miss out on events and news, please email us at:

Hopahelp@gmail.com

Classes we need reps for:

Oaktree:

Rabbits

Owls

Hermitage:

Willow

Monkey Puzzle

Ash

You can be as involved as suits your life!

Share our messages with your class to keep everyone in the loop; help to plan events; volunteer at events - all levels of support are welcome.

If you have any fundraising ideas and would like to get involved, please let us know!

Hopahelp@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

📅 21st September - HOPA AGM

this will be held virtually with links available closer to the time.

📅 23rd September - HOPA Colour Run, 12:30 - 3pm

🎫 Tickets, protective eyewear and volunteer spots still available at

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hopa/>

📅 27th September - Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic 3:30 - 5pm

📅 *28th September - Reception TBC *

TEAM HOPA

Kind regards

The Oaktree School