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Oakwood Junior School

Governors Newsletter – Spring Term '07

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Hello Everyone,

Here we are at the end of our second term in the school year and I really can't believe we've reached this point so quickly. It's been another super year and I'm sure you all enjoyed our super winter festival. It was wonderful to see the church full again at the end of last terms Christmas Carol service.

It really has been a very busy term, with Year 3 spending the day at Leicester Museum and Year 4 visiting the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. Both were very successful and enjoyable. The school Travel Plan is coming along nicely with the bike shed now completed and in full use by the children who are completing the Bike Safe Scheme.

We had a super Brownie Thinking Day when many of our children came to school in their Brownie/Cub/Scout uniforms – they all looked very smart and Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Hodgetts who work with the local Brownie pack, delivered a very informative assembly.

Several members of staff have been benefiting from regular yoga sessions so much so, that we decided to extend it to the children and a small group took part starting last week. You may be aware that we were a pilot school for the Family Learning swimming scheme. This has been thoroughly enjoyed by a number of children and parents, and is proving beneficial to them. Derby Dance have been coming in to work with a group of children on a Wednesday evening after school. Unfortunately this finishes at Easter but it has been a worthwhile project.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the residential at Lea Green, due to having fractured my ankle but Ms. Elks told me that it was absolutely super. I'm looking forward to hearing all about it.

Congratulations to our School Council who have been awarded a Bronze Certificate for all their hard work.



May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents that attended our parent's evening, it really is important that we work as a team.

Here is a piece from one of our newest Governors:

"I became a Governor because I wanted to support the school in some way and felt through my personal and professional background, I could offer something back to the school. I was a pupil here many years ago and since then 3 of my 4 children have also attended here, with the fourth starting in September 2007.

I am a manager at Derby CVS Ltd, which is a well established charity in Derby that supports Voluntary and Community groups to develop and grow. Through my experience as a Manager and over 20 years working in the voluntary sector, as an Administrator, Trainer and Manager, I felt I have transferable skills that will be of benefit to Oakwood Juniors. I look forward to taking a full and active role as the Community Governor."

*Ann Theobald
Community Governor*

Well we will soon be breaking up for holidays, may I take this opportunity to say have a good 2 weeks, when we shall all return for a busy, hectic Summer Term.

Kind Regards

Pam Moss
Chair of Governors

