



Oakwood Junior School June 2011

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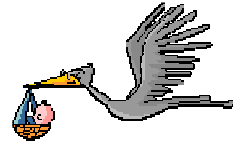


Dear Parents/Carers,

Last half term was very strange. It seemed that no sooner had we returned to school after the Easter break, we then broke up for half term 3 weeks and 4 days later. So what is usually done over maybe 6 weeks had to be condensed down to a very short time. During that time, however, the Year 6's had their SATs and the rest of the school have taken their end of term tests too. Plans are busily being made for September and meanwhile we've got parents evening, trips and transition programmes to look forward to - so never a dull moment!

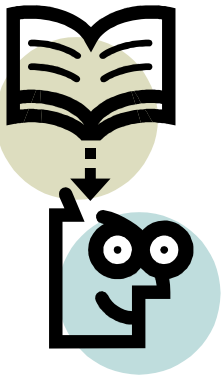
Staffing

We'd like to welcome back Mrs Hodgkinson, who has just returned from her maternity leave. She will be taking over from Miss Winslow's Year 5 class, when she leaves to start her maternity leave on 17th June. Mrs Hodgkinson will be following this class through to Year 6 so there will be continuity for the children.



Miss Murfin has been off for some time and at the moment I am unsure when she will return. Her class really miss her but Mrs Major, who is well known to the children, will be taking her class until she returns.

We have also recently appointed Amanda Skidmore as a teaching assistant based in Year 4. We had over a hundred applications so the competition was very fierce. Mrs Skidmore will be joining us in September but will be spending some time in school prior to this so that she can get to know the children and staff.



Parents Evening

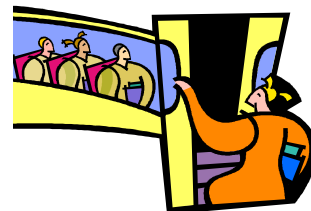
A letter will be sent to you soon inviting you to parents evening on Wednesday June 29th or Thursday June 30th. This will be your opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about their progress and you will also receive your child's report. Appointment times will be between 3.30 & 5:50. Because Miss Winslow will be leaving prior to this an earlier date has been booked and a separate letter sent to her class outlining the details.

Events this term

- We are planning a family picnic week commencing with the Year 6's on the afternoon of July 11th. Year 5's will take place on July 17th. Year 4's on July 14th and Year 3's on the 13th July. We'll be having a balloon race and there will be a number of different activities for you and your child to take part in. More information will come to you nearer the time, so put the date in your diary and keep your fingers crossed for good weather.



- A number of different trips have been booked. The Year 3's are going to Calke Abbey, Year 4's to Twycross zoo and upper school have their residential to Lea Green to look forward to in the middle of July. In addition, the children who gain the most L2L badges will also be going to visit Pride Park before the end of term.



- We are all very lucky to be working with Alison McDermott, a trained architect, who will be adding her expertise to our outdoor maths week and working closely with the teachers in Year 4.
- Our choir have been practising hard with Mrs Civval and will be singing in a concert at Derby Cathedral on Friday July 8th.
- A big thank you to everyone who collected the shopping vouchers for us.

Dates for this term

10.06.11	Miss Mundy's class assembly
14.06.11	Miss Winslow's parents appointments
17.06.11	Lower school assembly
20.06.11/21.06.11	Year 3 Calke Abbey trip
20.06.11	Special books to go home
23.06.11	Year 4 Twycross zoo trip
24.06.11/27.6.11	INSET days - school closed to children
28.06.11	Outdoor maths week
29.06.11/30.06.11	Parents evenings 3:30pm - 5:50pm
04.07.11	Children to meet their new teachers
05.07.11	Year 6's to visit their new secondary schools
07.07.11	Sports day - starts at 10:00am
08.07.11	Choir singing at the Cathedral
11.07.11	Family picnic week
13.07.11	Lea Green Residential (3 days)
18.07.11	Year 6 presentation evening
21.07.11	Break up
06.09.11	Return

Just a quick reminder about car parking, one of our Oak Drive neighbours is concerned about the parking at the end of school when she is unable to leave her drive because of inconsiderate parking. I know this is a busy picking up time, but please consider the residents who live near our school. Thank you.

Kind Regards

Nancy Elks
Headteacher

PS. An overview of the topics your child will be covering this half term will be on the school's website. If you require a paper copy, please pop into the school office.