



Oakwood Junior School May 2009

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Dear Parent/Carer

It does seem a long time since I last wrote to you but time seems to go so quickly. As well as spending time on the week-by-week demands in school my thoughts and planning is firmly focussed on putting together priorities for the autumn term. Mrs Fray & Mrs Major will be returning from their maternity leave later this term and Miss Lawrence will be starting hers at the beginning of September. I know that she is very excited about the new addition to her family. Never a dull moment at Oakwood!

As I'm writing this, the year 6's are taking their S.A.T.s exams. We all wish them well and I'm sure they will try their hardest.

A number of year groups have been out and about. The year 6's had a brilliant time at the Think Tank in Birmingham although I think they beat the Oakwood record for the number of children who were sick on the journey! The year 4's have visited the Botanical Gardens and the year 3's the Hindu Temple in Derby. We've also got the two residential trips to look forward to. Whenever our children go out they always do us proud by behaving well. Thanks need to go to all the teachers and support staff for all the extra work that organising trips entails and to you the parents, for supporting us.



Tea & Toast Morning



We held our tea and toast morning last week. The idea of the morning was to have an opportunity to meet the staff in school informally in a pleasant atmosphere. We haven't tried this before, so we didn't know how many to expect or how you would like it - but 120 people came and we were so pleased with the response. It proved to be a very good opportunity to have a chat, so thank you for coming. I'll be meeting Miss Walker and Miss Chapman (our Learning Mentors who came up with the idea and did all the organisation) to see how we can develop this idea further - we'll certainly do it again. If you've got any suggestions do get in touch.

Parents forum

The parents forum meetings that took place earlier in the year have lapsed and I've got to say I've missed hearing your ideas and suggestions, so I'd really like to start them up again. They really are informal meeting with myself and possibly other teachers to really ask your opinions and have a discussion about school related issues in a positive and useful way. If you are interested in being part of this group (which would meet together once or twice a term) please get in touch with me, or return the slip at the end of this letter.

Clubs for the Summer Term



This summer we have a number of clubs running which include: Irish Dancing, Cheer Leading, Rounders, Hi 5, Art & Craft and Cooking. Unfortunately we only have places available for rounders (yr 5 & 6) and Hi 5 (yr 4 & 5) at the moment, please see Mrs Russell if you are interested. We are already thinking about next years clubs (September 2009) so if you have any ideas for these, again please let Mrs Russell know and she will see what she can do.

Chickens & Doves

We've had a number of reports relating to the school grounds being used by a number of young people during the evenings and weekends. This has resulted in one of our chickens being stolen and damage to our allotments. As a result I've informed the police who will be patrolling the grounds on a regular basis and I've written letters to the homes who border the playground asking them to inform the police (anonymously if necessary) if they see this going on, so, perhaps with all our efforts, we'll be able to stop this mindless vandalism which is so unnecessary and so upsetting.





On a brighter note, the doves have laid some eggs in the dovecote in lower school courtyard and we've got two dove lings / doves I'm not sure what the correct name is for baby doves. Greg and Rhys have drawn this picture of them.

Enterprise Week



Mr Darby is busy organising an Enterprise week for years 5 and 6. The idea is for groups of children to work together as a team to design, make, market and sell a product at the Enterprise market, which will take place on Friday 12th June. This will give the children the opportunity of going through the process of making something that can be sold and working within a budget. The product that raises the greatest profit will be awarded a prize at an Enterprise assembly. Parents will be able to take part, as tokens will be distributed to buy the products so it will be a really interesting project. More details will be sent to you nearer the time.

Parking

Please could I remind parents/carers that when you collect your child/children from school, not to park in front of residents driveways. We have received a few telephone calls about this problem and would kindly ask for your cooperation in this area.



Kind regards

Nancy Elks

Dates for your Diary

11.5.09	S.A.T.s week for year 6's
15.5.09	Show and tell session for children & their grandparents (1.30 - 3.20)
22.5.09	Non Uniform Day (raising money for St. John's ambulance - suggested by school council) Upper School Achievement Assembly
	Break up
01.6.09	Return to School
05.6.09	Lower School Achievement Assembly
08.6.09	School Assessment Week Enterprise Week
09.6.09	Lea Green Parents Meeting (3.30 - 4.00 Approx)
12.6.09	Enterprise Market
19.6.09	Visit to Rolls Royce (Upper School - by invitation)
19.6.10	Lea Green Residential Weekend (return Sunday 21 st)
23.6.09	Singing Celebration
23.6.10	Caythorpe Court Parents Meeting (3.30 - 4.00 Approx)
26.6.09	Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
29.6.09	Year 3 Calke Abbey (Group 1)
30.6.09	Year 3 Calke Abbey (Group 2)
02.7.09	Special books sent home
03.7.09	Rachel Civval's Class Assembly Caythorpe Court Residential Weekend (return Monday 6 th)
07.7.09	Year 6 children visit new secondary school Year 2,3,4, & 5 children meet new teachers
09.7.09	Year 4 Rosliston Trip
10.7.09	Sports Day
13.7.09	Year 5 Whirlow Farm Trip
14.7.09	Reports to parents
16.7.09	The warmest, sunniest day of the year - ECO Festival (1.30 start) Walking with Dinosaurs - Nottingham Trent Arena (return 12.45)
22.7.09	Break up Return to school Thursday 3rd September

Boulton Children's Centre Dates for your Diary

26.5.09	Fathers & Male Carers Cook & Eat Session 11.00 - 1.00
27.5.09	Family Fun Day 10.00 - 2.00

Child Health Clinic started Friday 8th
May 9.30 - 11.30 this is temporary until further notice. For details of these activities and any other information contact the centre on **574902**



Return slip for Parents Forum. I would be interested in joining the parents' forum.

Name _____ (in capitals please)

My Child _____ in class _____