

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 24 June 2022

New Member of Staff

Last Friday, myself, Mrs Leather and fellow Governors had the pleasure of interviewing three outstanding candidates for the post of KS2 class teacher. The candidates displayed great skill and passion to come and work with the children of Oak Hill.

Finally, after a very long deliberation, we are delighted to announce that Mr Jason Avars has accepted the post and is looking forward to coming to work with our children. Mr Avars brings with him a wealth of teaching and leadership experience. We are currently sorting out the dates that he will be in before the end of the term. As soon as this is confirmed, we will of course let you know.



Announcement from Victoria Leather, Chair of Governors, on behalf of the Board of Governors

Move to one site from September 2022

Thank you to the significant number of you who contributed to the consultation process by completing the survey and attending the parent forum event. We found both a great way of understanding the variety of views, thoughts and concerns in our school community. Parents, carers, staff and governors alike completed the survey in the first stage of the consultation and of these, 75% supported the move, 15% were unsure, wanting to hear more about it, and 10% were not in support.

With such a high level of support, and the unanimous approval of the Board of Governors, the move to one site in September is therefore confirmed. From September 2022, all staff and pupils will be based on our Alderton site for a trial period of at least one year.

We do acknowledge the importance of governors and staff understanding your concerns and the need to work together to address these. The parent forum event was a vital element of this process and we are grateful for everyone's time and contributions. It was a positive experience and your feedback has confirmed that view also amongst parents.

The uncertainties around moving to one site were openly discussed and focused primarily on the logistical plans, especially the structure of class groups. Everyone understood the need

for moving to one site and the positive impact this will have on the whole school. We were able to talk constructively with you about the challenges and concerns of the move and emphasis our commitment to engaging positively and flexibly with our school and village communities. Now we have confirmation of total pupil numbers for September, Mr Greaves has adapted the class structures in light of the feedback you shared, and he will be sharing more information over the coming weeks.

Mr Greaves and I have met with colleagues from GCC a few times since half term and are excited to confirm GCC have approved £98,000 for capital works on our Alderton site! These works will commence in a couple of weeks' time and largely be completed during the summer break. We are waiting for some final confirmation from the contractors and, once received, will be able to share the full plans with you. Suffice to say, staff and governors are all very excited about the changes and opportunities ahead.

Wraparound Care - Breakfast and After School Clubs

After hours spent analysing your many contributions to our wraparound care survey, we are delighted to announce that we will be launching both a Breakfast Club and an After School Club from September 2022. We are working on the timings and costs which we will share soon, but we can confirm that:

- Breakfast and After School Clubs will run every morning and every afternoon
- We will be employing dedicated staff for this provision
- Our wraparound care will come under the school's overall Ofsted registration and will be part of that monitoring and inspection process
- There will be a quality programme of care and experiences provided, including breakfast, afternoon snack and refreshments plus programmes of events and activities
- Booking and payment will be through an online portal to assist parents and reduce staff admin

- Payment via childcare vouchers, the Government's tax-free childcare scheme etc will be available

Please feel free to email us if you wish to provisionally reserve any specific spaces (including details of days and which club) for your child/children.

We will be sharing full information including registration forms, booking/payment details etc shortly. We understand how important it is for families to have access to wraparound care and to know the service will be secure in the long term. We are fully committed to wraparound care and see it as essential for our school's future viability. Like most things in school life, it will work best if we work together and we look forward to launching this new provision for our school community.

Move Up Day

On Friday 1st July, all children will be at Alderton for Move Up Day. This will be a chance for children to spend time with their new class teacher. Mr Avards will be joining us for the day.

School Play

The performances of Robin Hood will take place on 5th and 6th July. We will therefore have whole school days at Alderton on 4th and 5th July.

Sports Day

We are planning to hold Sports Day on the morning of Thursday 14th July. Details will follow shortly.

Jubilee Celebration Book

The Jubilee books have arrived. The children will each be bringing a copy of this beautiful celebration book home today.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Alana who won a competition to design a celebration badge for Brownies. This badge celebrates 50 years of the Winchcombe Brownies. Alana has also received a merit for her grade three piano.



FOOHS News!

FOOHS raised a wonderful £103 in the second hand uniform sale! Thank you so much to everyone who was able to attend!

Thursday 7th July - School disco! Letters will go out next week.

Suitcase Sale

We are delighted to announce we raised £50.45. These funds will go towards play production costs.

OK Outdoor Kids Sun Safety Code

KS2 children will be bringing home some information about this campaign which is organised by Melanoma Fund and a sample of Senses Sensitive SPF 50+ which has been tried by a couple of KS2 children who have had no reaction to this cream. Melanoma Fund are raising awareness of the importance of protecting our skin.

Parent Courses

Gloucestershire County Council are running courses below.

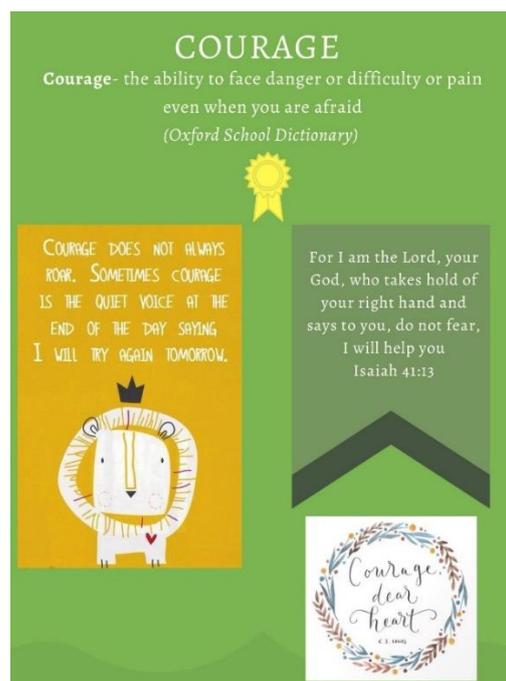
Upgrade Your Maths is a 7 week course running on Thursday mornings from 10-12. This course is designed especially for parents who are anxious about maths. Parents work in a small group online and are supported so that they soon feeling comfortable tackling a range of maths questions and develop confidence to support their children with their homework. This course is starting on Thursday 9 June.

Help Your Child with Writing for ESOL Parents runs on Wednesday afternoons online. The focus of the class is to improve parents English skills and look at the techniques schools use to support children with their written skills in the UK. This class runs weekly in term time for 12 weeks. You can enrol by clicking on this link [English Class- Help Your Child with Writing](#)

Parents can enrol online through the website [here](#).

* The courses are free if you are over 19 years old, have lived in the UK for 3 or more years, have a valid Residence Permit, and are one of the following: Unemployed or earning below £18,525 per year; qualified below a Level 2 (less than 5 GCSEs); have mental health challenges, have a learning difficulty or disability.

Our Christian Values



Church Services

10.30am Alderton

6.00pm Choral Evensong – Wormington

Winchcombe Foodbank

Winchcombe Foodbank is based at Encounter Church from 1.30-3pm every Tuesday. Please see northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk for more details.

Holiday Activity and Food Programme

HAF is available during the summer holidays and bookings are open from 11 July. www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

Thank You

We received a letter from GDA thanking us for the £47.50 we raised recently for the Sign Up and Be Visible Day.

Parents' Oak Hill WhatsApp Group

In case you are not already aware, there is an informal WhatsApp group that is run by parents for parents. It's intended as a way of keeping in touch with each other on school-

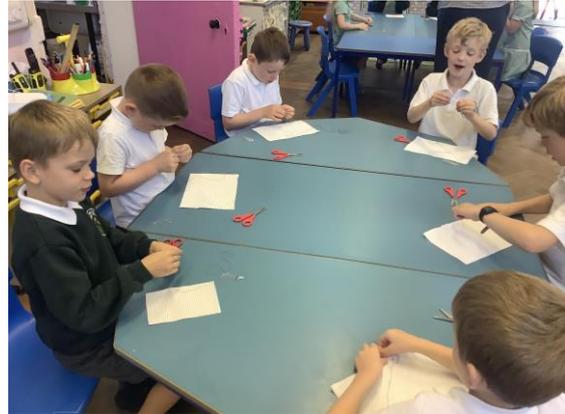
related matters. If you are not already a member, and would like to be added to it, please speak to one of the group admins, Rachael and Sinead, or message Sinead on 07731 177405.

Maple Class

In Maple Class this week, we have been practising our number bonds to 5 and to 10, using giant dominoes, counters and our fingers. We made bracelets using different coloured buttons to help us remember the different addition sums.

In English this week, we have been continuing to practise our writing skills, using pop-its to sound out words for spelling before writing them in phrases and sentences. We have been concentrating on using finger spaces, accurate letter formation and full stops before reading our work aloud.

We have joined up with Willow Class for some DT this week where we worked in pairs to make the junk modelling vehicles which we designed. We made trains, airplanes, lorries and bikes. There was fantastic collaborative work and a very creative use of the materials. We then went onto learning how to sew using either the running stitch or backstitch. We sewed our initial onto Binca. We had to use plenty of perseverance when doing this, as the needles are small and tricky to use, and we had to keep threading them! Some children went on to sew buttons and flowers. I was very impressed and the children certainly enjoyed it!



Willow Class

This week we have been working on a special project with Maple Class. We began the week with a DT project to design a new vehicle. The children worked in pairs to design their vehicle and used labels around their diagrams. They then used junk to bring their design to life. We were very excited to have Mrs Kettle in this week who helped us with another project where we learnt to sew! The children showed amazing perseverance with learning to thread the needle and even wrote the first letter of

their name after learning to thread through the holes. Once they had mastered this they even added buttons!

In English, we have been continuing to learn to use imperative verbs whilst writing instructions. We read the book 'No Thank You' in which all the zoo animals get fed the wrong foods! We wrote instructions reminding the zoo keepers what foods the animals need and then another set on how to take care of the animals.

In Maths, we have finished our unit on shape. Year 2 have been looking at the faces and vertices on 3D shapes and Year 1 have enjoyed finding repeated patterns for 2D and 3D.

In topic we learnt about Samuel Wilderspin who set up 2000 schools in the Victorian times and believed that children should learn through experiences. He introduced play time to the infant children and this was the start of break time being introduced in schools.



Hawthorn Class

In Hawthorn Class this week we have been looking at creating our own fictional story. We have created our own characters and are writing a descriptive story. We are using as many interesting language features in our writing as possible.

In Maths we have been looking at angles and how they can differ depending on what shape we are looking at. We started the week by looking at right angles in different shapes.

Juniper Class

We have had another busy week in Juniper. Year 5 have been working hard completing their final assessments for the year. They have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of all they have achieved this year! Whilst Year 5 have been doing tests, Year 6 children have been reflecting on their time, writing a letter to their future selves. These letters will be sealed up and given to the children at the end of the term. Hopefully in a year's time they can open them up and see how far they have come!

We have carried on our cross curricular learning this week, exploring the roles of men and women in Ancient Greece and using this information as our inspiration to write diary entries. Then on Wednesday the children used the results from last week's DT lesson to write a non-chronological report. It's fantastic to see the children bring all their skills together.

In Maths we have moved on from triangles to polygons, exploring quadrilaterals and understanding how to easily identify missing angles.

In PE we had one final rounders lesson. Next week we will focus on athletics and sports day practise. This week we have spent a lot of time on the production. The children are fully in character and we have started to add choreography to the songs too.

Tennis:

Over the weekend, Cameron and Corin represented Gloucestershire in a tennis tournament in Poole. The pair played against four other counties and, although they didn't get the results they wanted, they worked incredibly hard and should be very proud they were able to represent the county! Well done from everyone at Oak Hill!



Stars of the Week

Maple

Star of the Week - Teddy for super work in Maths, learning your number bonds

Value of the Week – Megan for demonstrating our value of friendship by working well in a team

Willow

Star of the Week – Ollie for learning the names of 2D and 3D shapes

Value of the Week - Sienna for showing determination to improve your writing and being proud of your work

Hawthorn

Star of the Week – Henry for wonderful story writing

Value of the Week – Harry for showing courage at the end of Year 4 tests

Juniper

Star of the Week – Charlie for a fantastic write up about a DT investigation

Value of the Week – Finn for having a fantastic attitude all week and really embracing all his learning, especially his character in the play

House Points

Diamond – 154

Emerald – 116

Ruby – 115

Sapphire - 105

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

June

24th Year 5/6 Swimming

30th Induction Day at Winchcombe

July

1st Induction Day at Winchcombe

Year 5/6 Swimming

6th Reports Out

7th FOOHs Disco

8th Swimming
14th Sports Day TBC
15th Extra Swim for Year 5/6
20th End of Term