



# Oakhurst News

Oakhurst Community Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter

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Next issue: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## November Diary Dates

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Topic webs and termly letters published on website
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Oakhurst PFA event – Scarecrow Trail</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms
8 <sup>th</sup>	School photographs – portraits  Year 3/4 football event
14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms  4:00 – 7:00pm: Parent consultation evening  Newsletter published on website [Edition 172]
15 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body meeting
16 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 – 5:30pm: Parent consultation evening  <b>Oakhurst PFA meeting</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>	Children in need



### Cycling and Scooting

This is just a little reminder to our children and families who like to cycle or scoot to and from school.

Please could we ask you to **dismount** when on the school site in order to avoid accidents.

## HEAD-itorial

Dear parents and carers,



Firstly, I would like to welcome everyone back to school and to an exciting start to Term 2! I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing half term break and enjoyed some time with your families and loved ones. Our Jigsaw whole-school theme this term is **Celebrating difference** and our Oakhurst Value is **Respect**.

Secondly, we have spoken to our PCSOs this week and I'd just like to make you aware of a few things so that you are in the best possible position to **safeguard your belongings over the festive period**. It can sometimes be the case that we observe increased instances of theft at this time of the year. Last week, the police were alerted by one of our neighbours that there were intruders on the grounds one evening in half term. I would like to extend my thanks for their assistance and vigilance in relation to this matter. It is for this reason that we are recommending that bike locks are used. In addition to this, we highly recommend that all bikes and scooters are taken home at the end of the day and not left on site. As these items can be worth substantial amounts of money, they are often sought after by thieves and opportunists. Anything left on site is done so at the owner's risk.

This term sees the first of our annual **parent consultation evenings**. We have notified parents this week that sign-up sheets are now accessible in the school's foyer. Please endeavour to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher and find out information about how they have settled into their new class and year group. If for any reason you are unable to make either of the scheduled days, please make contact with your child's teacher in order to negotiate a mutually agreeable time to meet on another date.

This Saturday also sees the first of **our Oakhurst PFA community events: The Scarecrow Trail**. I am sure that this will be another hugely successful event for you to enjoy with your family. I look forward to seeing you all there! Our Oakhurst PFA are very **keen to attract new members** so that they have the ability to run larger events in the future. If you can spare any time, please make contact with them.

Best Wishes

Mr Paul Strange  
Acting Headteacher

## wow moments

Anvi from Athens Class is about to appear on television! She will be part of Teletubbies Episode 4 - *Lights Out*, and it's on BBC iPlayer as well. The episode will be aired on TV on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov at 7am. Her family are very proud of her as she looks very happy and confident in the episode. Well done Anvi!

Please keep sending your wow moments to me so we can continue to celebrate our out-of-school achievements, too!



### Oakhurst PFA New Member Appeal



Oakhurst School PFA

Already, our newly formed **Oakhurst PFA** have organised a hugely successful Summer Fayre and have their sights set on other exciting events in the future – including our **Scarecrow Trail** mentioned in the HEAD-itorial.

The group are extremely keen to attract new members in order to expand their capacity for running larger events in the future. These things are only possible with the support of our parents. If you are able to offer your assistance in any capacity, please get in touch!

### Parent Consultation Evenings



The dates and times of these events are as follows:  
 Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – 4:00pm – 7:00pm  
 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Sign-up sheets are available to parents and carers in the school's foyer. All meetings will take place in the **school hall** following the positive response and feedback last year.

### Children in Need 2017



Oakhurst will be holding their own event in order to raise money for Children in Need on **November 17<sup>th</sup>**.

The **School Council** will be meeting this week in order to decide on the theme and this will be shared with everyone shortly after!