



# Oakhurst News

Oakhurst Community Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter

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Next issue: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## February/March Diary Dates

19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>TERM 4 BEGINS</b>
20 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter published on website [Edition 177]
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 - Darwin Class: Swimming starts
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Topic webs and termly letters published on website
27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms
5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 3 Residential: Oxenwood</b> (2.5 days per class)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter published on website [Edition 178] 9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms
8 <sup>th</sup>	100 Days of School Year 5/6 tag rugby event
13 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 – 7:00pm: Parent consultation evening 9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms
15 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 – 5:30pm: Parent consultation evening <b>Oakhurst PFA meeting</b>



### Parking at Drop-off and Pick-up

This is just a little reminder to remind parents and carers to make safe and considerate decisions when parking their car outside of school. We kindly ask that you **do not** block access to the car park, park on the zig-zag line area or the pavement as this poses a significant risk to pedestrians.

## HEAD-itorial



Dear parents and carers,

A very warm welcome to Term 4! Please keep an eye out on our website for new **Topic Webs** and **Term Letters**, which will update you on the arrangements for this term as well as providing you with information about the exciting new learning journey your children will be going on this Term.

Our new **Jigsaw** theme for this term is 'Healthy Me' and I held an assembly with the children this week to introduce the new unit to the entire school. I was very impressed with their existing knowledge about how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Over the course of this term, they'll learn all about how to eat a healthy and balanced diet, the benefits of exercise and how to keep their body clean and healthy.

This term, we will also be holding the second round of our **parent consultation evenings**. The dates and times of these events are as follows:

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 4:00pm – 7:00pm
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 3:30pm – 5:30pm

The only exception to this is that Mr Mead (Santiago Class) and Mrs Richardson (Nairobi Class) will be holding their second evening on Wednesday instead of Thursday due to their participation in an extra-curricular event for the children in Upper Key Stage 2.

As usual, you will be able to make an appointment by visiting the foyer, signing up on the sheet for your child's class and taking the tear-off slip as a little reminder of your chosen time. Sign-up sheets will be made available in the foyer from **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. If for any reason you are unable to make these dates, please get in contact with your child's class teacher in order to arrange a mutually agreeable time as an alternative. We value the relationship with our parents and carers very highly and want to keep you informed of your children's progress and efforts every step of the way.

We are looking forward to another exciting term together!

Best Wishes

Mr Paul Strange  
Acting Headteacher

## WOW moments



Lola from Darwin Class starred in two performances of Sister Act at the Wyvern Theatre and wowed her entire family with her confident dancing and singing! All of Lola's family are very proud of her commitment, this being her third year performing in a major production! Well done Lola!

If you've doing something that'll make us say, 'Wow!' over half term, don't forget to let us know. You'll find yourself with your own little special place in the next edition of the newsletter!



## Oakhurst PFA New Member Appeal



Oakhurst School PFA

Already, our newly formed **Oakhurst PFA** have organised many hugely successful events and have their sights set on other exciting events in the future.

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!

Additionally, the group are currently looking for a new **secretary** to join their cause. If you know of anyone who might be suitable, please signpost them to the **Oakhurst PFA**.



## World Down Syndrome Day

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of March, we will be taking part in a special event to support **World Down Syndrome Day**.

On this day, we're inviting everyone to come into school **wearing odd socks**.

For more information about this event and to find out more about this wonderful initiative, please use the following links:

[www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/call-to-action](http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/call-to-action)

[www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks](http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks)



## Book-Fair

This term, we have organised a **book-fair** to come into school for parents and children to visit. You'll be able to look at books with your children and buy anything that takes your fancy.

The book-fair will be in school from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March** to **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**.

More information about location and timings for the book-fair will follow shortly from our English Team.