



# Oakhurst News

Oakhurst Community Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter

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Next issue: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018

## March / April Diary Dates

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>
20 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter published on website [Edition 179] 9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 3/4 tag rugby event
27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms
29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – Normal finish time (3:15pm)</b>
30.03 – 13.04	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <i>Easter Break</i>
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>TERM 5 BEGINS</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter published on website [Edition 180] 9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms



### Year 3 and 4 Production Tickets

Tickets go on sale this week for the production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by Year 3 and 4. There is a limit of 2 tickets per family with extra tickets available through general sale from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets can be purchased from the school office between 8:30 – 9:00am and 3:00 – 3:30pm.

## HEAD-itorial



Dear parents and carers,

This week sees the second of our **Parent Consultation Evening** events for this academic year. Thank you to those of you who have signed up to come into school and receive an update about how your children are getting on. If you have yet to make an appointment, it's not too late; get in touch and we'll be happy to accommodate you on Tuesday or Thursday if we have appointment times open. If you are unable to attend either evening, please contact your child's class teacher in order to arrange a mutually agreeable alternative time. It is incredibly important that you attend these events so that you have the most up-to-date information about how your children are getting on here at Oakhurst.

You'll be pleased to know that we have reverted back to a similar reporting system to the 'Mid-term Report Cards' that you'll be familiar with from previous years. We feel that these are much easier to understand and are a useful document to help shape our conversations on the evening.

Next year, we will be investigating an **electronic sign-up system** for booking Parent Consultation Evening appointments. We hope that this will make it easier to make an appointment – especially for working parents, who can find it more challenging to come into school.

Next up on the agenda is parking during drop-off and pick-up times. Following my reminder in the last newsletter, we have still had reports of several parents parking inconsiderably outside of the school. Can I please take this opportunity to remind our parents and carers that they are **not to park on the curb or on the zig-zag lines outside of the school**. Furthermore, when parking in the parking area opposite the school, can we remind parents and carers to **follow the direction of travel** and only to park in **marked car parking spaces**. By making the right parking choices, you help to ensure the safety and welfare of our pupils and the wider community. We are in regular communication with our Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) who assist us with matters such as these.

I look forward to seeing you at parent consultation evening!

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Mr Paul Strange  
Acting Headteacher



## wow moments

Jasni from Darwin Class was recently offered a pre-contract by Southampton FC to join their academy, which he has just accepted. Thankfully, Southampton will allow him to continue his ice hockey adventures with the Swindon Wildcats Academy at the same time, but it's a wonderful achievement for Jasni to be worthy of a contract with a Premier League club. Well done Jasni!



Oliver, Liam, Jenny and Kendra from Year 5 participated in our annual 'Debating Competition' event alongside other children from schools in the local area. All four children were outstanding, working hard as a team and it was really clear to see how much preparation and effort they had put into taking on this new challenge. They did a brilliant job representing the school. We would also like to thank Mrs Du Bignon for the support and encouragement she provided. Well done Oliver, Liam, Jenny and Kendra!

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



## 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**.

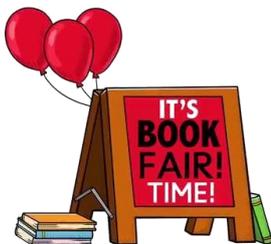
On this day, we're inviting everyone to come into school **wearing odd socks**.

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



The **book-fair** is here this week! 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**.

You'll be able to access the book-fair from the community room today and from the back of the Year 1 classrooms (via the back playground) from Tuesday to Friday.