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OJS News

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Hello and welcome back after what we hope was a great Christmas and New Year break! We are now halfway through the start of the Spring 1 term—time is flying by very quickly and we only have three weeks left before half term!

Some news from last term:

- The Derbyshire Constabulary Male Voice Choir was a huge success again. An amazing £294.10 was raised. This money went to local charities.
- The Poppy appeal raised £263.80
- Christmas Jumper Day raised £230.66
- School Christmas Fair raised a whopping £1079.67!

A massive thank you to all our parents, carers and friends of Oakwood Junior School for their continued support for the charities.

Just prior to Christmas children went to Derby Theatre to see Alice In Wonderland. As you can imagine it is quite a mammoth task taking approx. 360 children on an external visit. The children behaved in a exemplary manner and were a real credit to school and their parents and carers.

Google came to school in December and children were treated to a Google experience day which involved exploring different parts of the world through virtual reality goggles. Children (and staff) had a huge amount of fun.

Medicines in School

School has reviewed the Medicines in School Policy. You should have received a letter directing you to view this policy either by email (sent to those households we have an email address for), on the schools website or inviting you to pick up a copy from Reception. If your child has health needs and/or has medicine in school we would urge you to read this document to familiarise yourself with some of the changes. The main changes relate to how inhalers are used in school and the frequency of medication that school is now allowed to give.

Asthma and Inhalers in School

Children will now keep inhalers in a central place in the classroom. Their teacher will tell them where this is. If your child uses an inhaler we would encourage you to complete an emergency consent form as school is now allowed to hold an emergency inhaler on the premises.

Changes to start of school

We would like to remind you of the changes to the start of the school day that were introduced in November. Children are allowed, if they would like to, to come into school at 8.40am. Lower school children coming in at this time must enter through the Year 3 doors, whereas upper school children enter through the Year 5 door. Children will be able to go straight to their classroom where they may read, finish off work or quiz. If children wish to stay on the playground until the bell goes at 8.55am that is fine; they will then line up and come into school as they did before.

Talking to children on the playground.

If an incident involving children occurs on the playground or on school grounds which you find unacceptable or upsetting please can we ask you to inform a member of staff and NOT approach the child or children involved. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Dates for your diary

February

Fri 10—last day, break up for half term
Mon 20—First day back to school
Thurs 23—Class 1 and Class 3 trip to Southwell Workhouse
Fri 24—Class 2 trip to Southwell Workhouse

March

Thurs 1—World Book Day
Fri 10—INSET Day
Fri 24—RED NOSE DAY—(wear red!)
Wed 29—Older Persons Easter Event
Thurs 30—Older Persons Easter Event

April

Mon 3-Fri 7—BOOK FAIR
Tues 4—Parents' evening
Wed 5—Parents' evening
Fri 7—last day, Easter holidays
Mon 24—Term starts, first day back to school

May

Fri 26—last day, break up for half term

June

Mon 5—Term starts, first day back to school
Mon 5—Wed 7—Year 6 Residential Trip to Whitemoor Lakes
Mon 26—INSET DAY

July

Wed 26—last day, break up for summer holidays

After School Clubs

Clubs resumed this half term. Please find below a reminder of days and times:
Monday—Art & Craft Club
Monday—Zumba, lower school
Tuesday—Art & Craft Club, lower school
Tuesday—Zumba, upper school
Wednesday—DCCT, girls football
Thursday—Line Dancing

Enquiries about after school clubs can be made to Mrs Wright in the school office.

School dinners

The governing body have a zero tolerance approach towards dinner money debts. All dinners must be paid for either on the day or in advance. If you are experiencing any difficulties paying for your child's meals please talk to the office.

Relief Midday Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a relief midday supervisor. If you are interested please ask to speak to Mrs Russell or call 01332 571231 ext: 102 to discuss.



The book Fair will be in school just before the Easter Holidays! Make a note in your diary!

Reading at home

Reminder: Aswell as weekly Maths and English homework, children should be reading three times a week at home. We ask you to support your child with this and sign their reading record at the end of the week.

World Book Day

Time to get creative World Book Day is on Thursday 1 March. Children may come to school dressed as a character from a children's book.



Reading
Is
Soooooo
Delicious!

Letters home:

- * New medicine policy
- * Yr3 trip to Southwell Workhouse

