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Dear Parents

'Meet the Teacher' via Zoom

Class lists, together with the names of staff and new classrooms for the academic year, September 2020 to July 2021 were sent out to parents on Tuesday 23 June.

Due to our current circumstances, we were unfortunately unable to organise our usual 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon this term. Instead, a series of Zoom meetings have been taking place over the last week to provide an opportunity for children and parents to see and speak to their new class teacher for September 2020. Despite being a very different experience to usual, I hope you have found these meetings beneficial.

'Meet the Teacher', September 2020

By the time we return to school after the summer holidays, I am very hopeful that life will be more normal so that we can invite you into the building to meet your child's new teacher in person.

The provisional dates for these meetings are:

- Thursday 3 September from 2.50pm until 3.10pm - Y1F, Y1Z, Y2C, Y2S
- Friday 4 September from 3.05pm until 3.25pm - Y3C, Y4C, Y5G, Y5Z, Y6C

Confirmation and further details about these meetings will be sent to you near the end of the summer holiday.

EYFS 'Meet the Teacher/Keyworker', September 2020

Parents of children in EYFS have already received their invitation to meet their respective Lower Kindergarten or Upper Kindergarten keyworker or Reception teacher at the beginning of next term. These invitations will also be confirmed near the end of the summer holiday.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Due to our unprecedented circumstances and the need to maintain social distancing and class bubbles, we are not able to hold any of our usual end of Summer Term events. This includes the Year 6 Leavers' assembly to parents that normally takes place on the last Tuesday of term in the school hall.

However, we felt that it would be shame not to celebrate our Year 6 children, many of whom will be leaving Oaklands after many years with us. As a result, we are going to move the event outside to our school field so that we can ensure a level of social distancing between our families, staff and children whilst enjoying watching the children perform.

Our Year 6 classes of 2020 have therefore invited their parents to a unique '*Leavers Assembly Picnic in Sherwood Forest*', known by us all as the Oaklands school field, on Tuesday 7 July 2020 from 6.30pm.

We hope to make this an informal but very special event to mark the end of their time at Oaklands within the limits of what is permissible according to government guidelines.

Year 6 Mini Fete

Year 6 are organising their mini fete for Monday 6 July. Every year, Year 6 pupils choose a couple of charities to raise money for. It is particularly appropriate that they unanimously decided that this year all the money raised should go to the NHS.

Due to current health guidelines, there will be no handling or exchange of money during the Fete between the children. Instead, Reception to Year 5 children have been asked to make a donation of between £2-£5, which must be bought into school on the day of the mini fete in a sealed envelope. Thank you in advance for your support.

The children will be able to access all of the games and activities, such as 'Guess how many sweets are in the jar' or 'Name the Teddy' on the stalls without touching anything. Social distancing will be maintained and each class/'bubble' will visit the Fete separately at their allocated time.

Complaints

As you are aware, we have an open door policy throughout the school and we make every effort to respond quickly to any queries or concerns you may have. I thought you might like to know that over the course of the last academic year we had one formal complaint, which was resolved quickly and to the satisfaction of all parties.

End of Term

As you will know, term finishes on Thursday 9 July. We will stagger the picking up as follows:

- 12.00pm finish for LK, UK and Reception
- 12.15pm finish time for Y1 & Y2
- 12.30pm finish time for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6


Please arrive onto the site no earlier than 5 minutes before your child's slot and leave immediately afterwards. I know that these are nice occasions to stand and chat, but please be mindful of the current pandemic and the government guidelines for schools about large gatherings.

As we come to the end of another, and somewhat unique, year at Oaklands, I would like to congratulate the children for all their hard work, perseverance and achievement. I would like to thank you, the parents, for the support that you have shown the school and your commitment towards helping the education of your children, particularly during the period of home learning.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the hard working staff, which includes not only the teaching staff, teaching assistants, specialist teachers and SEND staff, but also the finance and administrative staff in Oak House, office team, IT staff, lunchtime supervisors, maintenance team, catering staff and cleaners for playing their roles at Oaklands and especially for getting us through to the end.

May I wish you all a lovely summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back to school in the Autumn Term on Thursday 3 September 2020.

Yours sincerely



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