

Newsletter

09 October 2020



Principal's Greeting

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always lovely to walk around school and visit classrooms at New Oak. There is always an atmosphere of productive learning and children are happy and settled. This week, I have undertaken a 'learning walk' spending time in all classrooms and talking to children about their learning. Children were really proud of their learning and could talk to me about what they were learning and why. They were very keen to show me their work! I saw children learning to read text closely and infer ideas and meanings from the text, children interpreting data, children altering sentences to make them more effective, children looking at patterns in maths and children in reception looking for squirrels! All exciting fun and great thinking brains- staff and children!

As you will now know, Mr Allan has been appointed to be the substantive Principal from January 2021. I have met with Mr Allan and we are currently planning in times to meet next half term to ensure the transition to another Principal is smooth. Congratulations to Mr Allan!

Have a lovely weekend, **Mrs Foster**

Dates for Diary

Virtual Parents' Evenings October-
Monday 12 —R-6, Tuesday 13 - R-6, Monday 19 - R-6 (not 4), Tuesday 20—R-6, Wednesday 21 —4, DLB —13 & 21 October

Inset day—Friday 16 October (school closed)

Term 2—Monday 02 November—Friday 18 December

Tuesday 17 November - Individual School Photographs

Thursday 19 November—Speech & Lang.
Virtual drop in session

Inset day—Friday 20 November (school closed)

Term 3—Monday 04 January—Friday 12 February

Inset day - Monday 04 January (school closed)

Term 4—Monday 22 February— Thursday 01 April

Term 5 - Monday 19 April - Friday 28 May

May Bank Holiday - Monday 03 May (school closed)

Term 6 - Monday 07 June - Friday 23 July

FAMILY FORUM



Thanks to the parents who joined us on our Family Forum on Wednesday after school- your time and views was invaluable. It was good to hear that the weekly newsletters and curriculum information from teachers was helpful for parents to know what is going on in school. We had a focus on

communication, particularly with restricted opportunities for communication with you in 'Covid times'.

We talked about the end of the day and the Petherton Garden entrance in particular. We changed arrangements for this system this week. This is working well now so thank you for your support. If you feel that you have an exceptional circumstance that means you can only use a certain entrance, please can you contact either Sinead or myself to discuss. We would also ask that parents come at their designated times promptly and parks safely- please see the additional note on page 2. Thanks to everyone who is doing this already, it makes everything run a little smoother!

VIRTUAL PARENTS' EVENINGS'

This is going to be our very first virtual parents' evenings', which will be held on Microsoft Teams. You can find the relevant dates in the 'Dates for Diary' section of this newsletter.

To book your child's timeslot, please log into My Child at School app (MCAS) and click the parent evening tab. If you wish to book a telephone call instead, please contact the school office either by emailing info@oasisnewoak.org or by phoning us on **012756 894570** and they will be able to manually book you a time.

Once you have booked your timeslot, your child's teacher will send you an invite link to your email address nearer the time.

On the day/time of your meeting you will need to click the link and it will take you straight to the meeting.

Don't forget to download Microsoft Teams before the event!



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NEW OAK LEARNING.....

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| Tigers | Tigers have had a fun week. In PE we have enjoyed working on our throwing and catching skills and using tennis rackets in partners. |
| Cheetahs | Cheetahs have had great fun building shelters for the 3 little pigs. We decided the best shelter would need to be waterproof so we planned and carried out an investigation focusing on materials and their properties. |
| DLB | Mice say they have been: learning new feelings; making Halloween instructions and learning how to calculate perimeters. |
| YR | Bear Class have been amazing us every day with their fantastic behaviour and eagerness to learn. This week we have been continuing to learn the story of 'We're Going on a Bear hunt' and drawing story maps to help us retell it. I wonder if they can retell it to someone at home? |
| Y1 | This week in Elephant Class we have been comparing old and new toys in History. Elephants were very interested in learning about the toys Miss Sherrin and Mrs Evans played with as children. |
| Y2 | Year Two have continued to work on their basketball skills and are becoming proficient adders and subtractors whilst they're not on the court! They have also been working on applying their knowledge of shading and shadow to some animal sketches. |
| Y3 | In Platypus class this week, the children had lots of fun creating their own musical instruments. We can not wait to do band practice next week! The children have also made fantastic poems about dragons, using similes. |
| Y4 | Armadillo class have been looking at similarities and differences between different living creatures and using these to categorise them. They also have been exploring capital cities of different European countries. |
| Y5 | Year 5 have had another exciting week. In English, they have been debating whether Trick or Treating should be banned- most arguing for it to be saved! In Music, they have begun composing a piece of music about planet Earth in the style of Gustav Holst! Keep up the hard work Year 5! |
| Y6 | In Year 6 this week we have made factual leaflets about Treacher Collins Syndrome in relation to our book Wonder. |



INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED, FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2020

A reminder that next Friday (Friday 16 October) is an INSET day- staff are on regional training all day so school is closed to children.

PARKING PETHERTON GARDENS

It has come to our attention that some parents/carers are continuing to park on the double yellow lines in Petherton Gardens and blocking the entrance to the back gate.

This is a health and safety concern. We cannot stress highly enough the dangers of doing this as you are potentially endangering the lives of the children in this Academy!



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