



4TH FEBRUARY 2022

Happy New Year!



2022

This year is the year of the Tiger and the children in our Nursery class have enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year this week.



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Changes to Covid Isolation Rules

Following the recent change in Covid rules, people - including pupils, parents and teachers have to isolate for a minimum of five full days after the day of a positive test before then returning to school if they have tested negative twice.

The first full day of isolation is considered to be the day following the positive test. The day of the positive test is called day zero.

People who have tested positive can now take two LFD tests on day 5 and day 6, and if both are negative and they do not have a temperature, they can end their self-isolation on day 6 and return to their education setting immediately. If either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

In practice it means that if a child tests positive on a Saturday, that would be considered day zero. Day one would be Sunday. They could then take tests on the morning of Thursday (day 5) and Friday (day 6). If they tested negative on both days and did not have a temperature they would then be able to return to school on the Friday. Both tests should be taken before 9.00am on day five and day six to ensure that there are a full 24 hours between negative results.

As cases in school are currently high and rising daily, could we please ask that if your child is displaying the symptoms of Covid but is testing negative on a Lateral Flow test that you take them for a PCR test, particularly if you have received a letter from us saying that your child is a close contact due to a case in their class.

We also now have an increasing number of children in school who are testing positive for Covid for a second time. We are aware that you are unable to obtain a PCR test for the 90 days following an infection but can we please ask that your child still takes a Lateral Flow Test. This will detect if your child has caught Covid for a second time.

We really do appreciate your support and co operation. Thank you.

School Lottery

£25,000 Jackpot

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£11.40 - won by Ms W
(STAFFORD)

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< Sat 29 Jan 2022 >

Don't forget!

Inset Day 18th February

**Followed by half term
21st—25th February**

Parents Evenings

We will be holding our Parents' Evening sessions on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th February. Details of how to book appointments will be sent out to all parents via ParentMail next week. The appointments will take place in school face-to-face with the teachers, with ten minute meetings taking place in the classrooms.

Within this meeting, your child's teacher will discuss your child's progress, as well as targets linked to their next steps in learning. You will also get the chance to look through the work that your child has completed so far this year during the meeting with your child's teacher.

Please be mindful during these sessions that times are tight, so please be on time for your child's meetings. Additionally, if you wish to discuss a matter that may take longer than the allocated ten minute slot, your child's teacher will be happy to arrange another time to meet.

We ask that anyone showing symptoms for Covid-19 cancel their appointment, letting the school know as soon as possible. The class teacher will re-arrange a time to meet when it is safe to do so. There will be hand sanitiser available at the entrance to the school and in each classroom. We ask that you wear face masks throughout the time that you are in school in order to keep everybody safe and well. Thank you for your ongoing support

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. As part of our celebration the children can dress up as a book character – either fiction or non-fiction. We are also aiming to have a class book swap and if restrictions allow we will participate in some shared reading experiences.

Each class will have an author who they will focus on. The children will explore this authors style and work and then create their own piece of learning in the style of the author. The day will be full on valuable reading experiences and promoting reading for pleasure.



World Book Day tokens will be sent home shortly and can be redeemed in participating bookshops

Foundation Stage Open Mornings

If you have a child who is due to start our school Nursery class in September next year we are holding two number of open mornings :-

- Thursday 17th February 2022
- Friday 4th March 2022

All sessions will begin at 10.30am prompt and last around an hour. If you wish to attend could you please contact the school office so that we know how many visitors to expect.

If you wish to apply for a place in our morning Nursery to start in September 2022 applications can be made via our school website <https://www.oakridge.staffs.sch.uk/admissions> and once completed the form should be emailed to admissions@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk

The closing date to submit your application is 14th March 2022 and applications can now be made. Places will be offered, by ourselves, no later than 21st March 2022.

We regret that completion of the Admission form does not automatically confirm a place at our Nursery, nor does the offer of a place in our Nursery guarantee an offer of a place into our Reception class the following year.

Year Five Standon Bowers Meeting

We are holding a meeting for the parents of our Year Five children to provide information about their upcoming visit to Standon Bowers.

The meeting will take place on 1st March straight after school. Could we please ask that face masks are worn and that you do not attend if you have any of the symptoms of Covid.

If you are unable to attend, handouts will be available from the class teacher.

Year One and Two Visit to Cannock Chase Museum

On Wednesday 9th March, Year One and Year Two children will be visiting the Museum of Cannock Chase where, as part of their knowledge and understanding of the World, they will be exploring the history of toys and games through a series of workshops.

We will be leaving school at 9.15am and will return to school at approximately 3.00pm. School uniform must be worn.

Children will need a packed lunch for dinnertime, could you please put this in a backpack so the children's hands can be kept free. If you wish to order a school packed lunch please complete and return the form which has been sent out via Parentmail by Wednesday 2nd March at the latest.

Contributions of £13.75 are invited towards the cost, payable via your ParentPay account. Please note that if there are insufficient contributions the visit may need to be cancelled.



Golden Book Assembly

Earlier today we were able to celebrate with two Golden Book Assemblies. Our theme this week was Reaching for the Stars.

Congratulations to all of the children who were awarded a Golden Book Certificate.

- Reception Rosie, Ellie and Oddiyan
- Year 1 Christopher and Samuel
- Year 2 Yash and Amber
- Year 3 Tabby and James
- Year 4 Freya and Danica
- Year 5 Grace and Harry
- Year 6 Arjun and Isla



Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health week. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is Growing Together. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. All children in KS2 will have an assembly exploring this theme on Monday and KS1 will have an assembly on Wednesday.

On Friday, children can come in non-uniform to celebrate the week and, if possible, bring in a photograph of themselves as a baby / toddler to stimulate discussion and celebrate how we have all grown together.