



NEWSLETTER

6TH JANUARY 2023

Happy New Year!

Sporting Clubs

Just a reminder that we will begin our new after-school sports clubs next week.

Clubs will run from 3:15pm - 4:20pm and will run from Monday to Thursday.

The clubs we will offer up until half-term are as follows:

Monday - Year 3 & 4 Girls & Boys' Football

Tuesday - Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football

Wednesday - Year 5 Boys Football

Thursday - Year 6 Boys Football

Please remember that for football after-school clubs, football boots and shin pads must be worn.

Please ensure children have a waterproof coat with them too.

Dates for your Diary

9th January

Sports clubs begin this week

11th January

Year Four first swim

12th January

Foundation Stage open morning

19th January

Year 2 SATS meeting

2nd February

Year Three and Four visit to Chester

contactus@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk

Telephone No.
01785 337 300
Absence Reporting
Via ParentMail app



Year Four Swimming

On Wednesday 11th January, Year Four pupils will be attending their first swimming lesson at Stafford Leisure Centre.

All boys need to wear swimming trunks (not shorts) and girls need to wear a one-piece swimming costume (not bikinis).

If hair is long enough to impair vision then a swimming hat must be worn (this applies to both girls and boys). All jewellery should be removed and left at home.

A form has been sent out via Parentmail regarding the use of goggles which needs to be completed by 10th January.



Music Tuition

If your child is learning to play a musical instrument in school please note that the second instalment is now due and can be paid via your Parentpay account.

Thank you to those parents who have already paid or who have paid in full.



Year Three and Four Visit to Chester

On Thursday 2nd February our Year Three and Four children will be visiting Chester to deepen their Roman learning.

The visit will include a Roman workshop where the children learn why the Romans specifically came to Chester as well as looking at real and replica artefacts. Afterwards the children will be taken through the streets of Chester carrying shields and staying in military formation.

Contributions of £27.50 are invited towards the cost of the visit which can be paid for via your Parentpay account in instalments.



Primary School Admissions

If you have a child who is due to start in Reception class in September 2023 please note that the admissions process will close on 15th January 2023.

School Admissions do not issue application forms as the Service is keen to provide a paperless system in all its admissions processes wherever possible. All applications should be made on-line via the Staffordshire County Council website.

Staffordshire County Council will offer places on 17th April 2023.

We regret that no priority is given in the admission process if your child is currently in our Nursery.



Key Stage 1 SATS meeting

We are holding a meeting for parents of Year 2 children, regarding their KS1 SATs tests. During the meeting, we will be outlining the format of this year's SATs tests and how you can support your child.

This will take place on 19th January at 6.00pm and we look forward to seeing as many Year 2 parents as possible.

Parking on Silvester Way and Victoria Way

Could we please ask that you are considerate of other road users, pedestrians and especially our children when driving to and parking outside and close to our school.

The double yellow lines and zig zags lines outside and around our school are to protect the safety of our children as they come and go into school. Stopping, waiting and parking on these lines is prohibited and we would ask you not to use these areas to drop off children **at any time of the day**.

There are also single yellow lines on the corners at both sides of Silvester Way which means there should be no waiting, parking or unloading at the times shown on the signs.

This is especially important as the school year progresses and more of our Year 5 and 6 pupils arrive and come out of school independently.

We take the safety of our children very seriously and would be grateful if you could help us by thinking about where you park when you arrive at school.

In order to ease congestion could you please park on the same side of the road as the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Oakridge School Lottery

OSCA—our school PTA has a Lottery which we run via Your School Lottery which creates and runs lotteries for schools across the UK. The lotteries raise money through local communities to improve educational facilities and the school environment for thousands of pupils.

Tickets

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. There is a guaranteed cash winner for your school every week and the chance to win the £25,000 jackpot.



Prizes

The draw takes place every Saturday, and winners are notified via email. Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!



Your children will benefit directly regardless of who wins. Every penny of school profit raised goes straight back to your school.

If you would like to join our school lottery please go to the following link:-

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

Lost Property

We have a growing number of coats, hats, jumpers and water bottles in our lost property cupboard which is situated in the school reception area.

If you think you may have lost something please come and reclaim it.

We will be emptying the cupboard next Friday when we will dispose of any unclaimed items.



Contact Details

If you have moved house or changed your telephone number since September please don't forget to let us know so we have up to date information should we need to contact you.

Thank you!

