



# NEWSLETTER

16TH FEBRUARY 2023

## Inter-House School Sport Week

This week we have been running our inter-house sports competitions across the school. Our Year 6 Sports Leaders have organised and delivered multi-skills competitions for Key Stage 1 with children taking part in different challenges to test their agility, balance and coordination. Well done to all the children who took part and the leaders who did a great job in running an amazing event for Years 1 and 2.

Congratulations to George E who won the Year 1 event and James who won the Year 2 event. At key stage 2 children have enjoyed competing in benchball and dodgeball competitions and it has been great to see every child across Years 3-6 taking part and giving their best!



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Telephone No.  
**01785 337 300**  
Absence Reporting  
Via ParentMail app



Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

Attendance since the start of the academic year is **95.1%** which is

Reception	94.2%
Year One	95.8%
Year Two	96.1%
Year Three	94.5%
Year Four	96.6%
Year Five	93.2%
Year Six	95.6%

## Nursery Applications

If you wish to apply for a place in our morning Nursery to start in September 2023 applications can be made via our school website at Key Information / Admissions where you can download an application form. Once complete the form should be emailed to

[admissions@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk).

The closing date to submit your application is 17th March 2023 and applications can now be made. Places will be offered, by ourselves, no later than 24th March 2023.

If you would like to visit our Nursery we have two open days Friday 3rd March and Monday 6th March at 10.00am.

Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place.

## Nut Based Products

We have a number of children in school who have an allergy to nuts. This is a serious condition and we work hard to try our best to ensure that our school is nut free to protect the children affected.

We need to ask that you support us by ensuring that children avoid bringing any nut based foods, snacks or products that contain nuts such as almond or coconut.

All food which we purchase for school and the food which comes from our kitchen is nut free so we particularly require the support of parents whose children bring in a packed lunch. We would ask that you do not use nut based spreads such as Nutella as a sandwich filling and that you pay particular attention to the ingredients in biscuits, cereal bars such as Battenburg Cake and Bakewell Tarts. Can we also ask that nuts such as pistachios are not brought into school as a snack.

Some nut products can also be found in items such as hand creams or lipsalves. If your child requires a lipsalve can this be of a clear Vaseline type and nut safe.

We thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.



## Year Two Visit to Walsall Art Gallery

On Thursday 16th March, as a follow on from their Art topic "Portraits", Year 2 children will be visiting Walsall Art Gallery. The gallery is set in an impressive building and it will give the children the opportunity to experience original art first hand. They will look at the many portraits exhibited in the gallery and complete activities relating to them. They will also have the opportunity to make their own sculpture inspired by the bronzes in the Garman Ryan Collection.

We will leave school at 9.15 am and return at approximately 3.00 pm. Children should wear school uniform and will need to take a packed lunch.

Contributions of £9.00 are invited towards the cost, payable via your ParentPay account.



Don't forget tomorrow is an INSET day

Half term—Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February

## School Lunch

Just a reminder that when we return to school we will be on Week Two of our menu cycle.

The menu is correct on ParentPay.

## Year Five Residential Visit to Standon Bowers

Our Year Five children are all looking forward to their residential visit to Standon Bowers from 27th March to 31st March.

If you have a child in Year Five can we please remind you that payment in full for the visit is due by 20th March at the latest and can be paid for via your ParentPay account. Thank you to those who have already paid in full.

Just a reminder that there is a meeting after school on for parents of children in Year Five straight after school on 8th March to find out more information about the visit and what to take. If you are unable to attend the meeting, handouts will be available from the class teacher.

## Goodbye Mrs Adderley

On behalf of everyone within the school community I would like to thank Mrs Adderley for all her hard work and dedication to our school.

Mrs Organ will be replacing Mrs Adderley in class.

## After School Sporting Clubs

**W**e will be starting new after school clubs from week beginning Monday 27th February.

Clubs will run from 3:15pm - 4:20pm and will run from Monday to Thursday. We will usually change the after-school clubs we offer each half-term, although sometimes it may be each term. We will look to tie in our clubs with upcoming school sports competitions to give children chance to practice for a particular event, should they be selected to represent the school. We will also consider the curriculum P.E. on offer at the time, so that we are giving children the opportunity to access a variety of sports.

The clubs we will offer up until Easter are:

- **Monday- Year 3/4 Multi Sports**
- Tuesday - Year 2 Multi Sports**
- Wednesday - Year 5/6 Cross Country**
- Thursday - Year 5/6 Netball**

We expect demand for all of these clubs to be high, so to avoid disappointment, please complete and submit the ParentMail form by 3pm on Friday 24th February. Occasionally, our clubs do become oversubscribed. If this does happen, names will be drawn at random (as per our policy). We will also add any children that are unsuccessful to a waiting list, should a place become available. If any child does miss out on a particular club, they will be given priority in the future. With this in mind, if your child is allocated a place but is no longer able to attend, please use the contactus email to let us know so that the place can be offered to somebody else.

In terms of appropriate after-school kit, if your child's club falls on their P.E. day then they can simply stay in their P.E. kit. Should your child's club not coincide with their P.E. day then they can either bring their school kit to change in to, or some alternative sports clothing if they wish. This will help to prevent overuse of school P.E. kit.

If your child would like to attend any of these after-school clubs, please complete and submit this form accurately by Friday 24th February - 3pm. It is vital we know how each child will get

**Please note that there is no after school club on Monday  
27th February only**



## Year 4 Football Match against Etching Hill

On Tuesday night our Year 4 Football team played their first match of the season when Etching Hill visited Oakridge. The game was played in great spirits with both teams creating chances early on, however as the first half went on the Oakridge boys began to take control and a hat trick in the space of ten minutes from Harry before half time put Oakridge firmly on top. Half time score 3-0 to Oakridge.

Etching Hill responded strongly in the second half but were to be denied on several occasions by some fantastic goalkeeping by Kian who made numerous great saves. Etching Hill did manage to get a goal back but Oakridge won 3-1. Well done to all the boys involved!



# Covid Vaccinations for 5 to 17 year olds

The CYP Covid Vaccination Programme are offering the COVID-19 vaccination to all eligible children. Please see below the walk in clinics that are running in January – March 2023.

## WALK IN - NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

For bookings or enquiries, please contact : [12-15covidimms@mpft.nhs.uk](mailto:12-15covidimms@mpft.nhs.uk)

- **Wednesday 15th February** - Wombourne Fire Station – WV5 0AX (16:30-19:30 hrs)
- **Monday 20th February** - Barton-Under-Needwood Fire Station – DE13 8LB(10:00-14:45 hrs)
- **Tuesday 21st February** - Kidsgrove Fire Station –ST7 1DG (10:00-14:45 hrs)
- **Wednesday 22nd February** – Tunstall VC – ST6 4JU (14:00-19:00 hrs)
- **Thursday 23rd February** - Rising Brook Fire Station – ST17 9NF(10:00-14:45 hrs)
- **Sunday 26th February** - Longton Cottage Hospital – ST3 4QX (10:00-14:45 hrs)
- **Wednesday 1st March** - St John's Centre Trent Vale – ST4 6QD (16:30-19:30 hrs)
- **Sunday 12th March**- Burton Fire Station – DE14 3SU (10:00-14:45 hrs)
- **Thursday 16th March** – Newcastle Fire Station– ST5 2SL (16:30-19:30 hrs)
- **Saturday 18th March** - Loggerheads Fire Station– TF9 4BT (10:00-14:45 hrs)

On arrival you will be asked to fill in a consent form – if you have your child's NHS number please can you bring this with you as it helps our process (but don't worry if you can't find it)  
-If your child has tested positive for Covid they will not be able to have the vaccine until 12 weeks after the positive date (clinically vulnerable children need to wait 28 days following a positive Covid test)  
-There must be a 12 week gap between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Covid vaccinations (clinically vulnerable children need to wait 8 weeks).

**Once your child has been vaccinated they need to wait 15 minutes at the clinic.**

More information can be found at : [Find a walk-in coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination site - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-for-children/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine-for-children-aged-5-to-15/)  
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