

Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book Winners who were presented with their certificates during assembly this morning. This week's theme for Golden Book was "Reaching for the Stars"



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| Year One | - | Freya, Bobby and Stanley |
| Year Two | - | Nell, Jamie and Myla |
| Year Three | - | Millie and Oliver |
| Year Four | - | Yashwant and Beth |
| Year Five | - | Tabitha and Charlie |
| Year Six | - | Isaac, Alfie S, Danica and Layla |

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School Photos

On 21st September Tempest photography will be in school to take individual and family group photos.

If you would like family group photos taken with children who **do not** attend Oakridge please arrive from 8.00am onwards.

Children who have siblings already in school will be taken as individuals and as family groups during school time.



Parents Evening

Please note a change of date for Parents Evening for the Autumn term. It will now be held on Monday 23rd October and Thursday 26th October.



School Milk

Children in our Nursery and Reception classes enjoy drinking a carton of milk each morning.

Up until the age of 5 children are entitled to free milk but you need to register your child to receive this if you have not already done so.

Once your child has turned 5 they are still able to have a drink each day if you pay via the Coolmilk website.

If you do not have a form please ask a member of staff.



Bikeability

Year 4 will have their Bikeability training on 28th September. This is a change to the original date.

Year 6 will be taking part on the longer course on the 19th and 20th September.

On these days children may come into school wearing their school P.E kits. Can you please ensure children have appropriate clothing for the weather. Thank you.



Music Tuition Fees

If your child is learning to play a musical instrument in school the tuition fees have been added to your ParentPay account and are now due.

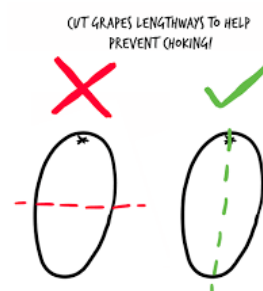
Fees can be paid upfront or instalments due during the first week of each term.

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



Grapes

Grapes are a good healthy fruit snack but if you include grapes in your child's packed lunch could we please ask that you remember to always cut them lengthwise first as they pose a serious choking hazard for children. Thank you.



Sporting Clubs

As it's the start of a new year, we will begin our new after school sports club from the week commencing 11th September. Clubs will run from 3.20pm—4.20pm and will run from Monday to Thursday.

Please note there will be no club this coming Thursday the 14th September.

Monday	Year 3 and 4 Boys Football
Tuesday	KS2 Girls Football
Wednesday	Year 5 and 6 Boys Football
Thursday	Year 3 and 4 Multisports

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.

For football after-school clubs, football boots and shinpads must be worn. For Cross-country, children may wear boots or trainers. However, the field usually becomes quite slippery and muddy so football/rugby boots are advisable. Please ensure children have a waterproof coat with them in case they require it.

Attendance

During the meet the teacher sessions that were held for all classes in July, we outlined the Government's priority of regular school attendance. This message was again emphasised at the beginning of the week by Dame Rachel de Souza, the children's commissioner for England who said that persistent absence from school's was "one of the issues of our age" and called for a "razor sharp focus" on the problem.

We were very pleased that last year at Oakridge our school attendance was 95.7 % compared to the National attendance figure of 92.5% and the level of persistent absence - where pupils miss 10 per cent or more of school sessions – was 4.9% compared the National figure of 22.3%. Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support it really is appreciated.

School Registration

Can we just remind parents that the school gates open at 8:45am and the school bell is rung at 8:55 when class registers close. Any child who arrives in school after 9:10 will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Reception and Year 1 toilets

We are delighted that we were successful in securing a significant amount of money to replace our Reception and KS1 toilets. Unfortunately there has been a slight delay in their completion but we have been assured today that they will all be fully operational by Monday morning. Both our Reception and Year 1 children have been very mature and sensible whilst the alternative arrangements have been put in place.

School Forms

At the beginning of each school year we need to ensure that all of our pupil information is up to date and accurate and as a consequence there are a number of forms that we have emailed to you this week. Please return these by Wednesday 13th September.

The following three forms are completed annually:

- Medicine Care Plan
- Food Allergies
- Asthma Care Plan

If you are new to Oakridge you will need to fill in two additional forms which ensure consent for the time that your child is at Oakridge unless you inform the school otherwise. These are electronic forms sent by ParentMail. *We will be sending these out next week:*

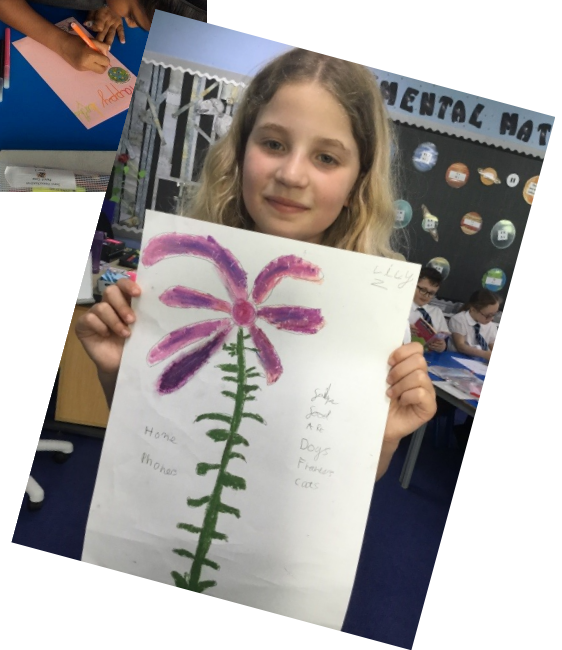
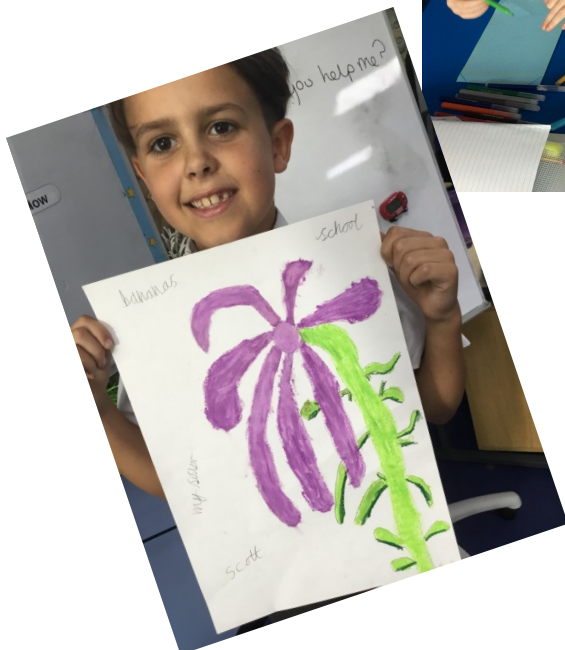
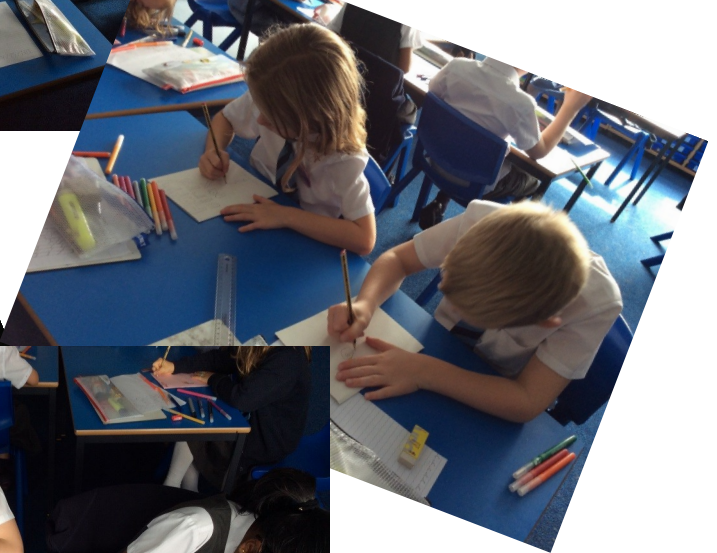
- Photo consent
- Local visits consent

We are very aware of the administration that is involved, however we are legally obliged to obtain this information and we thank you all in advance for supporting the process.

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

Iam sure that this week you will have heard about the dangers of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in schools in England. Staffordshire's Strategic Property Team have reviewed our site condition information and other information held regarding our premises and can confirm that there is no RAAC present in our school.

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Year 1

Year One have had an excellent first week, reaching for the stars and following the Oakridge Way. We have been gathering natural materials to practice our number recognition, representing numbers in as many ways as possible and creating our own self-portraits to display in our classroom.



Year 2

Year 2 have settled in brilliantly and have enjoyed discussing how to spread kindness, linking it to our Oakridge Way and our Literacy book 'Bloom'.



Music lessons

All Instrument Music lessons will start again next week. All lessons take place during the school day. Please remember to bring your instruments into school on these days:

Keyboard will take place during the school day on Thursday morning.

Woodwind will take place during the school day on Tuesday morning

Strings will take place during the school day on a Wednesday morning.

Brass will take place during the school day on Friday afternoon.

Guitar will be during the school day on a Friday afternoon.

Tuition fees are available to pay via ParentPay account.



Tuck and Lunch Orders

If you would like to order tuck or a hot dinner for your child please remember that you need to do this before 8.00am each morning (tuck and meals can be ordered in advance).

Children from Year One to Year Six are able to order tuck.

Tuck will be available to order from Monday morning and we will continue to offer sausage sandwiches for £1 cash on a Friday.



Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we strongly recommend that children do not wear jewellery at school.

A stud earring is allowed during the school day but must be removed for all PE activities. Children must be able to remove earrings themselves; they cannot be covered.

Children are allowed to wear a watch but not a smart watch.

There are to be no necklaces worn in school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

OSCA (PTA) Needs You!

Last year OSCA (the school PTA) raised over £6,000, all of which has been put towards ensuring the children have an amazing learning experience at our school. None of this would have been possible without our team of volunteers.

If you would like to help out in any way at all, please do come along to our AGM, which will be held at school on Wednesday 27th September at 7:15pm. If you have any queries, you can speak to either Claire Ashley or Cathy Thompson who are usually around at pick up and/or drop off.

A full list of dates for your diary will be attached to next weeks Newsletter.