



NEWSLETTER

15TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book Winners who were presented with their certificates during assemblies this afternoon. This week's theme for Golden Book was "being trustworthy"



- Year One - Josh, Leila and Eloise
- Year Two - Lauren, Emerson and George
- Year Three - Benji and Lauren
- Year Four - Charlie and Diya
- Year Five - Imogen, Ruixiang and Kian
- Year Six - Hattie, Freya, Alex and Alfie



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Is my child too ill for school?

As you will have seen from last weeks newsletter the Government has a very strong focus on school attendance. This week we have received a letter from the DfE written by Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer, England offering guidance which we have copied for your information below.

As you begin to welcome children and young people back for a new school year, we have been asked by the Department for Education (DfE) to provide you with a clinical and public health perspective on mild illnesses and school attendance.

We are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have caused some parents to feel less confident with assessing whether their child is well enough to be in school so we have laid out some information which we hope you will find helpful.

There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. We would encourage you to share the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) with parents and carers in your schools and communities which has further information.



School Photos

On Thursday next week 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.

Dogs

Could we please ask that if you bring your dog to school that you please keep them on a short lead and under control at all times. Please remember that dogs are not allowed onto school grounds.

Please remind your children that they should always ask the owner if it's okay before going near or touching a dog, and that they need to listen if the answer is no.



Car Parking

Please can we respectfully ask that parents and carers do not use the school car park when picking up children either from a sporting club or from Little Oaks.

Thank you for your co operation.



Bikeability

Please may we remind all pupils to bring in their bikes and helmets on their training days. Please also remind ensure children wear suitable clothing (wearing a warm waterproof coat, layers, gloves etc or sunblock, depending on the weather conditions).

Year 6 children will be taking part on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Thank you for your co-operation.



ParentMail Forms

Please can you complete various forms that have been sent out over the last week as soon as possible. Reminders have also been sent out and paper copies sent home.

These are for:

- Local Visits
- Photo Consent
- Medical Care Plans/Asthma



Phonics Workshops

We are running a workshop for Reception parents to help you support your child's learning at home.

The workshops will be held at school on Tuesday 19th September and will take place at 9.15am and repeated at 6.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Our School Attendance Target is **96%**

Last weeks attendance was **97.5%** which is **above** our school target.

Year One	99.6%
Year Two	97.9%
Year Three	96.2%
Year Four	100%
Year Five	96.3%
Year Six	95.3%

School Sport Meeting

On Thursday Oakridge hosted the annual Stafford and District Primary School Sports Association meeting to confirm the Sporting events for this school year. The meeting was well attended by a number of schools and we are pleased to say there will once again be a wide range of inter-school sport competitions running throughout the year in Cross-Country, Girls and Boys Football, Athletics and Swimming which will allow a large number of children across the Stafford area to enjoy and excel in sport. This will run alongside our 'School Games' offer which is organised by Susie at Stafford Manor who will also run a number of events with particular intent targeting different children and giving them the opportunity to succeed in sport.

We are therefore looking forward to a busy and enjoyable sporting year for our pupils!



Key dates for your diary

Autumn Term

Reception Phonics for Parents	Tuesday 19th September 9.15am and 6.30pm
Y6 Bikeability	Tuesday 19th September
Y6 Bikeability	Wednesday 20th September
Tempest Photography	Thursday 21st September
Y5 & Y6 Botanical Gardens	Monday 25th September
KS2 Maths Workshop for Parents	Wednesday 27th September 9.15am and 6.30pm
Y4 Bikeability	Thursday 28th September
Y6 at Walton High School	Monday 2nd October
Accelerated Reading Meeting (Y2 and any new parents who wish to attend)	Tuesday 3rd October 9.15am and 6.30pm
Y3 & Y4 Wolseley Centre Visit	Thursday 12th October
Y6 Parents Sats meeting—	Thursday 19th October 6.00pm
Nursery Soup Party	Friday 20th October 11.00am
Parents evening—whole school	Monday 23rd October & Thursday 26th October
Open Morning	Thursday 26th October 10.00am
Inset Day—School Closed	Friday 27th October
Half Term—School Closed	Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November
Reception Maths for Parents	Wednesday 15th September 9.15am
Open Morning	Tuesday 21st November 10.00am
Y5 Lowry Gallery Visit	Wednesday 22nd November
Y1 & Y2 Sudbury Hall Visit	Wednesday 29th November
Open Morning	Friday 8th December 10.00am
Foundation Stage Nativity	Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December 10.30am
Y1 & Y2 Gatehouse Panto	Friday 15th December
Y1 & Y2 Nativity	Tuesday 19th December 2pm
Y1 & Y2 Nativity	Wednesday 20th December 9.30am
Whole School Pantomime	Friday 22nd December
School Closed Christmas	Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January

Spring Term

Inset Day—School Closed	Monday 8th January
Y4 First Swimming Lesson	Wednesday 10th January
Half Term—School Closed	Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February
Y5 at Standon Bowers	Monday 18th to Friday 22nd March
Easter—School Closed	Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April

Summer Term

May Day—School Closed	Monday 6th May
Y6 Sats Week	Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May
Half Term—School Closed	Monday 27th to Friday 31st May
Inset Day—School Closed	Monday 3rd June
Nursery Sports Day	Thursday 20th June 9.30am
KS1 Sports Day	Thursday 27th June 1.30pm
KS2 Sports Day	Thursday 27th June 9.00am
Y6 Production	Tuesday 16th July
Y6 Production	Wednesday 17th July
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Thursday 18th July—evening
Inset Day—School Closed	Monday 22nd July
Summer Holidays—School Closed	Tuesday 23rd July to Friday 30th August

