



NEWSLETTER

29TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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 "Respect".



- Reception - Elias, Sophie and Alfie
- Year One - Sienna and Harry
- Year Two - Emmie and George
- Year Three - Ollie and Emmy
- Year Four - Noah, Katie and Lili
- Year Five - Sathvik and Jasper
- Year Six - Jess, Mason and Ibrahim



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Absence Reporting
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Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a parent governor on our school's governing board and I am writing to invite nominations to fill this vacancy. The governing board has an extremely important role. They are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, working in partnership with the headteacher, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact. Governors individually have no power but when they act collectively, as a corporate body instead of as individuals, they are very powerful. Parent governors are a vital part of the school's governing board. They also help to ensure the board is connected with the parents at the school (although you are not expected to be a spokesperson for parents). In looking to fill this vacancy the governors have identified the following skills, experience and attributes that they feel would help strengthen the governing board:

- Finance
- ICT

All governors receive training to help them carry out their role. Staffordshire Governor Services runs a wide variety of training courses for governors which you can attend, including an induction course for new governors – we expect all our governors to complete induction training. Nominations must be from parents or carers with children at the school on the day that nominations close. Anyone standing for election must certify that they are not disqualified for any reason.

**If you would like any further information
please email
contactus@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk**

Accessibility Questionnaire

In line with the Equality Act 2010, Oakridge Primary School has to have an Accessibility Plan in place to ensure that no child, parent/guardian or visitor to the School is treated less favourably than others should they have a disability, a medical concern, or an additional learning need.

With this in mind we have sent out a ParentMail form to be completed by **Friday 6th October please.**

Thank you for your co-operation.



Flu Vaccinations

Reception to Year 6

An email was sent out yesterday to all parents regarding Flu Vaccinations on **Monday 13th November.**

The email has further information and a link for you to give consent.



If you require any further information please get in touch with School Age Immunisation Service.

Census Day—5th October

Thursday 5th October is our school census day and the data that is collected on this day is used to allocate school funding for the next 12 months. There a number of ways that you can help us increase our allocation.

Every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a **free school meal** so please do take up this option on **Thursday**.

If your circumstances have changed over the last few months you may now be entitled to free school meals. You can find out whether you are able to claim free school meals by following the following link: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Overview.aspx>

Service families and Looked After children also provide an additional source of income for schools. If any of the above apply could you please speak to Mrs Edwards, in confidence, so that as a school we can maximise our income.

Our School Attendance Target is 96%

This weeks attendance is 96.9% which is above our school target.

Reception	94.7%
Year One	96.7%
Year Two	100%
Year Three	98.8%
Year Four	97.4%
Year Five	96%
Year Six	94.7%

Accelerated Reader Meeting

For parents/carers new to Accelerated Reader, a meeting will be held for Year Two and any new KS2 parents wishing to attend to give information about AR on Tuesday 3rd October.

The meeting will be held at 9.15am and repeated at 6.30pm. It will last approximately 30 minutes.

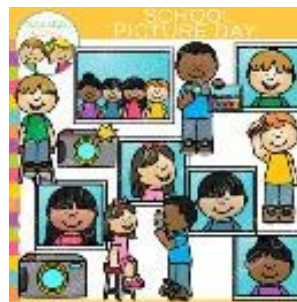
Everyone is welcome to attend and we would particularly encourage parents who are new to the school in Year 3 and Year 4.



School Photographs

The proof of your child's school photograph taken by Tempest photography have been sent home earlier this week.

Please place your order within the next week for free delivery to school. This will ensure we have the photos returned in time for Christmas.



Our website is : www.oakridge.staffs.sch.uk

Year 5 & 6 Botanical Gardens Visit

On Monday Year 5 and Year 6 children took a trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens to deepen their geography learning: What is a Biome?

The had a great day exploring the hothouses to see the different plant life of climate zones and then got a hands-on experience looking at the exciting and unique animal collection!

They had the opportunity to `get up close` with a range of exotic animals: Corn Snake, Bearded Dragon, Lesser Madagascan Tenrec, Peter's Banded Skink, Fire Salamander, Giant African Land Snail, Madagascan Hissing Cockroach and Sunny Stick Insect!

They discovered the special adaptations that these creatures have evolved, how they are classified, and what habitat they live in.



Parking Around School

The Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) has received a number of complaints regarding parking around school. Yesterday the PCSO spent some time speaking to parents and the crossing patrol and observing parking around school. They have asked us to remind parents that no one should park on the single yellow line during the hours of 8.30am-9.30am and between 3pm-4pm. The zig zag lines outside of school should also not be used as a drop off zone.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 3 & Year 4

Wolseley Centre Visit

Year 3 & 4 children are visiting The Wolseley Centre in Rugeley on Thursday 12th October.

Children are required to wear their PE kit choosing either jogging bottoms or shorts. Children should also wear walking boots or wellies. Contributions of £18 are invited towards the cost, payable via your Parent Pay account.

Little Oaks and 8 O'clock Club

Please can we kindly ask that when you are dropping or picking up your children from before or after school club that you ring the bell and wait for staff from the club to let you in to collect your children. There may well be school staff in and around the foyer area however It is important that we know who is in school and for what purpose to ensure that we keep our children safe at all times, therefore only staff from our wraparound provision should be allowing parents into school.

Thank you for your understanding it is much appreciated.

Maths Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who attended the KS2 Maths Workshops that we held this week and for the lovely comments that we received. It was great to see so many parents over the two workshops. The calculation policy can be found on the school website under the following area: curriculum > curriculum overviews > maths calculation. The power point presentation has been emailed yesterday to all KS2 parents, via ParentMail.



"Thank you for this morning's maths workshop, it was really helpful. The calculation policy document is incredibly comprehensive and useful."

"Thank you for the maths workshop today. It has really helped me better understand primary mathematics and how our children are taught the different strategies at KS2."



Year 4 Bikeability



This week it was the turn of our Year 4 children to take part in the course run by Bikeability.

Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing.



Nursery Harvest

Soup Party

On Friday 20th October at 11am we would like to invite Nursery parents/carers to a Harvest Soup Party.

The children will be treating you to some Autumn songs that they have learnt and some soup, bread and butter for you to taste.



We look forward to seeing you all there.

Y1 & Y2 Sudbury Hall

On Wednesday 29th November, Year 1 and Year 2 will be visiting the Sudbury Hall Early Childhood Museum as part of their History learning on toys from the past. They will be exploring the history of toys and games through a series of workshops.

The form if you wish to order a school packed lunch has been sent to you via ParentMail and it is also live to make payment now via your Parent Pay account.