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Head Teacher's News

Dear parents and carers

As I write to you today, and we approach the end of the Spring Term I am reflecting on the anniversary of the lockdown last March, and the changes we have needed to make to keep everyone safe in School. This half term has been one of change with the first week's education delivered both on site and online, and the recent three-week period with everyone back in school. As you will see in this newsletter the staff have made huge efforts to make sure the young people continue with the best educational experience possible, while continuing to work differently to keep everyone safe.

At present a small number of children remain at home because they have shielding advice until the end of March, we are expecting that everyone will be back in school after Easter.

I would like assure you all that Oaklands staff have all been offered a vaccination and that all staff have been asked to carry out lateral flow tests twice a week. Around one third secondary parents have agreed to test their children using the lateral flow tests. I would like to encourage families who are not yet doing so, as this is a highly effective way of keeping your family and everyone in school safe. If you would like a lateral flow test kit please do let us know and it will be sent home for you.

We are looking forward to a great summer term in school and I sincerely hope that we are able to remain open so all the children and young people can continue to benefit from education and the social and sporting activities we can provide onsite at Oaklands.

May I hope for a Happy Easter for you and your family if you are celebrating the festival, and for an enjoyable break for you all.

Thanks you for your ongoing support.

Anne Clinton

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Term Dates

19th April	Students Return to school
3rd May	Bank holiday (school closed)
31st May– 4th June	Half Term Holiday
7th June	students return to school
21st July	Last day of school

Head of School Message

Dear Parents and carers,

This term has been incredibly challenging for all of us. Whether you are a parent who has been at home with your family, a key worker making a journey on public transport or a young person whose whole routine has been turned upside down. We have all faced difficulties following the announcement of another period of lockdown.

I would like to praise the staff of New Oaks who continued to work throughout. On a weekly basis a team of colleagues delivered work packs to families providing bespoke resources to help children continue their education at home. Whilst teams of staff met the needs of a smaller number of children who continued to access school.

We did our best to reach out to every member of our New Oaks family and the feedback from our survey was that 100% of families had felt that they had been supported during this lockdown.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who, despite the difficulties of working from home, were able to continue to support home learning. As a parent of three children myself and with many of my staff team being parents, we are fully aware of the demands on families, trying to fit home learning in (sometimes up until 9pm at night) and just how exhausting it can be.

It has been lovely to welcome children back to school since the 8th March. The school feels like it has 'come alive' again and is full of the noises and energy of children enjoying themselves.

Despite schools reopening I feel I need to remind both families and staff alike that we are still under national lockdown and I hope everyone follows government guidelines to keep us all safe over the Easter period.

We look forward to seeing children return on Monday 19th April, and as the days grow longer and we see more and more sunshine, can I ask that you please stay safe over the next few weeks.

Best wishes from me and the staff at New Oaks

Barry New

Family Support News

If you are faced with any challenges, I am still available during my working hours, don't feel you are alone during these difficult times.

We Welcomed back almost all students on Monday 8th March 2021 with only few shielding at home.

Parent Survey

Successful feedback from parent's survey conducted.

Due to the pandemic restrictions, most suitable activities for primary students are not available.

Unique Identifying Number (UIN)

If you have not already registered for your UIN, please do call the short Breaks team on 020 8583 3636. It is important that you do this as you will need a UIN to book on to any of the short Breaks programme.

Useful Websites for families of disabled children

Please find below several Websites that offer help and support in various ways to families with disabled children:

<http://newlifecharity.co.uk/docs/care-services/play-Therapy-pods.shtml>
<https://www.disability-grants.org/grants-for-children.html>
<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

Have a safe and restful Easter Break.

Georgina Davies

Schools are back, but lockdown is not over

Re-opening education has been a national priority. We know missing education due to school closures is detrimental to children's future prospects, but it also impacts on parent's ability to work.

We all need to follow the rules as restrictions ease to give us the best chance of moving forward and back to normality.

Children should not be mixing outside your household, school or childcare bubble. Playdates and out of school meet ups need to wait.

Support us in moving to the next step by following the rules now

STEP 1: 8 March



Schools and colleges are open for all students. Practical Higher Education Courses.



Exercise and recreation with your household or one other person in a public outdoor place. Household only indoors.



Wraparound care, including sport, for all children, to enable parents to work.



Stay at home. No domestic or international holidays.



Funerals (30 people). Weddings and Wakes (6 people).

29 March



Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.



Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.



Organised outdoor sport (children and adults).



Minimise travel. No domestic or international holidays.



Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 people, excluding under 5s).

Little Oaks

We were all very happy to welcome everyone back this half term. It has been great to see, play and learn with all of our friends again.

This half-term, our topic has been space and we have been reading lots of story books, making our own rockets and planets and learning our numbers by counting down; 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1... BLAST OFF!!!





Saffron and Ladybirds



Saffron and Ladybird classes have joined together while we wait for our friends, who are still shielding, to be able to come back to school.

We have merged our topics too. We have had lots of special days for our 'celebrations' topic and in between we have been learning about space.

We began this term with a party for one of our student's birthday



All this celebrating means we get to do lots of cooking. Exploring all the ingredients gives us lots of opportunities to use all our senses and get nice and messy. For Mother's Day we made iced gingerbread biscuits and for St. Patrick's day we made chocolate shamrocks and peppermint creams.





Here are some
of our students
looking for gold
at the end of
the rainbow

While others
sort out the
spaghetti snakes





We are continuing to send work packs home for the children who are still unable to be in school with us for medical reasons. The packs mean we can share the stories and activities that we are doing in class.



The students played with teddy in our pretend rocket ready for a journey into space.



This term everyone has been able to reach for the stars. Well done everybody!





Tulips News

Dear Parents,

What a strange term this has been! The children have settled in well and they are clearly happy to be back with their friends. They have spent a lot of time reconnecting with their friends and exploring school, the outside area is definitely the preferred area. This term we have had great fun learning about and enjoying a variety of nursery rhymes, the children really enjoyed Hey Diddle Diddle and the Gingerbread man. We have also had great fun celebrating World Book Day and Red Nose Day, thank you to all of those who encouraged your child to get involved, it has been great fun.



Welcome back Sunflower Class



Welcome back Sunflower Class!

This week we have been celebrating our first week back at school by enjoying world book day, and learning about our topic 'Food and Drink.' We have also enjoyed learning about our letter of the week 'O.'

Everyone was very happy to be back in school with their friends and teachers! Here we are working hard during our lessons.



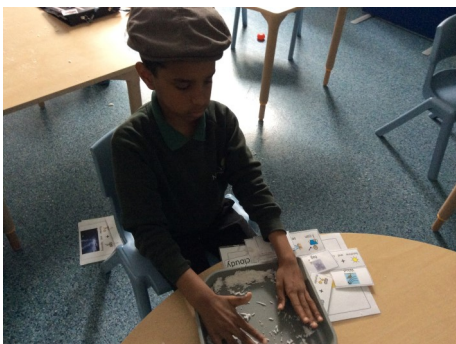


Snapdragon Class

Everyone in Snapdragon is so happy to have almost the whole class back together.

All the children are so pleased to be able to see, work and play with their friends like they did before lockdown.

This half-term, we have been learning about weather and what people like to do in different temperatures, including playing sports outside, making cold drinks and learning about the colours associated with each season.



Reminders



Please be reminded that all parentpay accounts should remain in balance for student lunches. If you have any queries or need any assistance with this please contact the office:

newoaksoffice@oaklands.uk.net

School Timings

Little Oaks

08:45—School starts

2.35pm—School finishes

New Oaks

09.15—School starts

2.55—School finishes

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