



Newsletter
8th June 2023



Message from Mrs Christopher

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half-term break and that you had the chance to make the most of our lovely weather. I can't believe we are already in our final term of the school year!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents/carers for their understanding regarding the issue of PE kit and uniform. It has become clear that there has been some mixed communication over the years with regards to PE kit and we now need to clear this up. I can only apologise for this poor communication and promise that we will ensure all messages are aligned moving forward. We had found ourselves in a situation where some children were wearing black jumpers, some purple and some multi-coloured sport kit. As children now wear their PE kit for two full school days, we want to make sure that this is consistent. I am conscious that I don't want to cause unnecessary expense for parents so we are saying that they just need to wear their usual purple school jumper/cardigan/fleece. If this decision causes any family financial hardship, please email the school office and we will aim to supply you with an additional school jumper to use for PE.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in contact with your child's class teacher.

Sports week

Miss Baddeley and Mrs Newbury are in the process of organising our annual sports week. Sports week will take place from 3rd – 7th July 2023. All pupils are expected to wear PE kit for the whole week so that they can fully participate in all activities. This is always a great week which is thoroughly enjoyed by pupils and staff, thank you to Miss Baddeley and Mrs Newbury for organising this. A letter with further details of our Sports Day will be sent out next week.

Coming up...

14th June – PFA summer disco

29th June – Picnic Proms

3rd – 7th July – Sports week

7th July – Sports day (more info coming soon)

11th July – End of year reports sent home

12th July – Open classrooms 3.30 – 5pm

14th July – PFA summer fete

19th July – Transition day (pupils visiting their new class)

24th July – Last day for nursery children

25th July – Last day of term finish at 1.15pm

Grove Learning Trust

Unfortunately, due to a delay with Swindon Borough Council communications, the move to Grove Learning Trust did not happen on 1st June. We are now working closely with the legal team appointed by GLT and hoping for a conversion on 1st July 2023. We will of course keep you updated as soon as we know more information.

Staff voice

We have been taking some feedback from our staff about our behaviour policy. Pupil behaviour during lesson times has been highlighted as outstanding by many external agencies. Pupils behave very well during lesson times and any disruption to learning is dealt with quickly and effectively. Unfortunately, this isn't always the case during playtimes. Some Teaching Assistants feel that some children do not show the same level of respect towards them. Teachers will be speaking to their classes about the need to show all adults and children respect. We would be very grateful if you could follow this up with your children at home so that they are hearing consistent messages. Any incidents of a pupil showing disrespectful behaviour to an adult in school will lead to a repair conversation and loss of end of term reward.

We appreciate your support in ensuring playtimes are enjoyable for all staff and pupils alike.

Staffing for 2023/24

Sadly, we will be having two teachers leaving us at the end of this academic year. Miss Baddeley will be leaving to take up a new position at Kingfisher Academy and Mrs Kopinska will be leaving teaching to begin some exciting work for a charity. We will be very sad to say goodbye to both staff members who have been excellent teachers and leaders during their time at Oakhurst.

We have successfully recruited teachers to replace Miss Baddeley and Mrs Kopinska and also to cover the many maternity positions we have at the moment. The following teachers will be joining us in September:

Miss Rachel Soper from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Malmesbury

Miss Melissa Dell from Oaktree Primary School, Swindon

Miss Eve Reynolds (currently in Belfast Class) will be taking up a permanent position here

Miss Abigail Ross will be taking a maternity cover position as a newly qualified teacher

Miss Lauren Hargreaves will be taking a maternity cover position as a newly qualified teacher

Miss Emily Hayward will be taking a maternity cover position as a newly qualified teacher