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Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the final half-term of this school year as we look forward to the many events ahead whilst reflecting on what has been a truly amazing year so far for our children and the school. The learning experiences from *'This is me!'* before the holiday encapsulated everything that is Oak Meadow. The week proved the perfect platform for the children to showcase their knowledge and skills from the broad and ambitious curriculum we provide through an eclectic mix of activities. I am, as always, thankful to our staff for their hard work and innovation to deliver the week and the volunteers and visitors who gave their time to join us and speak so passionately to the children about the person they were and the power each of us have to make a difference in our lives.

Following on from the outstanding achievements during *'This is me!'* and all of the other fantastic work that underpins our school, I was delighted to learn of our final shortlisting for 'Primary School of the Year' from the Education Awards for a consecutive year. I see this as a further commendation for everything we do in partnership with you as parents/ carers with the shared goal for the children to always be the very best they can be thanks to the learning experiences and enrichment they are provided with. I am extremely proud of all staff for the roles they play for our school knowing their contributions continually go above and beyond the expected to ensure the highest of standards at Oak Meadow. Well done everyone!

The school's curriculum, and particularly our sporting offer, has also received additional external recognition. Following on from our recent Artsmark Gold award, we have now received news that we have been awarded the School Games Gold award as recognition for our extensive P.E. curriculum alongside the wide-ranging clubs and team opportunities Oak Meadow provides. The organisation and implementation of extra-curricular activities at Oak Meadow is one I know so many children enjoy and benefit from. Long may this continue with the positive validation confirming our excellent school offer.



In an update to staffing, Miss. Johnston will commence her maternity leave from the end of this week. This is earlier than originally anticipated but we all wish her well for the remainder of her pregnancy and the birth of her second child. I have made arrangements for the children in 3J to meet a new teacher, Mr. Marston-Mathers, on Wednesday and Thursday this week who will provide cover in Miss. Johnston's absence. I would also encourage parents and carers to say hello as we look to support the transition for the children knowing that all other members of the Year 3 team will also be on hand if/ when needed.

I will send a separate letter in the weeks ahead to share news of the staffing profile for September and where adults will be based in readiness for your child's end of year report where their new class teacher will be specified.

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...



Finally, please find below the calendar of events for the remainder of the summer term including arrangements building up to our annual Summer Fair that I will send an additional letter about at the end of this week. As always, further communication may follow for specific Year group events and if you have any queries regarding any activity, please just let us know. As we enter the last half-term, please can I remind you once more of the importance of your child being an 'Attendance HERO' (Here, Everyday, Ready and On-time). Our hope and ambition is for every child to attain a minimum attendance rate of at least **96%** for the term and over the school year.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Lane (Interim Head of School).

### Calendar of Events - Summer Term 2024

(Please note that planned dates/ times for events may change. Additional letters will be sent out where appropriate for workshops and specific Year group events)

Date	Calendar Events
Mon 3rd June	4 <sup>th</sup> Children Return for Summer Term 2 4 <sup>th</sup> Wolverhampton 'Connected Olympic Torch' at Oak Meadow 4 <sup>th</sup> Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Checks begin 5 <sup>th</sup> World Environment Day 6 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 School Nursing Team presentations 7 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 Egyptian Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 7 <sup>th</sup> Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Ash and Rowan House Children 2:15pm
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June	10 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks begin 11 <sup>th</sup> Year 5 School Nursing Team presentations 12 <sup>th</sup> New September Reception cohort Transition event 2 – <i>The Treasure hunt</i> 1:45pm 13 <sup>th</sup> Local Governing Board Meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> Reception Parent/ Carers Vocabulary Come and Play – Willow and Yew House Children 2:15pm
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> June	17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Year 2 Assessment week (Non-statutory SATs) 17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Reception children height, weight and vision checks 21 <sup>st</sup> World Music Day – non-uniform day for the Summer Fair – 'bring a toiletry'
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June	24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> Whole School Assessment Week 26 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 final group photograph with Wrates Photographers (postponed from 15 <sup>th</sup> May due to rain) 27 <sup>th</sup> New September Reception cohort Transition event 3 – <i>Getting ready for school</i> 10:30-11:30 am or 1:45-2:45pm 28 <sup>th</sup> Year 2 Topic Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 28 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 visit to Twycross Zoo
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Health Week 2 <sup>nd</sup> Staffordshire County Cricket Club workshops Y1-6 3 <sup>rd</sup> New September Reception cohort Transition event 4 – <i>Children's Welcome Morning</i> 10:30am - 12:00pm 4 <sup>th</sup> School closed – In use as Polling Station for the General Election 5 <sup>th</sup> French celebration day at Oak Meadow (Paris Olympics link) - non-uniform day for the Summer Fair – 'bring a bottle' 5 <sup>th</sup> Year 1 Topic Assembly for parents/ carers (8:50am) 5 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> Y6 PGL Residential Visit
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> July	8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Children's enterprise week making products and games for the Summer Fair 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Cake competition week for the Summer Fair 8 <sup>th</sup> Y6 children return from PGL





	<p>9<sup>th</sup> Mrs Bradney Nurture group parent open afternoon            11<sup>th</sup> Sports Day (KS2: 9:15 to 11:30a.m, EYFS &amp; KS1: 1:30 to 3:00p.m.)            11<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Governors Meeting            12<sup>th</sup> Cake competition entries to the school hall for the Summer Fair            12<sup>th</sup> End of Year Reports to Parents/ Carers            12<sup>th</sup> Summer Fair (3.30p.m.)</p>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<p>15<sup>th</sup> Children 'Meet My New Teacher' morning            15<sup>th</sup> Parent/ Carer Open Afternoon (3:30-5:30pm)            18<sup>th</sup> Year 6 leavers' Assembly (8:50am)            18<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Leavers' Disco (5:00-7:00pm)            19<sup>th</sup> End of Summer Term</p>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<p>22<sup>nd</sup> INSET day (School closed for all children)</p>

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