

## Oak Meadow Primary School Weekly Newsletter - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024: Issue 1



### A message from Mr. Lane...

What a wonderful, first week back it has been for everyone in the Oak Meadow Family. It has been a privilege to see the children return - as well as welcoming our new starters – with smiles in abundance to see one another again at the same time as looking forward to the exciting year ahead. It has been fabulous to witness the positive relationships we pride ourselves upon forge so quickly and I hope you can make it along to 'Meet the teacher' after school on Monday to see the exciting learning in store for your child whilst allowing teachers to answer any questions you may have. I have also been thrilled to see the children's enjoyment in using our new gym equipment this week and their wonderful manners in taking turns. **Oak Meadow children, you are the very best!** Take care everyone and enjoy a lovely weekend.

### Stars of the Week

As we announce our new House Captains, following democratic elections this week, on Monday, our first Celebration Assembly of this year will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 2:45pm.

Good luck to all of our Year 6 nominees for Monday's assembly!



### **House Captain Elections**



### Upcoming dates for the diary

- 9<sup>th</sup> Sept – Mr Benton's sports clubs begin.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Sept – Meet the Teacher.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sept – Roald Dahl Day.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 4 Swimming begins.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sept – Year 6 residential parent/carer meeting.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sept – Teaching staff extra-curricular clubs begin.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe assembly.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – National Fitness Day.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sept – Read with us parent/carer workshops – Years 5 & 6 (8.50am – 10am).
- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept – European Day of Languages.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – Harvest donations welcome on the hall stage.

### Communication

Our doors are always open whenever you need us and the main office number is 01902 558517.

The school email address is [oakmeadowprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:oakmeadowprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk)

Also remember to check the school website and follow us on 'X' [@oakmeadow12](https://twitter.com/oakmeadow12)

### Safeguarding Information

If you have any concerns about a child, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leaders (DSL):

- Mr. Lane (Head of School).
- Miss. Billingsley (Deputy Headteacher).
- Mr. Hawkins (Assistant Headteacher).
- Mrs. Worrallo (Assistant Headteacher).
- Mrs. Parker-Thornton (Home/School Liaison Officer).



## Attendance and Punctuality

Everyday  
COUNTS!

Thank you for making sure your child is in school every day and on time. Remember that our minimum attendance target for all children is **96%**.

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Attending school **every day** impacts significantly on your child's learning and their attainment. Please see the table below that shows the number of lessons missed as the attendance rate falls.

**Every day counts over the school year:**

Attendance during the school year	Equals this number of days absent	Meaning that approximately this number of lessons have been missed
95%	9 days	<b>50 lessons!</b>
90%	19 days	<b>100 lessons!</b>
85%	29 days	<b>150 lessons!</b>

Make sure your child is an **Oak Meadow attendance H.E.R.O** (Here, Every day, Ready and On Time) by arriving between 8:35 and 8:45am each morning.

**Every minute counts over the school year:**

- 5 minutes late each day = **3 days lost!**
- 10 minutes late each day = **6.5 days lost!**
- 15 minutes late each day = **10 days lost!**
- 20 minutes late each day = **13 days lost!**
- 30 minutes late each day = **19 days lost!**

## Class Attendance for this week

### Reception and Key Stage 1

RB	99%
RT	89%
1B	100%
1E	86.2%
2B	96.7%
2H	99%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 1B – well done!



### Key Stage 2

3H	96.7%
3J	100%
4B	99%
4N	95.7%
5CH	95.7%
5T	95.8%
6H	93%
6W	96.8%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 3J – well done!



Our combined whole school attendance for this week was...  
**96%**.

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# Working together to improve school attendance

## **Important update: On Unauthorised Leave During Term Time**

We wish to inform all parents and guardians about the significant changes to penalty notices for unauthorised absences during term time, effective from 19 August 2024.

*What you need to know:*

- New Penalty Rates: £160 per parent per child. Pay £80 if settled within 21 days.
- Second Penalty: £160 with no discount if issued within 3 years for the same child.
- Threshold: Penalty notice after 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in 10 schools weeks (in accordance with The City of Wolverhampton Council's Penalty Notice Code of Conduct).
- Limit: Max 2 penalty notices per child within 3 years. Further offences may result in prosecution.

These changes emphasise the importance of consistent school attendance for your child's education. For detailed information, please visit our school office or contact us directly.

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