

Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and were not too inconvenienced by the school closure yesterday. I know many of the children were excited at the prospect of having play dates or day trips out. For teachers it was a good opportunity to begin to write their end of year reports.

It was perfect to end the week with a visit from poet, James Carter. He led separate assemblies for Key Stage 1 and Reception and then carried out poetry writing workshops with all Year 1 and 2 classes. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and having the opportunity to perform their poetry this afternoon. A huge thank you to Mr. Copsey for facilitating such a successful day.

It was a very productive evening on Wednesday and I appreciate the time that parents took to share your thoughts on how we can improve Oscar club. We focused on Three main areas:

- How can we increase the capacity of Oscar Club?
- How should places be allocated?
- How can the booking system be improved?

We will share the suggestions and will be reviewing them over the coming days.

I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to work with Ellie Origo, our Business Manager since becoming Head Teacher at Oatlands in 2016. She is an inspirational leader, colleague and friend so I was very disappointed when she announced her retirement before Easter, although obviously I am delighted for her. She has supported us in the recruitment process along with Surrey and our Governors. We interviewed earlier this week and I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed Ruth Paisley, who we know as an ex Oatlands parent and PTA treasurer. She comes with a wealth of financial experience and it was clear that she is passionate about the role and joining the team. Congratulations Ruth!

We hope you have an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates Next Week

Monday 6th	Bank Holiday-School Closed
Wednesday 8 th	Reception Classes Health Checks
Saturday 11 th	PTA Spring Ball

School Uniform

We have noticed that some boys are coming to school wearing sports leggings under their shorts, which is not in line with the uniform. Please could children wear grey trousers or shorts. Expectations on school uniform can be found on our school website here:

[Uniform - Oatlands School](#)

Lost Property

The Lost Property box is once again overflowing with unclaimed coats, jumpers, cardigans and other items. All are un-named and therefore impossible for us to reunite with their owners. We will lay everything out on a table at the front of the school next week (weather permitting) for you to come and look and reclaim what is yours. Anything left at the end of the week will be disposed of.

Year 2 Performances- New Dates

Please note new dates have been added for the Year 2 Leavers Performances. Further information about the performances will be sent nearer the time.

Tuesday 16 th July	9:30-10:30am
Thursday 18 th July	2:00-3:00pm

Year 2 SATS

Please read the separate email regarding this year's SATS arrangements.

Year 1 Reception Sports Day- New Date

Weather permitting, Reception Sports Day will be held on:

Friday 12 th July	9:30-10:30
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Understanding and Supporting Neurodiversity – Guest Speaker Laura Kerbey

You are invited to school on Thursday May 16th at 18.30 to hear SEN Educator and Educational Consultant Laura Kerbey speak about Understanding and Supporting Neurodiversity in children. This community event is open to all local families and offers a great opportunity to get real world advice and support from Laura specifically around PDA and creating effective low-demand environments.

Mindworks Resources

As part of their resources for parents and carers of Neurodiverse children, Mindworks have created Navigating the Maze online workshop and Q&A sessions. Please click here [Navigating the Maze Workshop - Q&A sessions :: Mindworks Surrey \(mindworks-surrey.org\)](https://www.mindworks-surrey.org) for more information.

Safeguarding Notice

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing in the school or community, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL).

DSL- Tanya Mooney, Head Teacher or Deputy DSL- Phil Copsey, Deputy Head Teacher.