

Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting end to the week we had with the day we have all been waiting for; the 2025 sponsored bounce! Over the past few weeks we have been keeping a close eye on the totals being raised for each class and I am delighted that every class has exceeded the £399 target. This means that all classes will be having a special Golden time reward on the morning of Friday 28th February. The class that make the most money overall will also be presented with a special trophy on this morning so keep the donations coming in. We will now be able to order the new furniture for the reading area and will let you know how the excess funds will be used. Thank you so much for your generosity. The children and staff have loved watching the totals and working together to reach our target. A huge thank you too to the parents who came to help this morning. They did an amazing job encouraging the children and counting every jump!

Yesterday all classes took part in our annual online safety workshops. Each year there is more content to the sessions and it is worrying how many children in our age range are playing games that are not age appropriate with a pegi rating of 12 or older. There was also a strong message around not communicating with people we don't know on line and only our friends. We are grateful for the PTA for funding this invaluable training for children, staff and parents. Please take the time to complete the parent and carer workshop, which you have been emailed and is also available on ClassDojo.

Earlier this week we had our half termly Values assembly. Two children from each class were selected and we enjoyed singing our new celebration song 'Well done' which we learnt in singing assembly this week.

It has been a busy and eventful half term and I think we are all now ready for a little rest. We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates Next Few Weeks

**Monday 17th - Friday 21st
Monday 24th February**

**School Closed- Half Term
8:50am- Back to School**

Monday 3rd March

9.15-10.00 Seahorse class Maths workshop

Tuesday 4th

9.15-10.00 Jellyfish class Maths workshop

Thursday 6th

Whole school World Book Day

Friday 7th

9.15-10.00 Starfish class Maths workshop

Oatlands Quiz Night

Tickets for the Oatlands PTA Quiz Night on Saturday 8th March are now on sale from www.pta-events.co.uk/oatlands. Further details can be found on the ticketing website. The evening will be hosted by a professional quizmaster using speed-quizzing technology which proved a lot of fun last year!

Teams of up to 6 people (but smaller teams are perfectly fine too!) and menu choices should be emailed to ptachair@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk

Spring Term Parent Consultations

The Spring Term parent consultations will be taking place in school on Thursday 20th March and Tuesday 25th March 2025.

Self-booking will be open from 4.00 pm on Friday 7th March, until Sunday 13th October at 10 pm. To book your parent consultation you will need to log into Arbor: <https://oatlands-surrey.uk.arbor.sc/>.

Unfortunately, Arbor only allows us to schedule one time-slot per child. Should you require an additional time-slot (if parents are separated and cannot attend together for example), please book one slot and contact the school office to arrange the additional meeting.

If you have any problems accessing Arbor or have forgotten your login details, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Play & Leisure provision for children with additional needs

Surrey County Council recently ran a grant scheme which awarded funds to local providers for the express purpose of increasing the inclusivity of mainstream play and leisure provision for families of children with additional needs and disabilities. See link for details of provision available in Elmbridge.

<https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/parents-and-carers/leisure-and-childcare/inclusive-play-and-leisure-sessions>

World Book Day 2025- Thursday 6th March

We would like to share some of the things we have planned for the week beginning 3rd March. As usual, we will be exploring a whole school text, and this year we are using *You Choose* by Pippa Goodhart and Nick Sharratt.

Children will have their own chance to create a version of the story in their class alongside lots of other exciting activities such as paired reading between classes, reading challenges, a book treasure hunt and dressing up.

As our theme this year is *You Choose*, we are inviting children to wear whatever they like on Thursday 6th March. In the story, the reader gets the chance to choose their own wacky combination of shoes, trousers, dress, shirt, hat or anything else so be creative as you like, just make sure it is safe and practical for a day at school.

Our Reading Champions are busy planning so we look forward to another fantastic week of celebrating books.

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. DSL- Phil Copsey, Deputy Head Teacher or DSL-Kelly Grindle, Oscar Manager and Nurture Lead.

Updates to the Website

Please have a look at our Charity & Community pages [HERE](#) for info on exciting half term activities.