

Friday 17th May

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous event the PTA ball was last Saturday! Everyone looked amazing and had such a wonderful time, whilst raising money for the school. On behalf of all the staff who attended, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to sponsoring our table. It was so generous of you and we all felt very appreciated! A huge thank you to Mrs Paphitis and the ball team for another memorable evening.

It was so good to be able to welcome Laura Kerbey to another of our Special Needs community events on Thursday evening. Laura Kerbey is the founder of Positive Autism Support and Training (PAST) and KITE Therapeutic Learning. She has been working with autistic children and young people for over 20 years. She delivered an informative presentation about understanding and supporting Neurodiversity in children. Over 30 people from the local community as well as staff attended and found the evening so useful. Thank you, Mrs Isaac, for facilitating another successful SEND event.

Every term, Mrs Veira invites children who learn an instrument outside of school to perform in a special music celebration assembly. This time around we had five performers, including three pianists, a violinist and a drummer! They performed brilliantly and we were all very proud of them for showing such courage. Hopefully you will have seen the video of their performance on ClassDojo.

Year 1 are looking forward to their visit to Nower Wood next week. We hope the sun shines and that they have a fun day learning about plants and minibeasts.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates Next Few Weeks

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| Thursday 24 th | Year 1 to Nower Wood |
| Friday 25 th | 9:15-10:00 Lion Class assembly |
| Friday 25th | 3:00pm- School closes for half term |
| Monday 3rd June | School closed- Inset Day |
| Tuesday 4 th June | 8:50am- back to school |
| Friday 7 th June | Year 2 Cleves Sports Morning- see email sent 16 th May |

Uniform

Please could you ensure children are wearing uniform and if wearing shorts under summer dresses that they are plain black, white or green.

Morning Routines

A reminder that your children must stay with you in the morning before school starts and not play in the woods or on the equipment. We put this rule in place to support a calm start for the children in the mornings. We are beginning to see children needing to be chased out of the woods in the morning, which doesn't make for the calm start we are hoping for. Please remember the school day starts at 8:50am.

Class Photographs – A message from Tempest Photographers

Have you ordered your class photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 27th May 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

New Website!

Thanks to generous funding by the PTA we have been working with our web design company to upgrade and update our website. With some final tweaks over the weekend, we look forward to unveiling it on Monday 20th May. Our website is the key source of information about everything that we do at Oatlands so please take some time next week to explore the new, updated site and let us know what you think. A special thank you to Mrs Moody for the amazing photographs she took around school at the end of last year, many of which have been used in the site design.

Inconsiderate Parking

Sadly, despite regular requests in our newsletters, once again we have received complaints from local residents regarding inconsiderate driving and parking by Oatlands School families at drop off and pick up time. We ask again that you DO NOT park on or over driveways or use them to turn around and that you park legally and respectfully.

PTA – Spring Ball Thanks

A huge 'THANK YOU' to everyone that attended the Ball on Saturday evening. It was a great success and our largest fundraising event of the year. We raised over £16500 which is incredible. This success would not be possible without the continued vital support and generosity of local businesses, and parents. The money raised will go towards two exciting new projects, which includes the replacement of the school playground equipment and the refurbishment of the school toilets.

Particular thanks to Matt Lacey and his team who created a fantastic video of the kids with some teachers. To view this please click [HERE](#)

If you're keen to join our Ball Committee for 2025 please contact PTA chair Carina McKenzie - ptatreasurer@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk

Many thanks
The Spring Ball Committee

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. Kelly Matthews- Oscar and Nurture Lead.

Updates to the Website

ALL OF IT!! – Coming MONDAY!!