

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to end the half term with Lion's class assembly. The children enjoyed sharing their learning, which included some wonderful William Morris inspired art work and fantastic stories based on 'Handa's surprise'. This month our value is 'Quality' and the children enjoyed sharing some of their qualities, which were spot on! A huge thank you to Mrs Edwards and the team and to the parents who joined us this morning.

Earlier in the week we celebrated this half terms 'Star Writers'. We were so impressed with the quality of the children's work and the progress they have made. We will be awarding our 'Star Mathematician' certificates after half term.

Yesterday our Year 1 children visited Nower Wood to explore plant and animal habitats. They had a fantastic time and particularly enjoyed pond dipping. The volunteers who run the reserve were so impressed with the children's behaviour that they took the time to write us an email:

*'Just wanted to drop you a little message to say thank you for your visit to Nower wood nature reserve, the students (and staff) were amazing, their thirst for knowledge and care of the woodland was lovely'.*

Well done year 1!

We are looking forward to the 'The Friendship' being installed during the half term break. It will be exciting for the children's return on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

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Year 2's visit to Chiltern Open air museum is booked for this day and we are pleased to let you know that this visit will go ahead as we will not need access to the main building. We will send out further information about the visit after the half term break.

We hope you all have an enjoyable half term.

Tanya Mooney

### **Key Dates Next Few Weeks**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**School closed- Inset Day**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

8:50am- back to school

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Year 2 Cleves Sports Morning- see email sent 16<sup>th</sup> May

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

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

## **Oatlands PTA Committee Vacancies 2024-25**

### **PTA Treasurer**

- facilitate and authorise bank payments
- track the accounts (income / expenditure) of our various fundraising events
- create regular reports on our cash and profits
- submit annual filings with the charity commission (heavily aided by our independent accountant).

All reports are already built and nothing needs to be created from scratch unless you wish to change anything.

**Second Hand Uniform Coordinator**-to facilitate sales and work alongside Annie

**Oatlands Ball Chair**- to chair the committee organising the May 2025 Spring Ball  
We have PTA meetings on Tuesday evenings once every half term (although the uniform coordinator doesn't necessarily need to be able to attend these) and it's a really friendly and fun thing to be a part of. If you would like to find out more or to volunteer for any of these positions, please contact Carina on [ptachair@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:ptachair@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk)

### **PTA Plastics Amnesty Collection- 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June**

With the Oatlands Fun Day fast approaching, we would love to be able to fulfil all prizes from re-used toys. Please take some time over half term to sort through any unwanted small toys, fidgets, cars, bouncy balls, magazine toys etc. We will also be accepting donations of any good quality unwanted books that could be regifted to another child as a prize.

Please donate by 7th June if at all possible to give us time to assess the donations. We will continue accepting donations after this point but early donations will help to minimise the need for the PTA to purchase additional items.

### **Polling Day- Thursday 4th July 2024**

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### **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.