

Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term. It has been a very busy first week back at school.

The children had a fun packed morning of 'Golden time' today celebrating their amazing fundraising efforts. The sun was shining and it made for a very happy end to the week. In assembly we presented Seahorse class with their trophy for raising the most money. Well done everyone!

Earlier this week, two of our talented parents came into school to share their plans for a very special Oatlands video which will be shared at the Spring Ball. Obviously, it is top secret so I can't reveal the content but we are all very excited!

I would like to share the news that Mr Carroll has now officially retired from Oatlands. He has moved locally and is visited regularly by some of the staff here as well as local residents. As you will know, Mr Carroll was the caretaker at Oatlands for over 40 years and became a well-loved member of our school and local community. I am sure you will join me in thanking him for his years of service and I hope that in time he will return to visit us as a VIP at significant events. It would also be wonderful when the time is right to be able mark his achievements and to thank him as a school.

We will be advertising for a new caretaker soon with the view of someone starting at the beginning of the summer term.

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 1 parents to Maths workshops next week as well as World Book Day on Thursday. Please check ClassDojo for updates from Mr Copsey about our plans for the week.

How wonderful to have some sunshine back in our lives! We hope you have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates Next Week

Monday 3 rd	9:15-10:00 Seahorse Class Maths workshop
Tuesday 4 th	9:15-10:00 Jellyfish Class Maths workshop
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Friday 7 th	9:15-10:00 Starfish Class Maths workshop

We are Recruiting!

Surrey County Council are recruiting a School Crossing Patrol Officer for Oatlands School. For more information and to apply please click [HERE](#) or see the Vacancy pages of the school website [LINK](#)

World Book Day 2025- Thursday 6th March

Our theme this year is You Choose! we are inviting children to wear whatever they like on Thursday 6th March. In the story, You Choose, 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.

World Book Day- The Big 25

As part of World Book Day celebrations next week, we are giving every child the challenge to read or listen to 25 books over the week. Today your child will bring home a 'Big 25' bookmark with a picture of 25 books on. Every time your child reads or listens to a book being read to them over the next week, colour in one of the books on the bookmark. If you manage to colour in the whole pile of books then bring your bookmark back in on the 10th March for a challenge completed sticker from your class teacher. Your child's class teacher will also be posting any books read in class each day on ClassDojo each day so you can add those too! Good luck!

Spring Term Parent Consultations- Opens 7th March

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 16th March 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.

We are hoping to run a creche and will confirm in next weeks Friday Mailing.

Oatlands Quiz Night- 8th March

Saturday 8th March - 7.30pm for 8pm start - Oatlands School Hall

www.pta-events.co.uk/oatlands

Tickets still available - priced at £25pp to include dinner, a licensed bar and professional quiz host using speed quizzing software. This fun and inclusive event is open to all, whether quizzing is usually your thing or not! Teams (max 6 but smaller teams also welcome) and meal choices should be emailed to ptachair@oatlands.surrey.sch.uk by Sunday evening to allow us to pre-order food.

Oatlands Spring Ball 2025- 10th March

Saturday 10th May - 7pm start - Oatlands Park Hotel

www.pta-events.co.uk/oatlands

Tickets now available for our popular Spring Ball - last year they sold out within hours so we recommend purchasing promptly! 200 tickets will initially be released with potential to release a further 40 depending on table requests and seating plan.

If you do have people you would like to sit with for dinner, table requests should be emailed to osspringball@gmail.com - (12 people max per table), but if not, that is totally OK! Tables will be made up of same classes / year groups where possible.

SEND Coffee Morning- 12th March

Join us for a coffee, a biscuit and a chat on Wednesday 12th March at 9am. Being a parent of a SEND child can feel lonely and overwhelming so why not come along to meet other like-minded parents to share experiences, advice and helpful hints. Everyone is welcome! (diagnosis or not)

Football and Multisports Courses – Easter Holidays

Surrey Football Coaching Centres and Multisports Development Centres are pleased to be able to offer holiday clubs for the Easter holidays (flyers attached). To sign up please use the links below:

<https://multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk/>

<https://surreyfootballcoaching.com/>

Elmbridge Council- Climate Change Survey

Elmbridge Council believe that as a school, together with teachers, employees, parents, carers and our close community, we can make a difference in how Elmbridge tackle climate change for future generations.

We are invited to get involved in Elmbridge Council's survey. Have your say on what we can do together to support a more sustainable Elmbridge and reduce our carbon footprint.

Elmbridge welcome your views and ideas, so please feel free to share them. This online consultation also includes an ideas wall where you can leave quick feedback on any topic of your choice. The link to the survey

is: <https://sustainableelmbridgehaveyoursay.commonplace.is/>

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

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy