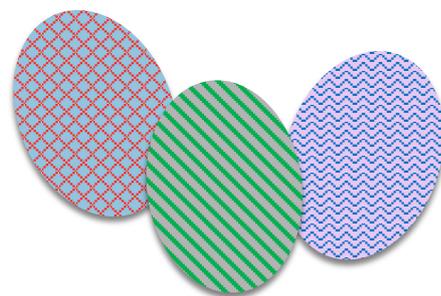




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# Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> March 2021



## **Easter Events** *Article 31 - children have the right to relax and play*

Next week we will have a few Easter events in school. First of all, we will be having a decorated egg competition, however, we will not be decorating real eggs this year. Each child will design an egg in school on a given card template. There will be winners chosen from each class. We will also have an Easter egg hunt; children will need to use their map reading skills and solve the clues to complete the hunt. Every child who takes part will win a prize. We are asking for a donation of £1 per child to take part in both events and all money raised will help to pay towards some of the lovely treats we are hoping to plan across the summer in school. Please send £1 with your child in a named envelope by Tuesday next week.

## **COVID Update** *Article 19 - Children have the right to be safe*

As you know we all need to work together to keep safe and stop the spread of COVID-19. At all times we need to be careful; we need to frequently wash our hands, we need to wear a face covering if we can't maintain a distance of 2m from other adults and we need to distance ourselves from others, giving others space. **After the Easter holiday, our procedures will remain the same as we have not received any further guidance to suggest controls may be relaxed.** We will continue with a staggered start to the day and staggered collection at the end of the day - please be punctual. We will continue with regular hand washing in school and the children will continue to learn, play and eat in their 'bubbles'. Thank you for continuing to support us through this very difficult time.

## **COVID Symptoms** *Article 24 - children have the right to the best possible health care*

Please remember to look out for the following symptoms which could indicate COVID-19:

- A new continuous cough (usually a dry cough and you will be coughing much more than usual)
- A high temperature
- A loss of taste and/or smell

Should you become aware that you have symptoms or that you or a member of your household has tested positive, it is important to alert school at the earliest opportunity. If you need to report a new case of COVID where symptoms started or a positive test result is received between 27<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 (the first week of the holiday period) please alert school through one of the following email addresses. I will be checking emails to the following addresses twice daily up to 1<sup>st</sup> April: [oakleycross@durhamlearning.net](mailto:oakleycross@durhamlearning.net) and [slt@oakleycross.durham.sch.uk](mailto:slt@oakleycross.durham.sch.uk) Thank you.

## **Attendance** *Article 28 - every child has the right to an education*

Given the interruptions due to COVID alongside general absence, our attendance this term is sitting at 93.49%. This is well below the government target of 96% and we would really appreciate your help to improve this situation. Please aim for your child to be in school every day, on time. We ask that you inform us as soon as possible if your child is not going to be at school; it is important that we enter the correct reason on our school register to avoid 'unauthorised' absences. It is particularly important at this time that we are made aware of any Coronavirus symptoms our children or family members may have. In line with safeguarding procedures, we do need to know **all** reasons for absence. Any child with low attendance or attendance which causes concern will trigger intervention from Mrs Mathwin our attendance officer or the Local Authority attendance team.

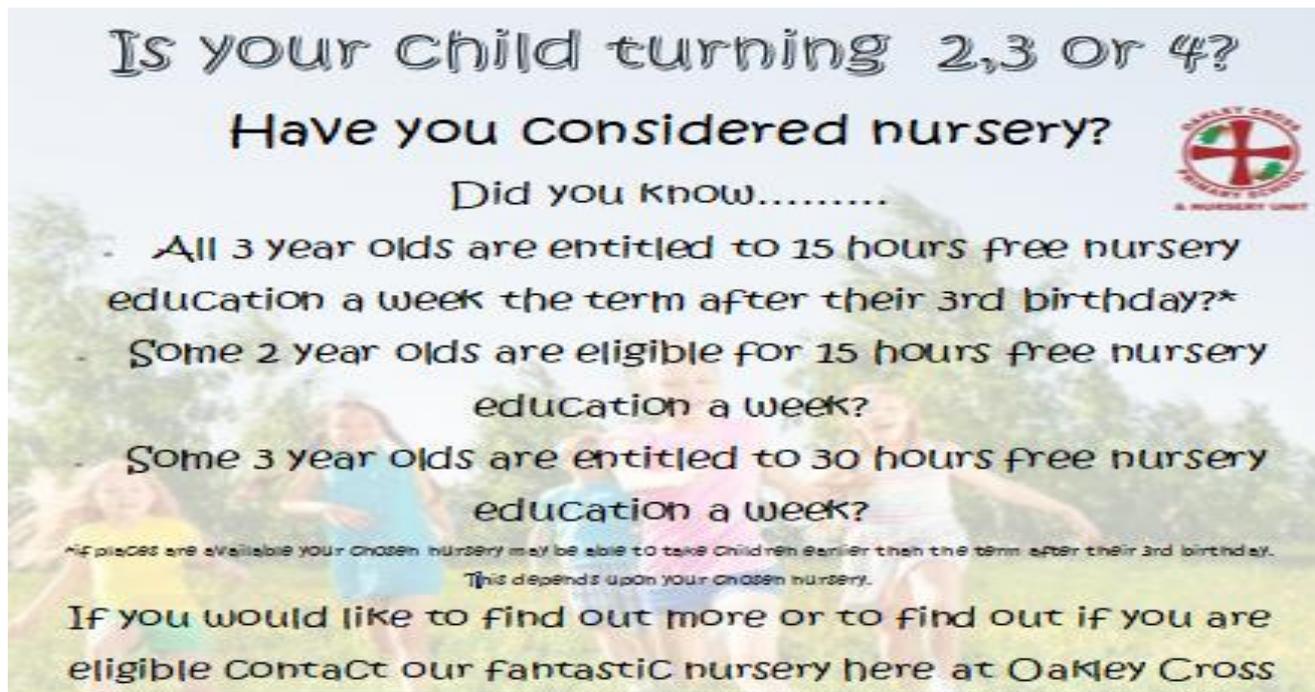
Head Teacher, Mrs R Brannan    email: [oakleycross@durhamlearning.net](mailto:oakleycross@durhamlearning.net)    Tel: 01388 833186

**Oakley Cross 'Book Day' *Article 31 - children have the right to relax and play***

It was lovely seeing so many fantastic costumes this year on our Oakley Cross Book Day. Thank you very much to all of you who supported this event.

**Nursery Places *Article 28 - every child has the right to an education***

Our nursery is proving to be very popular this year. We currently provide places for children who are 2 years old and eligible for play and learn sessions and for children who are 3 years old. We also offer 30 hours provision for eligible children. If you are interested in a place, or would like more information, please contact school and we will be happy to have a chat and provide you with an application form. If you are considering us for your child's nursery provision we can add you to our waiting list.



**Is your child turning 2,3 or 4?**  
**Have you considered nursery?**

Did you know.....

- All 3 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free nursery education a week the term after their 3rd birthday?\*
- Some 2 year olds are eligible for 15 hours free nursery education a week?
- Some 3 year olds are entitled to 30 hours free nursery education a week?

\*If places are available your chosen nursery may be able to take children earlier than the term after their 3rd birthday. This depends upon your chosen nursery.

If you would like to find out more or to find out if you are eligible Contact our fantastic nursery here at Oakley Cross



**Governor Vacancy *Article 28 - every child has the right to an education***

We currently have a vacancy for one parent governor on our school governing body. If you are interested in this role or would like more information, please contact school.

Dates for your Diary	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Events in School
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Treat Day in School
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School Term Begins

Please continue to stay home, stay alert and stay socially distanced from others outside of your household. Take care of yourselves and those around you. Thank you for your continued support and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need more support, information or wish to put forward a suggestion.

Thank you.

R Brannan