



# Oakley Cross Primary School

Newsletter March 2022 Issue

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy few weeks in school full of enjoyment and hard work.

Nursery and Blossom are loving the new outdoor area including digging in the sandpit and whizzing round on our new bikes. We have had the doors of the outdoor classroom moved to the Early Years garden side so that the children can make excellent use of this all year round. Mr Coverdale is busy revamping outdoor areas across school. We are thrilled with how things are looking.

Blossom have thoroughly enjoyed having the ducks in their class. They inspired them to write independently about what ducks are like and what they do. As part of their spring term topic, they have been writing about The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Look out for this writing at parents evening as you will be impressed.

During Science week, Pine Class have been looking for signs of spring around school. They found buds growing on trees and flowers, heard the birds singing and saw insects. They discovered that the weather feels warmer and that it stays light in the day for longer. Thor brought in a wormery from home that he set up with the class. This inspired everyone to find out about worms and how many different types there are.

Willow Class are making excellent progress with swimming and will be learning water safety skills next week. They have the challenge of swimming in shorts and t-shirt or pyjamas. Go for it, you can all give it a go. They now know so many facts about the Ancient Egyptians. You could ask your child to tell you 5 new facts.

Sycamore Class have made slime during Science week. It wasn't a great success but they had fun doing it and learnt a lot. Maybe how not to make it! They are currently doing orienteering and team building skills and are learning patience and how to communicate effectively with their peers.

Maple Class took part in a workshop delivered by the Environment Agency. They learnt about different types of flooding, how to prepare for a flood and how to stay safe. They even had to put their hands into a tank of awful brown water to discover what was lurking at the bottom. On Friday they will be taking part in a workshop about the artist Norman Cornish. Look out for the fabulous art work.

A group of 9 Year 6 children have been working really hard to produce a drama play about a homeless girl. We look forward to welcoming their parents/carers into school to watch next week.



Well done to our Year 3/4 football team. They gave it their best effort during the games played, supported and encouraged each other to make a great team. Thank you for representing our school so well.

## Easter Fun

Nursery are having an Easter craft and coffee event on Thursday 7th April. Morning nursery parents are invited to join their child at 9am and afternoon nursery at 2pm. We hope you enjoy.

On Friday 8th of April we will be running an Easter chocolate tombola and games. Please could all children donate some chocolate and bring in some small change to take part. The children loved this during our Christmas fun week in the Autumn Term. Thank you for your continued support.



## Parents Evening

Year 6 Parents Evening is on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th of April. This will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress towards SATs and ask any questions.

All other classes will be on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th April. Mrs McPartlin will send out appointment times next week.

Please contact the school office if you haven't yet requested an appointment time.

This is an opportunity to come into school and talk to your child's teacher about their progress and look at books.

We look forward to seeing you all.

## Parking and main carpark

We have a lot of cars parking on the yellow lines outside school. They are there to help to ensure the safety of children and adults walking into school. Please do not park on the yellow lines or block the school drive at anytime.



Traffic wardens may patrol the gates during drop-off and pick-up times. They will issue fines to anyone parking in restricted areas.

Please make sure that children do not run around in the main school car park while waiting at beginning and end of the school day.

Thank you for your support with this.

## School Main Entrance Move



We have made changes to the main school entrance and office and are hoping that these will be complete after the Easter Holidays. We will be using our new entrance which are the double doors that children use to access breakfast club.

If you need to speak to Mrs McPartlin head this way, she has a lovely new office to work in.