



## Key Dates

**Thursday 25th Jan**  
7.00 - 8.00 pm  
Mathematics Curriculum  
Information Evening

**Tuesday 30th Jan**  
9.15 - 10.00 am  
Year R Shared Learning

**Wednesday 31st Jan**  
9.15 - 10.00 am  
Year 1 Shared Learning

**Thursday 1st Feb**  
9.15 - 10.00 am  
Year 2 Shared Learning

**Monday 5th Feb**  
2.00 - 5.30 pm  
Parent Consultations  
Chestnut, Hazel, Beech

**Tuesday 6th Feb**  
2.00 - 5.30 pm  
Parent Consultations  
Birch, Pine, Elm

**Wednesday 7th Feb**  
2.00 - 5.30 pm  
Parent Consultations  
Cherry, Ash, Willow

**Thursday 8th Feb**  
3.30 - 6.30 pm  
Parent Consultations  
All Classes

## Happy New Year!

Welcome back! Hopefully everyone had a lovely Christmas with their families and we are all geared up for the new year ahead. Personally I am just loving the 2 day working week - why can't we do this always?? As always at this time of year we all make those resolutions that we usually fail at keeping within days or weeks. So here I sit, munching on a banana and trying to ignore the left over Christmas Mince Pies. And tomorrow? Tomorrow I will start my usual desire to try and turn myself into some sort of Olympic goddess and will re-attempt my Couch to 5K App. Maybe 2018 will really be the year that I make it past week 3 ...

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



expectation



reality



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## Coming up in 2018 ...

As always we have a fun packed term ahead for you all to enjoy. Here is a taste of what is to come!

### Marvellous Mathematics

#### Curriculum Information Evening Thursday 25th January 7.00 – 8.00 pm

2018 is the year to release your inner Vorderman as we share with you the mystery of mathematics at our Curriculum Information Evening. This year we will be showing you how we develop a sound mathematical knowledge and deepen children's understanding through reasoning and problem solving.



### Shared Learning

Ready to test out your new found mathematical knowledge? Then make sure you come along to our Shared Learning events. These give you the opportunity to take part in some mathematical investigations with your children. No calculators needed - it's amazing what you can do on a bead string!

## Attendance Matters!

Everyone will receive today a fun packed, bumper pack all about attendance and punctuality. We all know that coming to school on time and regularly is the only way to learn, make friends and lay down the foundations for your future. Monitoring attendance and lateness is a major priority for 2018 so please take the time to read the information that I have put together for you. Let's work together to turn our attendance around and keep the education at Oakwood Outstanding.

Although no  
one can go back  
and make a  
brand new start,  
anyone can  
start from now  
and make a  
brand new  
ending.

— — Carl Bard



### Pupil Premium – helping your child

Every year the school is given money by the Government to ensure no children are vulnerable to underachieving at school. The Pupil Premium money is given in respect of children who:

- Have a low family income
- Are in care, adopted or looked after by the County Council
- Has a parent in the Armed Services.

The school uses this money carefully to support these children by providing the following services when required:

- Additional learning support
- Access to the school ELSA [Emotional Literacy Support Assistant]
- Free school milk, trips and enrichment activities
- Access to after school clubs
- Assistance with uniform

You are able to check your child's eligibility for Pupil Premium by going on-line <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hc3s/freeschoolmeals.htm> or by speaking to Sue in the school office.

## time to talk

### Parent Consultations

Advance warning! Booking links will be sent out early next week to book your appointment to meet with your child's teacher. This will allow you to discuss how they are getting on at school and ask any questions. Watch out for that email link to book your date and time!

## Do YOU love Oakwood and Greenfields?

*"They always see the best in him and help to promote all the things in him that we see are wonderful"*

Are you proud that your child attends Oakwood and Greenfields [we are!]? Do you know anyone who would like to come and join schools that have been described as 'inspirational', 'amazing' and definitely 'outstanding'? We currently have spaces in all year groups and are ready to welcome new families to come and be part of something unique. If you have friends or families currently in the area, or moving here, then point them in our direction - the best things in life should never be kept a secret ...

*"Thank you for inspiring our child to love learning"*

*"My child loves coming to school every day and her love of learning is due to the great team behind her"*

*"Thank you for all that you have done – your time, compassion and brilliance that you show all our children"*

*"It is an amazing school and we feel extremely proud to be part of it for 6 years"*

## Starting School in 2018? Moving on up?

Have you got a child who is due to start school in September or due to move onto Year 3? Then don't forget that your deadline for applying for a school place at Oakwood or Greenfields is January 15th. Hurry, hurry, hurry - DON'T miss out. If you know anyone else who hasn't yet applied make sure that you give them a nudge. Remember if you apply after the deadline your application will not be considered until the second round of admissions and you may very well miss your place ...

**Remember, Great Oaks from Little Acorns Grow ...**

Contact [adminoffice@oakwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@oakwood.hants.sch.uk) or telephone 01252 842663 for more information.

Visits from potential parents are warmly welcomed at both schools.

## Things are Cooking in the Year R Kitchen!

Thanks to your generosity in supporting our Friends of Oakwood events we have now managed to complete our first area on our Landscape Strategy Plan! After a lot of anticipation, Year R now have their very own Mud Kitchen area complete with everything that they could possibly need to make their own very exciting recipes!



### Attachments/home this week:

#### School Information

Attendance and Punctuality Information Packs

#### School Clubs

**DON'T forget to book online - clubs start W/C 15/1/18**

#### Community Events

Wassail Night 2018

#### Other

### REMINDER After School Sports Clubs

Don't forget to book your child's place on one of the Sports Clubs that will be running this term. Clubs start the week commencing 15th January and the following options are available:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Football</b> Year 1 and 2	<a href="https://booking.wearescl.co.uk/Front/Courses/Details/1321">https://booking.wearescl.co.uk/Front/Courses/Details/1321</a>	LOW availability
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Street Dance</b> Year 1 and 2	<a href="https://booking.wearescl.co.uk/Front/Courses/Details/1269">https://booking.wearescl.co.uk/Front/Courses/Details/1269</a>	PLACES available
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Multiskills</b> Year 1 and 2	<a href="https://booking.wearescl.co.uk/Front/Courses/Details/1270">https://booking.wearescl.co.uk/Front/Courses/Details/1270</a>	PLACES available
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Club Energy</b> Year R	<a href="https://booking.wearescl.co.uk/Front/Courses/Details/1271">https://booking.wearescl.co.uk/Front/Courses/Details/1271</a>	PLACES available

### Adverse weather

At Oakwood we only close in extreme weather circumstances and if this needs to happen information would be posted on the school website [www.oakwood.hants.sch.uk](http://www.oakwood.hants.sch.uk) and Hampshire County Council website, [www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures). Local radio stations would also be notified. These include BBC Radio Berkshire, Bizz Basingstoke, Heart Thames Valley, Breeze FM and Newbury Sound. We would also notify you by Teachers2Parents and text if we have your details.

### And Finally ... A warm Oakwood welcome!

This week we have welcomed some new families and staff to Oakwood. George and Kai have joined us in Beech Class and Andrea Goddard has joined our Admin team. Andrea will be working on the 'front desk' until Nici returns to her full working hours later this term. Please take the time to say hello and welcome our new families and Andrea to Oakwood - maybe be the first to offer a tea or play date [for the boys, not Andrea - I think she is alright on this one!]

*Have a great weekend and see you on Monday.*

Best wishes

*Sue Tadman*

Headteacher

