



## Speaking the Language of Learning

### Key Dates

**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

**Thursday 8th March**  
9.15 - 10.00 am  
Year 2 Shared Learning  
ADULTS ONLY

Change of Date...

**Key Stage 1  
Assessment  
Information  
Evening**

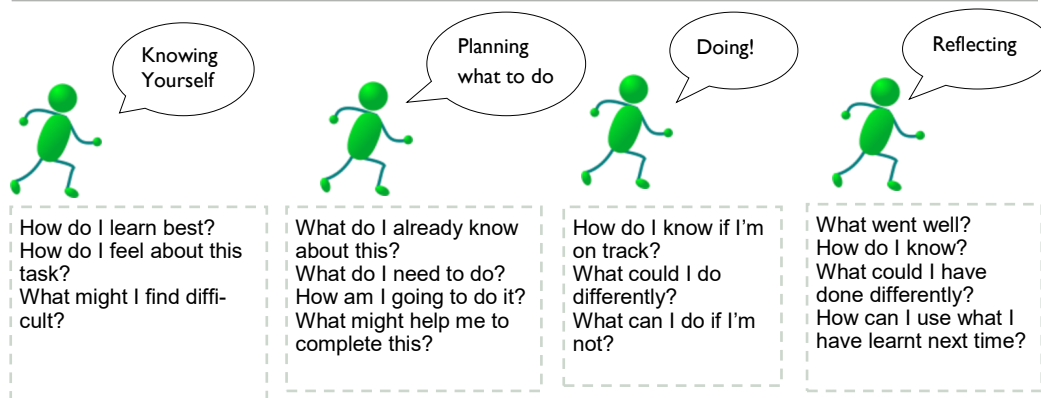
**From 29th March To**  
26th April  
7.00pm to 8.00pm

This term we are focusing on Metacognition at Oakwood. Put simply this means thinking not just about what you learn but how you learn. This means that when we are faced with a new challenge or something we don't know we are able to 'have a go' because we know what helps us to learn. Being able to think about how you learn therefore helps develop independence, resilience and the ability to make connections between different subjects and problems.

**When The Mind  
Is Thinking It Is  
Talking To Itself.**

- Plato

*How do we teach children to know how to learn? Check out the 'learning walk' below!*



One of the best ways to help children understand how to learn is to Think Aloud. This means modelling how you know something or how you are tackling a problem. Try this when your child gets stuck on a word they don't know ...

"I am looking at the word and I know that if I use my letter sounds that might help me. I know that this letter makes a 'i' sound and the next one makes a 't' sound. I remember that I need to 'push' the sounds together and listen to hear the word: 'i-t'. Yes, I can hear that the word in 'it'."

**Try the 'Think  
Aloud'!**

At Oakwood we are a research driven school. This term our teachers are working with fellow teachers at Frogmore Infants to research Metacognition, observe teaching and coach each other. Collaborative learning at it's best!

### Parent Consultations

Links have been sent via email to book your Parent Consultation. If you have not yet booked your appointment or are having difficulty in doing so please contact Sue who will be happy to help. We look forward to showing you your child's amazing hard work!

**ADVANCE WARNING** Unfortunately due to the increase in number of separated families we will be unable to offer parents the option of separate parent consultation appointments in the future unless there is a Court Restriction in place. A link to book consultations will therefore only be sent to the primary carer [as provided on the child's registration certificate] and separated parents will need to liaise with each other to agree a mutually convenient time to book a shared appointment. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.





This term we are continuing to promote the importance of mental health as well as physical health. MindEd is a free educational resource on children and young people's mental health for all adults. If you are concerned about your child or you just want some hints and tips on parenting check out MindEd for Families. This has online advice and information from trusted sources and will help you to understand and identify early issues and best support your child. Check out just of some of the advice on offer below:

- ⇒ Anger and aggression
- ⇒ Sleep difficulties
- ⇒ Poor concentration and over activity
- ⇒ Wetting and soiling
- ⇒ Tics and twitches
- ⇒ Autistic Spectrum Condition
- ⇒ Building confidence and resilience

Don't forget that our Inclusion Leader, Catherine Macdonald, is able to work with families to help get the support that they might need. This can be just offering advice, signposting to the relevant support or referring on to other agencies. If you would like to talk to Catherine, please see your child's class teacher or arrange an appointment through the school office.

For more information visit <https://www.minded.org.uk/> and go to MindEd for families.



We are supporting  
**Safer Internet Day**  
6 Feb 2018

[www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk) #SID2018

Attached to this newsletter and in your child's bag you will find some useful information about helping your child to keep safe online.

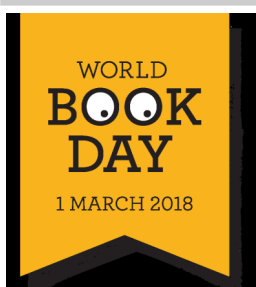
**COMING SOON!** Family Links Parenting Puzzle. We are pleased to be able to offer a number of spaces on the Parenting Puzzle course that will be running from the Little Saplings Centre from 17th April. This is a four week course designed to help parents understand the complexities of children's behaviour. If we have been working with you already, you will receive an invitation to the Parenting Puzzle workshops shortly. However if anyone else is finding their child's behaviour tricky at home and could do with some support and friendship please talk to your child's class teacher or myself and we will pass on the information.



Healthy Mind, Healthy Body! **Sports Relief** will be returning to Oakwood on **Friday 23rd March** when we will be getting physical to raise money for Sports Relief. This will be organised and led by our Money Makers team and your child's class will send you information about what they will be doing and how you can get involved shortly.

## Books, book, books...

*We have recently been clearing out some of our guided reading books that are no longer relevant to our curriculum. We are offering parents the chance to have a look through these and take any that they might want for home. They will be in the hall during parent consultations this week so pop along and take any that you want. If you would like to offer a small monetary donation there will be the opportunity to do so but mostly we just want books to go to a home that will love them.*



As always we will be celebrating World Book Day at Oakwood by promoting a love of reading. We will be asking your child to bring to school their favourite books to share with their friends and there will be the opportunity to read, read, read throughout the day. Don't worry, there is no need to come dressed up on the day - it's school as usual, just with lots more books!  
We have also booked for The Open Box Theatre Company to come into school on the 28th March to entice the children even more in the wonderful imaginative world of books.  
Watch out for more information nearer the time!

## DESPERATELY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!

Do you have any time at all that you could give to coming in to help at school? This can be just half an hour at drop off or at the end of the day to hear children read or giving a morning or afternoon to help in the classrooms. The impact that this can have on children's learning is immense and your help can genuinely make a difference to a child's life. Please think carefully if you are able to help. For more information please speak to Nici Collins or Andrea Goddard who will be happy to talk to you.

### Trips - Another plea for help!

Next half term we have school trips organised for all year groups. To ensure the children have the right support whilst they are out and about we are looking for a number of volunteers for each year group. If you hold a DBS (formerly CRB) and would like to help please contact Nici or Andrea. Alternatively if you do not hold a DBS but would like to help please drop in and we can start the paperwork process. Please check out your diaries and see if you can make any of the dates below:

- \* Tuesday 27th February
- \* Wednesday 14th March
- \* Wednesday 21st March

*Thank you for your generosity and kindness!*

### Cake Sale

#### Friday 9th February Year 2 Parents Bake Sale

Bring your pennies to buy a treat after school - co-ordinated by the Year 2 class reps.

Year 2 parents....

*Ready steady BAKE!*

Volunteers required to bake and help on the day. Please talk to Lindsey Evans or Katie Jennings for more information.



### Bag 2 School Collection

It's nearly Spring! Have a clear out and treat yourself to a whole new wardrobe! Then bag up your old stuff and bring the bag to **Greenfields on Thursday 22nd February before 9.00 am**. Our PTAs are able to make pounds out of our cast offs, including towels, sheets and other materials. Use the Blue Bag that has been sent home to 'get bagging' and make us money!

### Coming Soon ... Booking lunch choices direct on line!

Watch out for more information on this service that we will be launching after half term. This will give you the opportunity to pre-book meal choices at home with your child. This will help you to talk through the meals and help to reduce any food anxieties and avoid children choosing the 'wrong' meal in the morning at school.

## Attachments/home this week:

School Information	School Clubs	Community Events	Other
Bag 2 School Collection Bag Internet Safety	Koosa Kids Holiday Club	Fire Station Letter St Johns Six Nations	Greenfields PTFA - Green- sheets Caretaker Advert - Greenfields

**And Finally ...** Don't forget that this week is our last week before half term and that the school is closed on Monday 19th February for an In-service Training day [INSET] for all staff. Have a good last week!

Best wishes

*Sue Tadman*

Headteacher

