



# Oak Lodge Newsletter

12th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yet another busy week here at Oak Lodge – with some classes going out into the local area. We are almost at the mid-way point of the term!



The weather has changed – please provide your child with a named appropriate waterproof coat to keep dry on outings and at lunchtime.

Parents evening to meet your child class tutor is next week – please follow the booking links sent home or contact the school. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Wednesday between 4 and 6pm. We have our local community school liaison police officers who are providing parental workshops about online safety during the evening.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend

**Caroline Rowlandson**  
**Headteacher**

## Dates for your diary:

Parents evening (meet the class tutor) – 18th October 2023

Open Morning – 29th November 2023

Christmas Fair – 7th December 2023

Proposed Whole School Jack Petchy trip to London Aquarium – 14<sup>th</sup>  
December

Christmas Lunch - 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Please note that after October half-term school meals will be going up to £3.50 per day.**

## School Leaders:

This role of School Leaders will be the 'Prefects' and 'School Council' roles and responsibilities combined.

The School Leaders will have training and team building activities at the start of the year.

The role of a School Leader

- Running lunch time clubs
- Peer mentoring
- School tours
- Helping with duties and responsibilities around school
- Collect student voice – deciding and feedback what the pupils want to change
- SLT can present and discuss ideas with the School Leaders to then feedback to the Pastoral Groups.



## Wellbeing Leaders:

Throughout the year, the Wellbeing Leaders will access 5 topics which will focus on the following areas.

### 1. Connect

Examples of work:

- Connecting with friends
- Connecting with other schools
- Connecting with family

### 2. Be Active

- Physical exercise
- Being active at home
- Being active out in the community

### 3. Take Notice

- School Run Scavenger Hunt
- Leaf Collection
- Garden/nature



### 4. Keep Learning

- do a word search.
- try a new food.
- study an animal or bug.
- visit a new place.

### 5. Give /be creative

- Making arts and crafts
- Making gifts for friends and family

8AL and 10HM went to Burntwood School to play boccia competition against several different schools. Well done to Oak Lodge as they won the competition. The children really enjoyed the boccia and learnt how to play sport in the new atmosphere.







Nojus introduced his hamster to his classmates and did the presentation about the hamster, such as how to nurture it. The classmates took real interest in it and asking a lot of questions. They also learnt how to stroke the hamster with care.





9S1 had a great boat ride to Greenwich, even though it rained! We had a lovely day and everyone was tired on the way back!

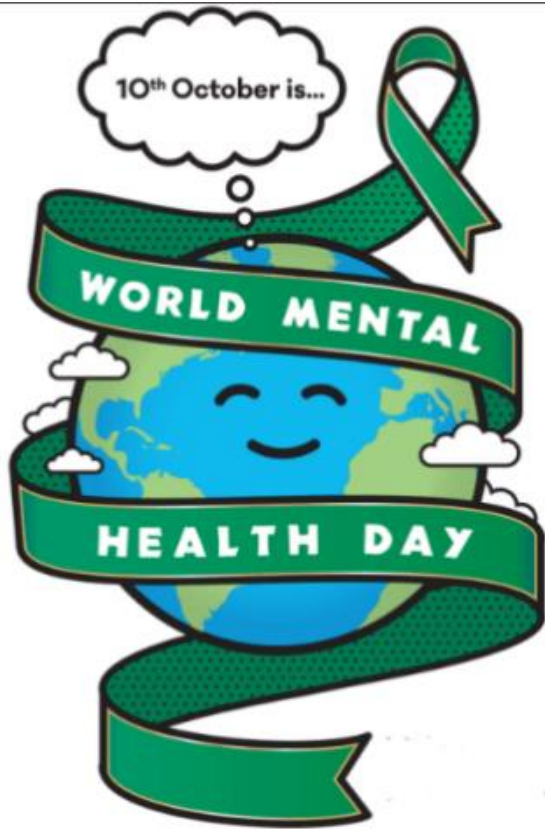


S4L1 learning all to use the Gym equipment safely at South Thames College





Pupils participated in discussions and activities on Mental Health Day



Dear Families,

**You are warmly invited to a PARENTS' EVENING on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

This is a chance to talk to your child's pastoral teachers to discuss your child's progress at Oak Lodge School this year.

- You will have one booked meeting only and this will be with your child's pastoral teacher.
- You will also be able to meet the Language and Communication team to find out how students are progressing in English and British Sign Language.
- You will not meet all the other subject teachers this time but there will be another parents evening in the Spring term with all subject teachers.

This is an important evening, so please make every effort to be here. Staff will be available to talk to you from **4.00pm until 6.00pm**.

If you have difficulty understanding English you are more than welcome to bring along a person to interpret for you.

Please note that there are no child minding facilities available on the night and therefore we urge parents not to bring their other children unless absolutely necessary.

## Online appointment booking

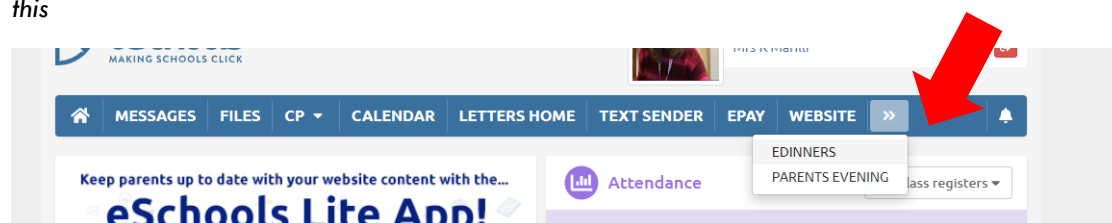
The booking system will be open from the 6<sup>th</sup> October. You will need to go to our website and then use the login details you will receive with this letter. **If you have any issues using the online booking system please call the school office on 0208 6733453 or email us [info@oaklodge.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:info@oaklodge.wandsworth.sch.uk) and they can book you in.** If you are unable to attend please let your child's teacher know.

### How to make bookings

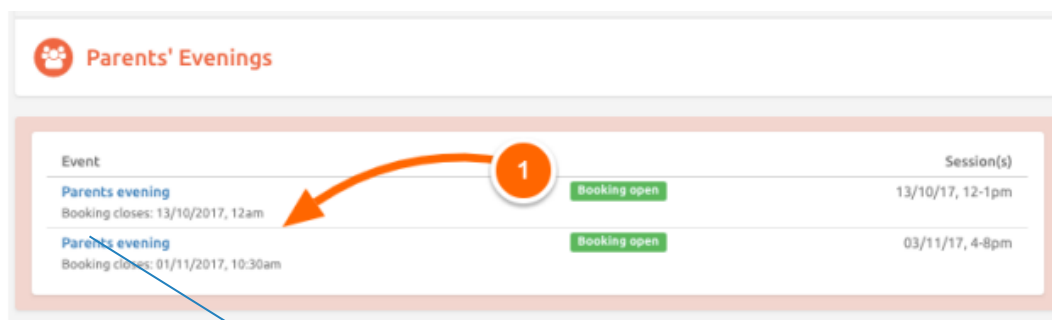
1. Go to [www.oaklodge.wandsworth.sch.uk](http://www.oaklodge.wandsworth.sch.uk) at the top pf the screen you will see the login button.
2. Click Log in and add your login details (sent to you in this letter).



If you can't see the parents evening tab please click on the two arrows and you will see the parents evening tab. Click on this



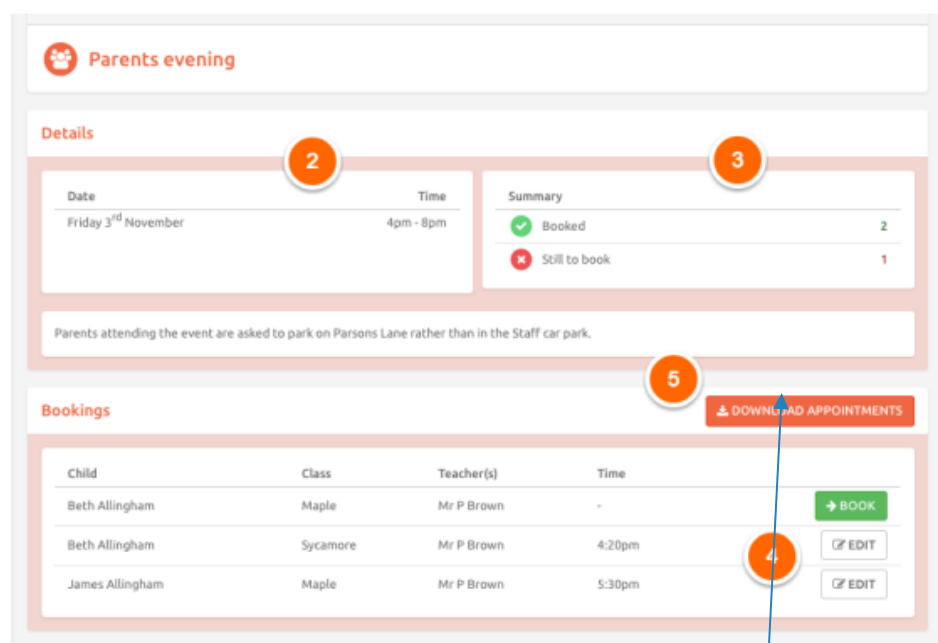
3. Click on the parents evening event



appear on your screen within a pink box.

4. Book a slot to come and see your child's pastoral teacher.

5. Once a Parents Evening has been created, it will



download/print a list of your appointments (5).

6. You can also

Watch this useful video on how to book or see below step by step instructions.

<https://academy.eschools.co.uk/users/parents/parents-evening-parents/>



## OAK LODGE TERM DATES

Autumn Term	Date/s
<b>Staff INSET Days</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September (Staff only)
<b>First day of Autumn Term 1</b>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September (pupils start at 10am)
<b>Half-term (School closed)</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>First day of Autumn Term 2</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (pupils start at 10am)
<b>Last day of Autumn term</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December (school ends at 1.30pm)
Spring Term	Date/s
<b>First day of Spring term 1</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (Pupils start 10.00am)
<b>Half-term (school closed)</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February– Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>First day of Spring term 2</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Last day of Spring term</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 (school ends at 1.30pm)
Summer Term	Date/s
<b>First day of Summer term 1</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 (Pupils start 10.00am)
<b>May Bank holiday (School closed)</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>Half term (School closed)</b>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
<b>First day of Summer term 2</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June (Pupils start 10.00am)
<b>Last day of Summer term</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 (School ends at 1.30pm)
<b>Staff INSET Days</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 (Staff only)

The timetable allows for the legal 195 school days. This includes the 190 days when the school must be open to pupils and 4 staff training days. The 5 staff training and development days are decided by the school's governing body according to the school's development planning cycle. Our 5<sup>th</sup> training day will be made up by 6 twilight sessions after school on a Wednesday.

# SENDsitive Sundays

*Designed for climbers with SEND or additional needs*

Smaller session numbers \*

An adapted environment to ensure climbers feel safe and happy.

Quieter music, gentle lighting and sensitive, thoughtful staff to help get the most out of your visit.

10am sessions on 17 September, 15 October, 19 November

Grown-ups accompany climbers into the arena either as a climber or a non-climber, to encourage and help your climber to have a brilliant time!

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*\* Each of the climbers will have an accompanying adult, who may or may not choose to climb with them.*

*\*\* Accompanying climbers will pay for a ticket to climb as usual, non-climbers will not be charged to be in the arena.*



For more photographs and news please follow us on social media or take a look at our website: [www.oaklodge.wandsworth.sch.uk](http://www.oaklodge.wandsworth.sch.uk)

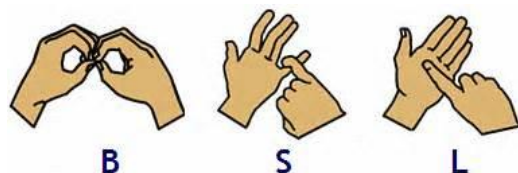


: @OakLodgeSchool



Instagram: @oaklodeschool





**The class has  
changed to a  
Thursday!**

## **BSL Family Communication Classes**

**We are providing free BSL Family Communication classes.**

**Would you like to learn BSL?**

**Come and join us! 😊**

### **Dates for Autumn Term 2023**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Time: 1:45 – 3:15pm**

**If you would like to attend, please call/text Jess Doyle (Wellbeing Coordinator) on 07734 995437 or inform the school office.**

PLEASE REMEMBER we expect children to come to school looking smart clean and tidy. So uniform and haircuts/colours should meet this requirement. Uniform can be purchased from the below:



# Angels



317 RAYNERS LANE, PINNER,  
MIDDLESEX HA5 5EH

Tel.: 020 8866 9972

[Email: info@angelsuniforms.co.uk](mailto:info@angelsuniforms.co.uk)

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[www.angelsuniforms.co.uk](http://www.angelsuniforms.co.uk)

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Appointed School Uniform Suppliers  
(also Official Suppliers to Guides, Brownies & Rainbows)

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**PRICE LIST JULY - 2023**



## School Gateway cashless payments

All school related communications and school dinner payments will be accessible via School Gateway. Download the app for free by searching "School Gateway" in your app store or log-in to the School Gateway site here <https://login.schoolgateway.com>

# Schoolgateway

THE EASIEST WAY TO INTERACT WITH YOUR SCHOOL

## PAYMENTS & DINNER MONEY

School Gateway is simple, safe and secure to use. You can make payments using a debit or credit card – or use superfast 'Bank Transfer'. You can check balances and pay for dinners, trips and other items at any time. View your child's school timetable via the app, website and now the Apple Watch. A good conversation prompt and can help save last minute P.E kit dramas

Creating an account is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:



### 1. REGISTER

Register using the same email address and mobile number held by the school



### 2. FOUR DIGIT PIN

School Gateway will send you a text with your PIN



### 3. LOGIN

Login, you are ready to go



Access School Gateway using the website



OR BY DOWNLOADING THE FREE APP



Please contact the school if you have any problems accessing the site. 02086733453