Oak Lodge Newsletter
23rd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term and we hope you had a good half term week.

We are looking forward to meeting with you all next Wednesday 28th at our parents evening. The focus of the evening is to provide an opportunity to discuss with individual subject teacher the progress of your child. We also have our community police joining the evening who will be here to provide support with online safety and your responsibility in keeping children safe at home.

Following on the recent announcement by the Government regarding the use of mobile phones in school during the school day, we are reviewing our processes. Currently pupils can bring their phone to school, however it must be handed in to staff. We will be tightening our procedures during this term and re-issuing clear guidance to pupils. This may include invoking our statutory power to search a pupil or their possessions where we suspect a phone has not been handed in. This will be an appendix to our behaviour policy. We will be explaining our new procedures to pupils over the next few weeks. If parents wish to contact their child during the school day – this must be through the schools reception and pupil Admin Team. We will continue to teach our pupils to use mobile devices responsibly as part of our online safety.

Wishing you a safe weekend.

Caroline Rowlandson
Headteacher

We would most appreciate it if you could complete this short survey which will help us improve our school.

https://app.bouncetogether.co.uk/shrt/ENG0KM7OLK

Dates for your diary:

Parents Evening - 28th February 4-6 pm

There are roadworks in the local area which is causing some traffic build-up, so people may wish to be mindful of this and any impact it may have on their journey

5th March: Prospective new pupils and SEND Open Event

![Phoenix House Residential Service logo]

PHOENIX HOUSE
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

19th-22nd Feb

We had a great first week back to residential. We made the most of the good weather on Monday with a trip to the park and life skills. On Wednesday the students had a great laugh with the Deaf comedian John Smith. 'Star of the week' was given to Teniola for being a positive role model to the younger students by engaging with them and giving them advice.

In Food Technology Year 9 students are learning about foods and dishes from all over the world. The focus this week was on Jamaica and the Caribbean. Students made fabulous patties.

Online Safety Newsletter Tips February 2024

Setting up parental controls on your child's mobile

If you do not have the same mobile phone as your child, and therefore are unable to use Google Family link or Apple Family Sharing, then you can set restrictions on your child's device instead.

Apple devices:

To set up restrictions on your child's device directly (rather than using an app) then follow the instructions on the link below:

https://support.apple.com/enus/HT201304

The instructions will show you how to get to the settings on your child's phone and then how to set restrictions such as restrict content, schedule downtime, set time limits for apps. You will need to set a passcode 'use a screentime passcode' to ensure changes cannot be made after you have set them.

Android devices: As with the above link, this link shows you how to set up parental controls on the device itself by creating a PIN:

https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738?hl=enGB#zippy=%2Cfor-family-memberswho-manage-their-own-accounts

EE Learn

EE Learn includes an array of information and guidance on how to keep your child safe online, for example tips on how to help your child when they are online.

Find out more here: **https://ee.co.uk/do-more-withee/learn**

PlayStation

Does your child have a PlayStation? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Some examples of the parental controls available are:

• Set age restrictions,
• Set daily limits,
• Control chat and messaging,
• Set spend limits.

How can I block/report other players?

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of. This link details how to do this based on the device they have: https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/block-players-psn/

What games are suitable for my child?

PlayStation have included a list of games along with their age rating to help you find a game that may be appropriate for your child to play. https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/editorial/great-ps4-games-for-kidsand-families/

Whilst age ratings do allow you to see if a game may be appropriate, it is also important to review the game yourself and see if it includes additional features such as chat. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable and if you need to apply further parental controls.

Further information You can find out more about the controls available here: https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 01.02.24

YouTube Shorts

You should be over 13 to post videos on YouTube. YouTube Shorts are short videos which are similar in format to videos you find on TikTok or Instagram Reels.

'Shorts' are available to watch on the YouTube homepage or on the Shorts tab in the app. As they are quick to watch, they can be addictive and lead to excessive screen time. If your child is watching these videos, ensure they know that there is a report button. Further information can be found at the link below.

https://ineqe.com/2021/07/01/youtube-shorts-need-to-know/

We are looking forward to seeing you next Wednesday 28th February between 4-6 pm

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

OAK LODGE TERM DATES

Spring Term	Date/s
First day of Spring term 1	Monday 8th January 2024 (Pupils start 10.00am)
Half-term (school closed)	Monday 12th February– Friday 16th February 2024
First day of Spring term 2	Monday 19th February 2024
Last day of Spring term	Thursday 28th March 2024 (school ends at 1.30pm)
Summer Term	Date/s
First day of Summer term 1	Monday 15th April 2024 (Pupils start 10.00am)
May Bank holiday (School closed)	Monday 6th May 2024
Half term (School closed)	Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024
First day of Summer term 2	Monday 3rd June (Pupils start 10.00am)
Last day of Summer term	Friday 19th July 2024 (School ends at 1.30pm)
Staff INSET Days	Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd 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 5th training day will be made up by 6 twilight sessions after school on a Wednesday.

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

𝕏 : @OakLodgeSchool   Instagram: @oaklodgeschool

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

Schoolgateway LOGIN

OR BY DOWNLOADING THE FREE APP

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