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# OAKHILL NEWS

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our new style newsletter. A suggestion during the 'Sharing Our Plans' meetings held before half term was that it would be more beneficial if the newsletter was sent out on a Friday for the week ahead.

We do hope you and your children enjoyed a rest over the half term break, it was lovely to see the sun shining, despite it being the end of October.

Over the half term, decorations to the school took place. Raccoons' classroom and the main corridor were decorated, the ramp outside Swallows classroom has been removed and new lighting has been installed in the main office, Glow Worms, Raccoons and Bears classrooms, as well as the main corridor. The brightness of the school was one of the first things the children commented on when they walked through the door on Monday morning. The construction work to develop the area outside Swallows Classroom has begun this week and is nearing completion. The surrounding area will need to be reseeded and a safety equipment advisor will need to carry out a safety check before the children can use it - hopefully this will be soon.

Our next project is to give the children the opportunity to design, create and display their artwork through the corridor. Watch this space!

## Upcoming Events

### This week

- 07.11.17 Cross Country Fixture 3:45pm  
Collett Park, Shepton Mallet  
**Please note earlier start time**
- 09.11.17 Golf Taster Session, 3:15 – 4pm  
Film Night **Sing** 6pm  
Doors open at 5:45pm
- 10.11.17 Bags 2 School collection  
Gymnastics Club  
KS1 3:15 – 4:00pm  
KS2 4:00 – 4:45pm

### Looking ahead

- 23.11.17 Parent Voice Meeting 9 – 10am
- 01.12.17 Advent Fair 2pm
- 05.12.17 Choir at Wells Cathedral
- 13.12.17 KS1 Nativity 2pm
- 14.12.17 KS1 Nativity 6pm
- 18.12.17 KS2 Celebration 6pm
- 20.12.17 Christmas Disco 6 – 8pm
- 08.01.18 Start of Term 3

Mr I Rumbelow  
Executive Head Teacher

Mrs P Cohen  
Deputy Head Teacher



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We are once again encouraging the children to support the important work of the Royal British Legion. Poppies and other related merchandise will be in school after half term.

These will be brought round to the class rooms each day. We are asking for a minimum donation of 50p for a poppy and £1 for other items such as bracelets, hairbands, etc.

## Sharing Our Plans

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the meetings before half term. For those of you who were unable to attend, we will summarise the points that were discussed and any main themes that were brought up by parents. Mr Rumbelow explained that he is at Oakhill all day on a Monday, half a day on a Tuesday and all day on a Friday. Mrs Cohen is in the school for the whole week, so on the days that Mr Rumbelow is not at Oakhill she is happy to talk with parents as necessary. In addition to this Mrs Park (Assistant Director of Learning and Achievement for the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust) will be working with the school, to provide additional leadership capacity and is available during Mrs Foister's secondment to another school in the Trust.

At the meeting Mrs Park explained that she had been looking into some of the systems and processes that were in place within the school and one of the initial areas that had been considered was communication. She discovered that the newsletters had still been going out regularly on a Tuesday, in the same format as the previous year, however details regarding Mr Rumbelow and the nature of the secondment of Mrs Foister had not been explained thoroughly enough to parents. Therefore at the meeting Mr Rumbelow explained his background and philosophy for teaching and learning and how the leadership team at Oakhill will work. Mrs Park explained the process and role of the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust in the development of our school.

We have reinstated the maths teaching for each year group this week, which has been successful. Mrs Cohen is teaching Year 1 and Year 4, these being the year groups split across two classes this year.

At the meeting we also discussed the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum. Trips, foreign languages, RE provision and clubs were raised by parents as areas to be considered and developed.

Following your feedback, we will be holding a Parent Voice meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 9 until 10am. This will provide an opportunity for you to discuss ideas regarding the school with our leadership team.



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In Swallows class we love to take our learning outdoors. Every week we enjoy our Muddy Mondays and Morning March on a Friday. Our other favourite activities have included Going on a Bear Hunt and this week's Pumpkin Hunt.



On Monday all children visited the 'Light' art exhibition at Oakhill Church. They enjoyed the variety of work on display and have been inspired to design and create their own work. Glow-Worms favourite part was watching metal working!



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