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OAKHILL NEWS

February 23rd 2018

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a good half term break and made the most of spending time together with your children.

As you know we had an Ofsted inspection in the last week of term 3. We received the official report yesterday and we are pleased to inform you that the opening line reads Oakhill School '**continues to be a good school**'.

We are particularly proud as it recognises that we have maintained our standards within the context of a new curriculum, national assessment processes and Ofsted framework. Ofsted confirms that leadership is both reflective and accurate in its self-evaluation and the school development plan focuses on the right priorities. The development points will allow us the opportunity to build on the work that has already taken place and enable our school to provide the best educational experience for our whole school community. We have attached a copy of the report for you to read.

We welcome parents to make their parent consultation appointment for each child they have at school. These will be held on Monday 5th March from 5-7pm and Thursday 8th March from 3:30-5:30pm. Please see or email class teachers to book a time slot. This will provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and areas for development that you can support at home.

Mrs B Foister
Head Teacher

Mrs P Cohen
Deputy Head Teacher



Upcoming Dates

This week

- 23.02.18 NO GYM CLUB TODAY
Rocktopus PTA Event
5:30-8pm Binegar Memorial Hall

Next Week

- 27.02.18 Cross Country Race Fixture
Downside 4pm
28.02.18 Mobile Planetarium in school
01.03.18 Golf Club 3:15-4pm
02.03.18 Local MP Visit ~ James Heappey
Gym Club KS1 3:15pm KS2 4pm

Looking ahead

- 05.03.18 Parent Consultations
5:00-7:00pm
06.03.18 Fire Safety Talks for all children
(for information only)
08.03.18 Parent Consultations
3:30-5:30pm
12.03.18 INSET DAY
19.03.18 Space Themed Dress Up Day
Parent Voice 2:30pm
21.03.18 Easter service 2:15pm
Parents Welcome
22.03.18 Showcase for Parents 2:30pm
Star Gazing Family Event
6:30-8:30pm School Hall/Field
23.03.18 End of Term 4



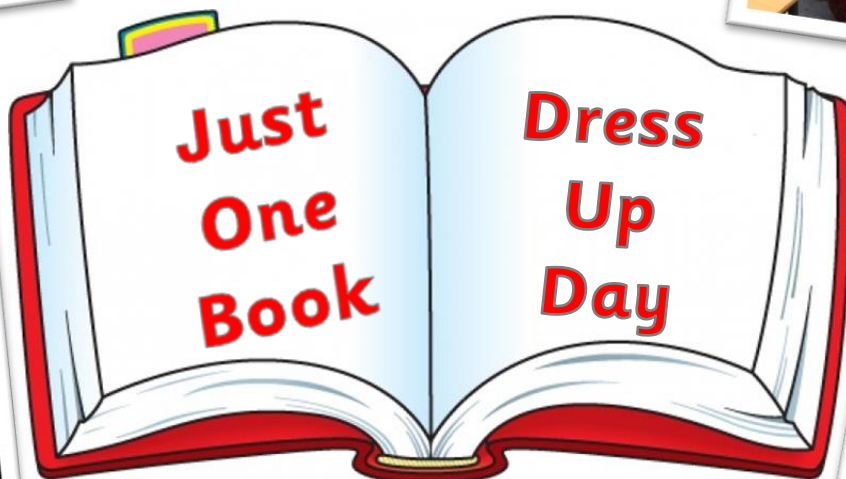
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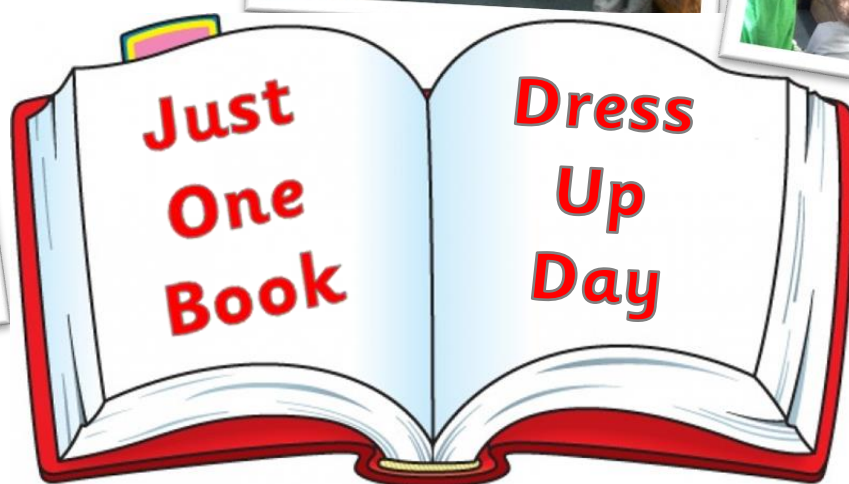
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Children really enjoyed coming in as characters from their class books. They particularly liked sharing their learning with other classes.



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We hope parents enjoyed coming into school for Showcase and shared in their children's enthusiasm for their learning. We have received many positive comments about children's work in books, the classroom environments and the opportunity to talk about school activities with their children.

Lots of parents were able to see the topic work around Just One Book as well as maths activities and Safer Internet Day.



In our awareness activities on Safer Internet Day, classes worked together to reflect on the personal information we share, both face-to-face and electronically. They discussed who and in what situations we can share this information and discussed some dilemmas we may face online. Younger children explored the Create, Connect and Share Respect initiative.



The children have launched into their new enquiry for this term, The Mystery of the Galaxy. The mobile planetarium will visit next week and we are very grateful to the PTA who made payment for this to happen. We hope children are inspired and tell you all about it. We will be having a space themed dress up day on 19th March, so you can begin to think about and create an outfit – alien, astronaut, rocket etc. We will ask for a donation of £1 to contribute to school funds for activities and trips. Our showcase for this topic will be on Thursday 22nd March when you'll be able to see the outcomes of this topic.



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Parent Voice

Thank you to those parents who attended Parent Voice and those who emailed points to be raised. These were discussed by those present and further conversation will continue between leadership, staff and parents over the coming weeks. The main points were:

- Play equipment in Swallows area – Work needs to be completed on the tarmac surround and the height of the ship. We are working with health and safety and the contractor to hopefully have the equipment ready for the children to use at the start of the summer term.
- Trips – A positive discussion around the importance and value of school trips took place. The school recognises the financial impact of residential on families. However, parents were confident that this should not prevent the school organising and asking for contributions for other activities, both on and off site. The consensus was that fund-raising activities and donations from those wishing to contribute more to school funds should be positively promoted. As a start, we are holding a dress up day in March and monies raised will support this. Parents also suggested that an Oakhill Wish List could be publicised in order that they could contribute as they desire.
- Homework – Questions were asked about the quantity and value given to homework across the school. Homework is a key area on our school development plan. To date, leadership has prioritised other areas and homework is scheduled to be the focus for this term.
- Steps to Swallows – We all recognise the potential dangers of steps, particularly in the icy weather. It was agreed that children are parents' responsibility at the start of the school day and need to supervise children walking to the classroom. Should conditions be especially treacherous, we will assess the risk and if appropriate parents can bring children through the main school.
- Somerset Live – There was some confusion regarding the validity of the information published on this website. This has been addressed by informing parents via email.



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WOW!

Well done to all our gymnasts who
were presented with their certificate
and badge award in worship this week



Lilly E, Sylvie, Flo, Zara, Iona, Dylan, Abigail DB, Evie K, Jack B, George C, Martha H and Elspeth
Meghan, Tianna, James D, Tilly, Ava HN, Grace T, Toby, Lily-Marie, Jonas, Emily B and Tiah
Daisy D, Soul, Grace H, Freya, Aidan DB, Bonnie and Layla (and also Jack D who was poorly)



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School Community News

Oakhill PTA

There is a meeting next Thursday 1st March at 6pm. This will be held in the school and planning for future events will take place. As all parents are members of our PTA, you are very welcome. Any queries contact Jess Elliott or Bob Foster.

After School Club

We ask that parents collect their children from after school club from the hall by accessing the hall doors via the side pencil gate (used by Swallows every day). There is not always someone in the office after the school day.

Thank you.

Our After School Club is still looking for a supervisor for 5 hours every week. Please enquire at the office if you are interested.

Star Gazing for all the family

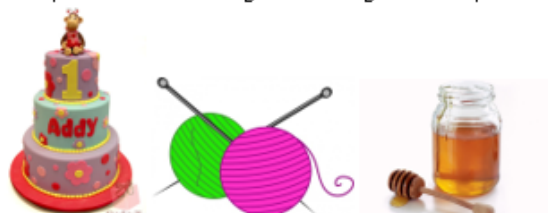
The Wells and Mendip Astronomy Society will be holding a Star Gazing event in the school grounds on Thursday 22nd March from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Families are very welcome. A donation will be made to the society so we will be charging £1 per person. This will include hot chocolate and a biscuit!

Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall Cafe & Market

SATURDAY 17th MARCH 2018

10 am until 1 pm

We already have a number of tables booked including knitted accessories, glitter glasses, children's toys and clothes, beaded jewellery, cushions, bags and trinket boxes, greetings cards, novelty knitwear, decorative candles and original, handmade silver wirework jewellery with semi-precious stones/beads. Just the things for Easter gifts and beyond!



All welcome – Free Admission
Proceeds to Village Hall and
Recreation Field enhancement fund



Refreshments available

Pam Dennis, Hillylands, 9 The Acorns, Oakhill BA3 5BT
01749 840526 OR p.p.dennis@btinternet.com

Advance dates for your diary: Car Boot Sales on The Rec
Saturdays, 5th May, 9th June and 14th July from 11 am until 2pm.
Details from Ally Kemish - akemish77@gmail.com

Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall Cafe & Market

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We have had a wide range of food and craft stalls at our recent events. If you have a crafting talent, make wonderful cakes, jams, chutneys, have plants to sell, make fantastic pies and sausages, we would love to hear from you.

Fill in the form below or call to enquire.

BOOKING FORM FOR VILLAGE HALL MARKET SATURDAY, 17th MARCH (10 am – 1 pm)

NAME:

CONTACT NUMBER:

STALL TYPE:

Cost for each stall is £10. We are able to provide a limited number of tables and chairs if required.

Table/Chairs Required YES or NO

Please return completed forms along with a cheque (made payable to Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall):

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