



Oakley Lower School



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Dear Parents

PTA

The next event is the **Summer Fete on Saturday 18th June from 1pm – 3pm** and we really do want you to come along. There will be many stalls, refreshments, games and lots more. Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help; we will be holding a meeting on **Tuesday 7th June at 7:30pm** at school to make some final arrangements and all are welcome. Please remember to tell everybody about this event.

Curriculum Matters

On 5 May Years 3 and 4 were paid a visit by Joshua Smith's grandfather who demonstrated the art of Tai Chi and taught us some 'forms'. Many thanks to Mr Smith for giving up his time.

Last week Year 4 students visited Lincroft on a Science visit. The children made rafts and tested them to see how much weight they could hold before they sank. It was a very enjoyable and educational afternoon.

Year 3 and 4 also enjoyed a very successful trip to Elstow on Thursday. They visited the John Bunyan museum and took part in maypole dancing, handbell ringing and played 'tipcat' among other activities. Everyone learned a great deal about John Bunyan and his contribution to Christianity.

Bikeability

A small number of students were fortunate to take part in the Bikeability course that ran on Monday morning – they learned a lot about crossing roads safely, performing emergency stops and generally fine tuned their cycling skills.

A note from the Chair of Governors

We were pleased to welcome Mrs Stelling to the teaching staff at OLS at the start of term as Mrs Dymond went off on her maternity leave.

It has been a very short but busy half term. The children had a wonderful time over the first 2 days back celebrating the Royal Wedding and talking about weddings they had been to. Once again the day of mixed age events was thoroughly enjoyed. The work that is produced by the children at these events is stunning and is beautifully displayed around the school. We would like to thank the staff for the work they put into these special event days as I know they are exceedingly popular.

Healthy Schools Week

During the week beginning 6th June we are planning our Healthy Schools week. We like to think that we give 'keeping fit and healthy' a high profile all year round and we have a special '**Healthy School Week**' to focus on creating and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. We will have fun together as we remind ourselves to get enough exercise and sleep, eat healthily and look after our bodies, encourage children to look after their teeth and generally promote keeping fit, safe and healthy.

Sponsored "OLS Triathlon" – Friday 10th June

We are planning to enjoy our own sponsored "OLS Triathlon" on Friday 10th June. Please could you support your children and help them to collect sponsorship in order to help raise money for our school. Attached to this letter is a sponsor form and we request that money is collected and returned to school by Friday 24th June at the latest. Further copies of the sponsorship form are available from the office if required.

The event will start at 9.30am and we will have a circuit of activities running simultaneously.

The events will take place

- On the playground (skipping)
- On the field (mini marathon)
- In the hall (keep fit)

We would love to see as many parents/supporters as possible there, joining in with our routines!

Sun Protection - Reminder

I would like to request that parents:-

- Provide their child with named sunhats or caps on hot days
- Apply sunblock before children come to school
- Train their child to apply sunblock in a sensible fashion
- Bring a named, clear bottle of fresh water that can be refilled during the day.

Children may re-apply sunblock before lunchtime play if a written request is made by parents and the bottle is clearly labelled.

We have a supply of water bottles in school @ £1.10 each and also replacement lids @ 30p each. These are available in a variety of colours.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for the second half of term from Monday 6th June to Friday 22nd July is £62.90. Cheques should be made payable to Caterlink and please make sure that all dinner money is sent into school in advance and in an envelope with your child's full name and class on it. It is very difficult to keep track of loose coins.

If paying for the whole half term, please remember to deduct any days your child may not have a hot dinner due to trips or transfer days.

School Uniform

Recently we have seen some unusual interpretations of our School Uniform. We seek your co-operation in ensuring that all pupils adhere to the dress code. Not only do our pupils look very smart, but the wearing of sensible shoes, correct PE kit and the absence of jewellery ensures that children are dressed practically for the varied activities they are engaged in.

School uniform is available to purchase from the School Office. Order forms are available from the School office or from our website www.oakleylowerschool.co.uk.

Handwriting Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have won awards this half term.

Reception	Olivia Maitland
Year 1	Harry Robson
Year 2	Emily North
Year 3	Harvey Potts
Year 4	Holly Price

SingUp Celebration Concert – Thursday 14th July

Just a reminder that tickets for the concert at the Corn Exchange are available by calling the Box Office on 01234 344813 or on their website www.bedfordcornexchange.co.uk.

On a final note I would like to thank you for your co-operation on Monday when we asked if you were able to collect your children early. We made the decision to evacuate the school because we could detect an odour that was thought to be gas. Following extensive investigations we have been assured that there is no gas leak. It is always helpful to review our procedures and we would appreciate your feedback on how we handled this situation as this will help us should a similar situation arise again.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful half term break and hope that we continue to see the sunshine.

Yours sincerely

Sarah E Lovett
Headteacher

Suggestions and Comments Feedback Form

Name (optional) _____

Year Group of Child: _____

Comments:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30th May – 3rd June	Half Term
w/c 6 th June	Healthy Schools Week
7 th June	Class Photographs
7 th June	PTA meeting open to all parents who are able to help at the Summer Fete
9 th June	Reception visit to Wimpole Farm
10 th June	Sponsored OLS Triathlon
15 th June	Year 1 and 2 trip to Harrold Odell country park
17 th June	Mufti Day – Please bring a donation for the Tombola Stall for the Summer Fete
18 th June	PTA Summer Fete, 1pm – 3pm
29 June	Year 4 Kempston Activity Day
5 th 6 th , 7 th July	Induction Days for Year 4
6 th July	Young Enterprise project for Year 3
12th July	Sharnbrook Fiddle Fiesta
13 th July	Sports Day 10am
14 th July	Year 4 Sing Up Celebration Concert at Bedford Corn Exchange
15 th July	Reserve Sports Day 10am
22 nd July	Year 4 Leaver's Service and End of Term