



Oakley Lower School



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Dear Parents

Easter Service

On Wednesday we walked to the Methodist church for our Easter Service and Rev Owen delivered a lovely service. Thank you to parents, grandparents and governors who walked to church to join in the service. Well done to those children who took part.

School Outings

We are planning to take all year groups on a school trip in the summer term and will be sending out more information after Easter. We are always pleased to receive offers of help on these occasions.

Royal Wedding

Next term we plan to mark the occasion of the Royal Wedding in April. For school children in particular this is the first major Royal Wedding they will have experienced and therefore is not only a day of significant national importance, but also a great learning opportunity and a reason to celebrate. We are planning a range of activities culminating in a party on the afternoon of 28th April.

On Wednesday 27th April please could children bring:

- photographs of weddings that they or their parents, grandparents have attended;
- photographs of the Royal Family or other related materials eg Union Jack

On Thursday 28th April please could children:

- come to school dressed in red, white and blue

If any parents are able to help with preparing food for the party please let us know.

Spring Term Events

Fair Trade fortnight

During the fortnight the pupils learned a great deal about fair trade and the problems producers face. Many thanks to those of you who supported our Fair Trade goods stall which, we hope, raised awareness of the issues surrounding fair trade. The sale was very well attended and we took £68.36

Red Nose Day

Once again we supported Comic Relief this year. Our 'funny hair' theme proved popular, with many children sporting red hair - we even had a red beard and a bird's nest! Thank you for your support and generosity. We raised a massive £356.63 in total.

Red Cross Earthquake Appeal

This term the PTA ran a cake/ snack stall to raise money for the Japanese earthquake victims. This was also well attended and raised £191. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

Mothering Sunday

Thank you to all those who attended the Mothering Day Service at Lincroft School on 3rd April and special thanks to those children who sang, "Good to be alive". It was a lovely service and the children sang beautifully.

Creative Arts Festival

Our streetdancing class put on a wonderful performance at Sharnbrook Upper school this week. They had obviously practised hard and were a delight to watch! Many thanks to Miss Bloodworth for choreographing the performance and to all the teachers who helped out on the night.

School Meals

Next term our new caterers will start their contract and you will find a new menu attached to this letter. The daily charge for hot dinner is £1.85 per day. The cost for hot dinners for the Summer Term is £101.75. For those parents who prefer to pay half termly, the cost from Wednesday 27th April to Friday 27th May (excluding Royal Wedding on April 29th and May Day on 2nd May) will be £38.85. The second half of term from Monday 6th June to 22 July is £62.90. **Cheques should be made payable to CATERLINK and NOT Eden Food Services.** Could you also 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.

School Uniform

Please send in orders to the School Office to be processed or you are welcome to come in personally to purchase items. School uniform order forms are available from the School Office or from the website www.oakleylowerschool.co.uk under the Prospectus section.

Parking - Reminder

Please could I ask that you do not:-

- Park on the yellow zig zag lines on the road outside school on Station Road.
- Park in Lincroft School car park.
- Park or turn in our school gateway.

A child's life may be at risk.

Sun Protection – Reminder

With the warmer weather approaching, 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.

Holiday Care

This year the Kidsize Holiday Club will be running throughout the Easter and Summer holidays. This is organised in conjunction with North Bedfordshire Schools Trust and for the first two weeks of the summer holiday will be running at Lincroft Middle School. (Details can be found at www.kidzsize.co.uk/sh_ms.htm). We have therefore decided not to run a club at Oakley Lower School this year.

Staff

We wish Mrs Dymond well as she leaves to start her maternity leave and look forward to meeting the new addition to her family. Mrs Stelling has been appointed to replace her and she will take up her post at the start of the summer term.

Awards

Congratulations to Trevelyan Morgan for winning the award for Endeavour and to Hannah Singh for the award for Neatness.

Well done to the winners of the Handwriting Trophies:

Yr R Charlotte Cook

Yr 1 Elisha Gray

Yr 2 Tanya Fish

Yr 3 Sophia Jones

Yr 4 Grace Batten

Ofsted

With regard to our recent Ofsted inspection please find attached a letter from our Chair of Governors, Mrs Roz Gray, together with the report that we received yesterday. We are very pleased with the result and I would like to thank the children, staff and governors for their dedication and hard work. It has been a busy term and I very much appreciate the support and teamwork that has taken place.

Wishing you a very Happy Easter break and I look forward to seeing the children back at school on Wednesday 27th April.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Lovett
Headteacher

News from the Governors

As you will see from the enclosed documents our Ofsted report is available prior to the holidays. We hope you enjoy reading it. We are very pleased with the outcome.

We welcome Jody Williams, as our new parent representative, to the governing body. We would like to thank Shaun Armstrong, who left us this term, for his hard work and contribution. If you would like to know who we all are you can see us on the school website at: www.oakleylowerschool.co.uk

We hope you found the recent document 'Going Forward...2011' useful and informative. We welcome any feedback from parents on this or any issue, please feel free to use the suggestions form at the end of this newsletter then pop it in the school's suggestion box in the school entrance or your child's bookbag.

Thanks to everyone for their support for the Red Cross Fundraiser. It was a fantastic event well supported by parents; both in the provision of food or help and in the purchasing of some truly scrumptious food. £191 was raised, a great total to be able to send to their Earthquake relief fund.

Have a happy and restful Easter holidays.

Dates For Your Diary

26 April	Staff Training Day
27 April	Term Begins
28 th April	Children to wear Red, White and Blue for Royal Wedding Celebration
29 th April	School closed – Royal Wedding
2 nd May	School closed – Bank Holiday Monday
26 th May	Year 3-4 Visit to Elstow
30 th May – 3rd June	Half Term
29 th June	Yr 4 Activity Day at Kempston Outdoor Centre
1 st July	School closed – Training Day
13 th July am	Sports Day
15 th July am	Reserve Sports Day

Suggestions and Comments Feedback Form

Name (optional) _____

Year Group of Child: _____

Comments: _____
