Headteacher Weekly Update

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Dear Families,

We have had another busy week across the school.

Next week we will be ending the week with Autumns Parties in each Phase on Friday afternoon. The staff team will provide resources and pupils will have the opportunity to engage in Autumn related learning and have fun on the last day of the term. Your child is welcome to come to school in their own clothes or dress up and we ask in return for a Bottle Donation in preparation for our Christmas Fair 2023. The PTA will be supporting this event—thank you.



The Friends of Oakley will be holding their Annual General Meeting Virtually on 9th November 2023, If you would like to attend please let Rose know and she will send you the link rwoodgate@oakley.kent.sch.uk.

I wish you all the best for the weekend.

Sam E-mail: sperryman@oakley.kent.sch.uk

Dates for your Diary:

17th October: School Photographer - Tonbridge
19th October: School Photographer - Tunbridge Wells

9th November: Friends of Oakley (PTA) Annual General Meeting

15th November: Parents' Evening - Phases 1,2 & 3
16th November: Parents Evening - Phases 4
22nd November: Parents Evening Hawks & Rosen Classes only

Parent evening booking information will be available soon.

Safeguarding at Oakley School



At Oakley we prioritise the mental health of our school community. We adopted Thrive as an approach a few years ago and this is now embedded into all aspects of our school day. We use Zones of Regulation to help pupil recognise how they are feeling: Green Zone is calm, happy and ready to engage, Blue Zone is when pupils are feeling sad or bored, Yellow zone is excited or anxious and Red Zone is angry. We have recently introduced Interoception which helps pupils to connect physical responses in their bodies to feelings so pupils are able to recognise if they are too hot, hungry, thirsty etc. The Thrive approach helps pupils to build a toolkit to manage their feelings and emotions and develop strategies to help them to feel regulated, happy and safe.

Music News



Hawks and Kestrel classes have been working with a professional drummer, Chris on developing their rhythmic and ensemble skills. This demands great listening skills as well as watching what others are doing to stay in time. We have learnt new musical terms such as unison, break and groove!

Eagles and Kingfishers have had a workshop from David Burridge as we are preparing for our theatre performance next Spring of a new production called 'Voices in the Wilderness'. Next week we will have a visit from the writer of the production, Martin Riley, so that we can link the storyline to our own music.

Phase 3 singing and signing choir has restarted and is open to all phase 3 pupils at 12.30pm on Wednesdays in Gail's therapy room. We had a wonderful first rehearsal last week and lifted the roof with our collective voices!

Christmas Fair 2023

Next term we will begin to work towards our Christmas Fair on **Saturday 25th November.** This is a wonderful school event led by the Friends of Oakley (PTA) and a lovely, inclusive event for all our families.



We ask that you support us as much as you can with donations before the event (we will give more details next term) and we especially would like some of your time on the day to help as well as supporting by attending with your family and friends.

Please save the date—more details to follow next term.

Please can any hamper baskets be returned to the PTA for use again this year. **Reuse, Reduce, Recycle!**

AUTUMN PARTIES

For each phase

Friday

20th October

Children are welcome to dress up or wear their own clothes in return for a

BOTTLE DONATION

In preparation for the Christmas fair 2023

Beer, Shampoo, Wine, Ketchup,
Soft drinks, Shower gel, Spirits,
any kind of bottle welcome

