



King's Oak Primary School

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Friday 22nd April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after the Easter break and I hope you had a restful and relaxing holiday.

News and exciting events:

This week I am delighted to tell you that we have received a Young Carers Award and I would particularly like to thank Mrs Russel-Leach for her hard work in leading in this area.

We have welcomed Mrs Guha and Mrs Oakley this week to the school. They have been really impressed with the behaviour and positive attitudes shown by the children. Mrs Guha is teaching part time in Reception and part time in Year 1. Mrs Oakley has joined the Year 3 team.

We have two really exciting events planned in the next few weeks as we begin to reopen the school to the school community:

- On **26th April** we will be inviting all prospective parents with a child starting reception in September to visit the school, meet some of the staff and have a tour of the facilities including a visit to the reception classes. If you have applied for a place in reception at the school or are thinking of joining us, this is the perfect opportunity to see the school in action. This event will take place between **9:00 and 10:30am on 26th April** and further details will follow when we return to school.
- I am delighted to announce that on **Saturday 30th April**, we will be holding our very first **School's Farm Day**. We would like to invite everyone to come and visit the school where we will be offering opportunities to read with the rabbits, spend time with the animals and sample the school dinner menu. There will also be the opportunity for new parents or parents thinking about joining the school in September to have a tour of the school and meet some of the staff. There will be a bouncy castle and ice cream van to make the event even more enjoyable! The event runs from **10am-1pm on 30th April** and there is no charge for entrance. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible - this is a great opportunity for the school to offer more community activities as we move into the summer. A flyer for this event is attached at the end of this letter

PE Kits:

As parents are aware, we have now returned to requiring all children to come to school in the agreed uniform, changing for PE in school rather than coming in their kits. Historically, this has always been the system here at school and only changed in September 2020 due to the restrictions placed on schools due to the impact of Covid 19.

It is standard practice for children to change for PE in both primary and secondary schools. We are asking the children to change for PE for the following reasons:

- Being able to independently dress themselves is a key skill for children to learn, particularly in the younger years. It gives children the opportunity to develop their independence and fine motor skills.
- It promotes good hygiene. The children learn that when they exercise, they sweat and it is not healthy to wear sweaty clothes or PE kit all day. Children can develop fungal and bacterial infections wearing sweaty clothes; there can also be problems with body odour, especially for older children. In the winter months, staying in sweaty clothes can cause chills and discomfort.
- In the event of bad weather, PE lessons sometimes need to be postponed at the last minute. It makes it more difficult to move PE to another day if children don't have their PE kit and can change in school.

Changing for PE was a weekly occurrence at King's Oak prior to March 2020 and there were no significant concerns raised about this. However, we are aware that currently this is an issue for some parents and children. In response to the concerns raised, we will be moving to single sex changing in Years 3 and 4 from next week and obviously continuing this in Years 5 and 6 as it was before.

If you would like to ask any questions about PE kit and changing, or anything else, please contact the school office and a member of the leadership or inclusion team will discuss this with you.

Many thanks for your continued support

Rob Morley-Smith
Headteacher

Breakfast and After School Club Vacancies:

We currently have vacancies for staff in our breakfast and after-school clubs. We are looking to expand our successful provision to be able to offer this to more parents. These valued staff support children before and after school, working from 7:30am until 9:00am each day for the breakfast club, and 3:00pm to 6:00pm for the after school club. If you think you would like to be more involved with the life of the school, this is a great opportunity. Previous experience of working with children, ideally in a similar setting would be desirable and full training and support will be given. If you are interested, we want to hear from you. Please see the details in the vacancies section of the school website from 19th April for more information.

No products containing nuts in school please:

Could we remind parents that we are a nut free school and that no products containing nuts should be sent in lunchboxes.



Dates for your diary

- 26th April - 9:00am - 10:30am - Reception Open Morning
- 30th April - 10am - 1pm - Farm Open day
- Friday 22nd July - this is now a non-school day. This is because of the Queen's Jubilee falling in the May half term and us needing to put an additional day in for this.

KING'S OAK PRIMARY

Tours of the school for prospective parents for all year groups

Come along and see our amazing facilities within our extensive grounds.

Animal encounters Including:
rabbits, guinea pigs, goats, pigs and chickens

Bouncy castles

Candy floss

Ice cream

Other refreshments



Saturday 30th April

10am - 1pm



OPEN DAY!

“My child is so happy at King's Oak Primary. The facilities they have are incredible and it has given my child so many new experiences”

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DODGEBALL

£1 PER SESSION

**TUESDAY
3.20PM - 4.20PM
YEARS 3-6**

GYMNASTICS

£1 PER SESSION

**TUESDAY
3.20PM - 4.20PM
YEARS 1-2**

DODGEBALL

£1 PER SESSION

**WEDNESDAY
3.20PM - 4.20PM
YEARS 1-2**

GYMNASTICS

£1 PER SESSION

**WEDNESDAY
3.20PM - 4.20PM
YEARS 3-6**

FOOTBALL

£1 PER SESSION

**THURSDAY
3.20PM - 4.20PM
YEARS 1-2**

FOOTBALL

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