



Oakfield Schools Federation

11th November 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to share with you our thanks on behalf of The Peoples Kitchen for all of your generous donations as part of our Harvest Festival. The donations were collected on Monday by The Peoples Kitchen and they were extremely grateful for the generosity shown by our community. I know it will make a huge difference to those who cannot always afford a good meal this winter.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Chisholm'.

Kate Chisholm – Executive Headteacher



New events added are highlighted in yellow		
Date	Event	Time
11/11/22	Visit to Lockerbie for specific Y6 children	All day
14/11/22	KS1 and KS2 Parent Evenings	Booking system in place
18/11/22	Children in Need / Antbullying week - wear odd socks day	
18/11/22	Brass pupils Sage concert day with the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain	All Day (parents pick up from sage)
18/11/22	Christmas Jumper donations closing date	
25/11/22	Jorvik Viking Centre trip – Year 5	
25/11/22	Non-uniform day – Christmas fayre donation day	All day
1/12/22	Year 2 Cheerleading festival	
2/12/22	Year 1 Christmas Trip to Gibside Hall	All Day
5/12/22	Christmas Fayre	15.30
7/12/22	Reception Christmas Visit to Hall Hill Farm	All Day
8/12/22	Year 2 indoor athletics festival	10-12
7-9/12/22	Y6 Residential	
12/12/22	Reception Nativity	14.15
13/12/22	Year 1 Nativity	14.15
14/12/22	Year 2 Nativity	14.15
14-15/12/22	KS2 Pantomime visits	
16/12/22	Christmas Dinner Day	Lunchtime
16/12/22	Christmas Jumper Day (collecting for Children with Cancer UK)	All Day
w/b 19th 12/22	Christmas parties (EYFS / KS1/ KS2)	Timings to follow
22/12/22	Carols under the veranda – KS2	1.15
22/12/22	Last day of term	
23/12/22	School Closed - PD day	

2022-23 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1	07/09/22 – 21/10/22
Autumn 2	31/10/22 – 22/12/22
Spring 1	09/01/23 – 17/02/23
Spring 2	27/02/23 – 31/03/23
Summer 1	17/04/23 – 26/05/23
Summer 2	5/06/22 – 21/07/23

PE Days		
Year Group	Indoor	Outdoor
R	Tuesday	Friday
1	Wednesday	Thursday
2	Monday	Friday
3	Wednesday	Friday
4	Tuesday	Thursday
5	Swimming - Tuesday	Monday
6	Monday	Wednesday

Times Tables Rock Stars (Juniors)



We're celebrating Maths Week England by taking part in a friendly times tables (and division) competition. The competition runs from 07:30 GMT Monday 14th November to 19:30 GMT Wednesday 16th November. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com. (Pupils use their existing login details)

Children can play in any gamemode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average so every answer counts!!

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30 GMT and 19:30 GMT on 07:30 GMT Monday 14th November to 19:30 GMT Wednesday 16th November. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition. Pupils will access the competition in school for 15 minutes each day – therefore 45 minutes remains for TTRS at home!!

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans

Christmas Fayre – Calling all parents!

As you will be aware our Christmas fair is rapidly approaching and we need your help! If any of you have a spare hour or so and would like to help package up the raffle hampers, please could you get in touch with either the junior or infant office. We will be creating the hampers in the first week of December. If anyone can spare us a little time, we will be very grateful....and we may even be able to treat you to a cuppa and a mince pie!



Safeguarding and attendance

Overwatch 2

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OVERWATCH 2

A long-awaited sequel to 2016's massively successful Overwatch, this is a futuristic shooting game with a focus on teamwork and strategy which gives it an extra dimension to the majority of titles in the genre. Its cast of characters is diverse and memorable, while there's a definite (and rewarding) learning curve to players improving their skill. Created by established developers Blizzard Entertainment, Overwatch 2 is free to play, with an emphasis on competitive multiplayer action – meaning that children may want to play the game even more simply because their friends have it.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MULTIPLE PASSWORDS
Overwatch 2 supports convenient cross-play across consoles and PC, as long as users link all their devices under a unifying account on the Blizzard Battle.net platform. This has other benefits (preserving a player's original skills for use in the new game), but if your child does want to link their accounts, be warned: the process can be extremely fussy and requires multiple passwords.

VOICE CHAT
As a shooting game which focuses on fast-paced competitive play, teamwork is central to getting the most out of the Overwatch 2 experience. Many players use voice chat to coordinate with other users – often with friends, but sometimes also with strangers. In other cases, this means your child is in contact with others, who may – for example – use offensive language in the heat of the moment.

IN-GAME PURCHASING
Like many free-to-play games, Overwatch 2 offers in-game purchases for unlocking its colourful skins. While new characters arrive as part of a free 'battle pass', each season (normally lasting around three months), players can unlock them much earlier by buying premium versions of the pass. There are also in-game bundles (with varying costs) themed around certain characters or events.

VIOLENT GAMEPLAY
Overwatch 2 heavily features combat, although the on-screen violence is relatively sanitised. Most of its characters are of fantastical nature (there's a gorilla scientist with a laser weapon, for instance, and a DJ on roller-skates who fires sound energy), but some – such as Reaper, an assassin in a white-tile metal mask – are a little on the darker side and could unsettle younger players.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ASSIST WITH ACCOUNT LINKING
If your child is trying to link their accounts from different devices, it might be wise for you to help them set it up. Not only about, it can be a process to put more smoothly (and save you being asked for the passwords for each account). But you'll also be able to make sure that the website for linking is correct. We've put the right web address under the experts' bio at the bottom of this guide.

MONITOR COMMUNICATIONS
Playing Overwatch 2 with friends is almost universally the most popular way to enjoy the game. If your child is playing with a few friends they only know online – or a stranger – you may want to monitor the chat to make sure they aren't being abused by anything unsavoury. You might also decide to adjust the in-game voice chat settings so only confirmed friends can speak to your child.

USE IT AS INSPIRATION
Overwatch characters represent many races, nationalities, genders, identities and sexual orientations. This eclectic roster of heroes offers a superb jumping-off point for discussing racial, sexual or gender diversity with your child. Whether it's finding heroes to glose together or talking about non-traditional relationships, the game could be an excellent conversation starter.

LIMIT IN-GAME SPENDING
The loot boxes featured in the first Overwatch have been a controversial – so users only have a set time to purchase them. In Overwatch 2, your child can still earn plenty of items, however, through the free battle pass. In any case, and with a view to removing any payment methods – at least setting limits in advance – if you're worried about in-game spending.

WATCH SOME GAMEPLAY
Overwatch players fight with an array of weapons and explosives, but the battles are presented in a way that forgives blood, gore or dismemberment. Regardless of the mode or character chosen, the game also usually avoids the word "kill" – referring to "eliminations" instead. Watching footage of Overwatch 2 on YouTube could help you decide whether it's suitable for your child before they play.

Meet Our Expert
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In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as violent gameplay, in-game purchases and voice chat.

Thank you for continuing to support us in our attendance.

School / Year	Autumn 2			
	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late
	Week 1		Week 2	
Junior Overall	96.0	3 hr 48 min	97.6	3 hr 7 min
Infant Overall	96.6	1 hr 54 min	94.6	2 hr 18 min
6	95.8	39 min	98.6	1 hr 43 min
5	95.8	59 min	95.7	54 min
4	95.4	1hr 53 min	98.7	24 min
3	97.0	17 min	97.3	6 min
2	96.5	24 min	96.4	55 min
1	95.0	25 min	90.6	46 min
R	96.8	1 hr 5 min	97.1	37 min

Thank you again for taking the time to read our newsletter and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head