



Oakfield Schools Federation

8th April 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another successful term at the Oakfield Schools Federation, I wanted to share some of the exciting progress we have made in developing our fantastic Schools.

As you will be aware from the parents meeting information I shared in October (prior to Covid preventing further gatherings) we were in our recovery phase post covid lock down and needed to energise the curriculum to promote further successes in our children.

I thought at this point in the year, it would be useful to share with you actions we have taken to bring both schools together and enhance the provisions for an exciting and 21st century curriculum. As a result, I have attached a sample of the school improvement actions which we have undertaken over the last 2 terms for your information. I am hopeful to hold an end of year parents meeting once the local authority has enabled large gatherings again, to present key priorities for the following year and more ways we wish to have parents involved in school life.

Meanwhile, can I take this opportunity to wish you a happy, peaceful, and hopefully an Easter break full of sunshine. We look forward to seeing you all again ready for our exciting Summer term.

Kati Colman

Attendance

School / Year	Spring 2											
	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late
	04/03/22		11/03/22		18/03/22		25/03/22		01/04/22		08/04/22	
Junior Overall	95.3	1 hr 51 min	96.3	3 hr 39 min	95.3	2hr 52 min	92.4	2 hr 21 min	93.1	7 hr 46 min	94.2	4 hr 48 min
Infant Overall	94.5	43 mins	96.0	1 hr 9 mins	88.3	55 min	89.1	2 hr 9 min	92.8	1 hr 58 min	92.06	1 hr 30 min
6	97.6	7 min	99.3	27 min	96.9	27 min	92.1	0 min	93.6	1 hr 55 min	96.2	59 min
5	97.2	1 hr 13 min	95.6	1 hr 25 min	95.3	4 min	92.5	1 hr 10 min	91.0	4 hr 35 min	90.3	2 hr 8 min
4	92.6	29 min	97.6	1 hr 4min	96.6	2 hr 3 min	92.8	1 hr 9 min	92.2	1 hr 1 min	92.6	1 hr 13 min
3	93.7	2 min	92.5	43 min	92.2	18 min	92.3	2 min	95.4	15 min	97.4	28 min
2	94.6	6 min	96.2	9 min	81.2	0 min	87.9	1 hr 35 min	96.3	35 min	92.6	5 min
1	96.0	22 min	96.9	27 min	92.9	34 min	92.4	34 min	95.2	41 min	94.6	41 min
R	94.3	15 min	95.1	33 min	91.0	21 min	87.7	0 min	87.2	42 min	89.3	44 min

School / Year	Spring 2		Spring term		School Year to Date	
	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late
Federation	93.7	24 hr 44 min	94.2	61 hr 7 min	94.4	140 hr 33min
Junior Overall	94.7	17 hr 54 min	95.1	46 hr 20 min	94.9	104 hr 24 min
Infant Overall	92.7	6 hr 50 min	93.2	14 hr 47 min	93.9	36 hr 7 min
6	96.2	3 hr 20 min	95.03	9 hr 45 min	94.9	26 hr 2 min
5	93.8	1 hr 11 min	95.5	15 hr 27 min	94.5	26 hr 40 min
4	93.9	5 hr 45 min	94.7	15 hr 44 min	94.7	36 hr 10 in
3	94.2	1 hr 43 min	94.6	5 hr 42 min	95.2	15 hr 53 min
2	92.0	6 hr 40 min	93.8	4 hr 18 min	94.4	6 hr 8 min
1	95.0	2 hr 12 min	94.1	5 hr 53 min	94.3	18 hr 29 min
R	91.5	2 hr 9 min	92.0	4 hr 36 min	93.0	11 hr 30 min

Thank you again for your continued support over the first 2 terms of this year. We have all needed to manage a great deal with covid and children's weakened immune systems. Hopefully as the summer months arrive, we will be better equipped to deal with viruses as they come along.

It would be fantastic if we could work together to improve children's punctuality. As a federation, children have collectively missed 28 school days due to being late. This equates to nearly half a term of learning. I know there are sometimes good reasons for being late and I am going to be working with the school council and staff next term to think of ways we can encourage good punctuality across the federation.

Welcome to your new Parent Governors!

I was delighted to be able to welcome our new parent governors onto the governor team this week. **Mr Crosland** (Infant representative) and **Mr Anglesea** (Junior Representative) have been voted by yourselves to join the ranks. Thank you to all who showed an interest and I thank you all for the large response we received in the voting. It will be a very exciting time for all in our upcoming phase of school development and I am excited for our governing body to play an active role in the federation's further development.

I have had a number of parents asking about the specific role of a parent governor, what they represent and what their powers are. To this end I have found the definitions of the role of parent governor from the National Governor Association website, and I thought it might be useful to share below:



Parent governors play a vital role on Governing Boards, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through their children, they have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum and how the school is perceived by parents and the local community.



Our Role

It is important for parent governors to maintain a strategic approach to school governance whilst establishing a rapport with the parental body. This can be a delicate role and a parent governor has to be particularly careful regarding issues of confidentiality. Although being available to advise parents on appropriate routes of action is important, it is essential that parent governors do not become personally involved in individual concerns. This could jeopardise the Complaints and Appeals procedures and no governor has the authority to act individually on behalf of the Governing Board. Parent governors have to be sensitive to when they are acting as a Parent and when they are acting as a governor and be able to act upon concerns as a parent without compromising their role as a governor.

Parent governors are:

- Able to work in partnership with the Headteacher, Senior Leadership team and other governors to raise standards and improve outcomes for all children.
- Expected to act in accordance with the Code of Conduct and be aware of conflicts of interest
- Representative parents and not a representative for parents.
- Able to guide parents regarding appropriate lines of action and procedures.
- Well placed to present a balanced view of issues.
- Equal in status to all other governors.

Parent governors are not:

- Expected to gather the views of other parents and take them to the Governing Board.
- Simply expected to represent the interests of parents.
- Expected to vote as instructed by other parents
- A link between parents and the Governing Board.
- Able to take up individual complaints.

I hope this is of use to enable a good understanding of how vital the role of parent governor is and how they can work incredibly effectively in aiding the strategic plan of the school.

School dates for September


As we motor thorough this year, I thought it would be useful to share with you all the federation dates for the next academic year. I have had a few parents asking about PD days and such so please see below the dates for the next academic year:

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

Nut free school

Over the past months we have had several children develop serious nut allergies which require an EpiPen response. As a result of this, to safeguard the needs of our pupils, will be a **nut free school** from 25th April 2022. This will mean no nuts to be provided in packed lunches or as a snack (including sesame seeds in bread etc). I understand this may be disappointing for some however we are all aware of the serious consequences which can manifest from an allergic reaction of this severity, and I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Kids eat free at easter

Some local eating places have decided to help-out this Easter by offering a 'kids eat free' incentive in their restaurants. We thought you'd like to know where you might be able to get some free lunches during the Easter break. Please see 



MARKS AND SPENCER

Kids eat free in the M&S Cafe if you spend £5. One free children's meal per transaction. Between 4th April and 22nd April.

MORRISONS

Kids eat free all day, every day in Morrisons cafes nationwide with one paying adult. Plus they have the feed the family for £10 deal running at Easter

YO! SUSHI

Pick any main, a side of edamame beans and drink and you'll get it free with a £10 adult spend throughout half term.

ASDA

Kids eat free in Asda's cafes after 3pm Monday - Friday.

GORDON RAMSAY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 12 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants.

BELLA ITALIA

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid from 1st April - 24th April 2022

TABLE TABLE, BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children get free breakfast with one paying adult! It has also been reported that if you sign up to their newsletter they send out a code for kids eat free, but I haven't personally tried this.

THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult.

DUNELM CAFE-PAUSA

Kids eat FREE when adults spend just £4 or more at Pausa cafes which you will find inside Dunelm stores.

PRETO

Kids under 12 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants.

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat breakfast free when accompanied by a paying adult, all day every day through the Easter holidays from 9am - 12pm.

FARMHOUSE INNS

From 4th - 22nd April, Monday to Friday, up to two kids per paying adult can eat for just £1 each



Jubilee

Plans are underway to have an exciting week to celebrate all things Jubilee culminating in a Jubilee Garden party / summer fair. I am very keen for parents to get involved in helping us plan this so if you would like to offer some of your time, please email the school offices and let us know. I will be getting in touch with those who have already said they would like to be involved with the PFA to get things kick started.

Few notices:

Parent parking

Can I please remind parents that staff carparks are not for parent use at any time of day. We only have limited space and ask that you use the parking previously signposted (Gold medal Car Park). Many thanks for your continued cooperation.

Toys in school

Can you please make sure your children aren't bringing toys / trading cards into school. We have had numerous issues where children are falling out because they are swapping cards / toys then changing their minds or are becoming competitive over Pokémon games and again falling out. Please ensure these are kept at home for them to enjoy when they are not at school. School cannot be held responsible for any toys / cards which are lost whilst in school.

Toilet Wipes

We have had a number of children bringing toilet wet wipes into school to use. Unfortunately, due to our very old plumbing these are causing very large blockages in our plumbing which in turn is flooding the school. We've had to have plumbers out on numerous occasions to remove these wipes from our indoor and outdoor pipes. Can I please ask that you do not send your child to school with these as they are causing considerable issues to preventing flooding in and outside of school.

Friday Dinners

Please note the hot option on a Friday is changing to fish fingers from Friday, 29th April. This will be the choice for the hot option every Friday.

Y4 staffing

Unfortunately, we are still needing to wish Mrs Taylor well as she is still quite poorly. We are endeavouring to keep staffing in the year group as consistent as possible. For continuity Mrs McNall will continue to teach the children on Monday to Wednesday for the remainder of the year and Mr Gray on Thursday and Friday. Mr Gray is well known to the school and has taught across all year groups for a number of years. Thank you again for your understanding and I'm sure you will join with us on wishing Mrs Taylor a speedy recovery.

Charity hair

We wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to Ebony Forster in year 5. Ebony has been growing her hair for a long time and has just donated 19 inches of it to charity as well as raising £1100. So wonderful to see such philanthropic spirit in one so young! Well done Ebony! A real achievement!

Forest Adventurers Toddler group

Just a quick reminder that there are still a few places left for the Forest Adventurers toddler group will be starting at the Infant School on Thursday mornings after the Easter holiday. This will be run by Forest Adventurer's.

There are also spaces in the Forest Adventurer's after school club after Easter. Please visit their booking system to book a place.



Apologies for the length of our newsletter - we had a lot to talk about this week! I wish you all a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all at the start of our Summer term.

Happy Easter!

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Acting Head of Infants

Mr Thompson – Head of Juniors

