INCLUSION AND WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

OAKWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY

Welcome to Term 5 at Oakwood!



I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends! The Spring holiday is always my favourite - just enough time to switch off and have a rest while enjoying the garden (when it isn't raining)!

The focus of this newsletter is transition! Often we think of transition from primary to secondary or Nursery to Reception but the reality is, children face transitions at many points in their time at school and often day! I thought it would be a good topic to focus on for this upcoming term



SATS week 11th - 14th May 2026

Our year 6's are currently working really hard in the run up to SATs week, which this year will be held on the week of 11th May. I know many of you have been asking how you can help support your children during this time and my advice has always been that as long as children give it their best shot that's all we ask for! We look at supporting children in school that week in many ways including a breakfast every day with their teachers and peers (to settle those nerves!) as well as having familiar adults supporting across the SATs rooms. During the afternoons, we always have lots of fun activities going on so the children can decompress after the morning's exams. If you are concerned about your children in the run up to SATs please do speak with their class teacher or our Hive team, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Nursery to Reception Transitions

I know that many of our Nursery children will also be making the leap to Reception in September! Although always a daunting prospect for parents, our Nursery team and Reception will already be working closely preparing children for the transition in September. If you are a parent whose child is at another nursery but will be joining us in September, please be reassured that myself and one of the Reception team visit every nursery (usually Term 6) before children join us in September, so we can speak with their keyworkers and see them interacting in their setting. Please do speak with the Nursery if you have any concerns about transition.

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Year Group Transitions

It is still a little early for year group transitions - but please be reassured as soon as class teachers are allocated for next academic year we will begin the process of transition for our children. This includes additional visits for our children to visit their new classes/teachers as well as providing additional visits before school starts in September and social stories with visuals of their new classes to support any anxiety over the summer.

Secondary Transitions



By now, our year 6's will have been told their secondary school placement for September. This is an exciting time for children but also can be a worry (not least for parents!). Please be reassured, that before children transition for their 'taster days' in July, I have individual meetings with each of the SENDCO's and Safeguarding Leads in each of the secondary schools our children are attending, to share information. Following this, you may be contacted for additional meetings with the SENDCO teams there or your child may be offered extra transition support.

Meetings start during Term 5 with any additional visits taking place (usually) in Term 6.

We know that some parents were disappointed with their allocated secondary placement. Unfortunately, as a school we are not allowed to directly intervene or appeal a place on behalf of a parent; instead I would advise you follow the appeals process that would have been included when the placement was shared.

I would also advise that you speak with the secondary school team about your concerns! Often they can reassure you. Alternatively, I am happy to talk to you about any specific concerns you might have - book a 'slot' with me at the office and we can have a chat and a cuppa!

Finally..... As well as this newsletter, I do often post on our Wellbeing Padlet signposting various groups/sources of support. Please do take the time to have a look. As shared, I try to keep appointments free at the start and end of my day to meet with parents, so please do speak with Mrs Mack or the school office should you wish to make an appointment with me.