



Oakdale



Summer 2019

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another busy school year! We are posting loads of information, learning activities and special events on Twitter. Please get an account so you can follow the great things that are going on in school. There are far too many to put into the newsletter and it was getting longer each term so from now on this will contain headline information only.

Fond Farewells

We say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 class this term. They have had some great experiences in Year 6; visiting the Cinema, participating in Safety Challenge, visiting A&E with 999 Club, hands-on science experiences at Sir Harry Smith, learning about justice with local Magistrates and re-enacting a court case, their trip to Stanwick Lakes and many more!

They have been an amazing cohort who have shown all the values of the school. We are incredibly proud of all their achievements. After a moving Leavers Assembly, they all enjoyed their trip to Battlefield yesterday.

We are extremely proud of them, they have matured so much and are ready for the next stage of their school career. Well done and all the very best for the future, Year 6!

Parental views

Thank you to the parents who completed the communication questionnaire which Year 6 responsibly conducted. The results were overwhelmingly positive, but we have taken into account the feedback and comments provided to aim to make improvements:

- Make steps towards paperless system
- Put the topic overviews on the website (67% preference)
- Continue to provide information presentations as these were popular (95% thought them useful)
- Review office systems to check ParentMail communication to lessen error
- Introduce a EYFS to Year 1 meeting to communicate the EYFS curriculum clearly

Many parents were also unaware of our school Twitter account. This is more immediate feedback on daily life in school than the newsletter. Our account is @OakdalePriSch.

Friends of Oakdale

The Friends of Oakdale provided trips for all the pupils this year with money raised from previous events. The children really enjoyed these experiences and we would like to say a massive thank you.

Next year we hope to be able to enjoy more events like the Christmas Bazaar and summer fete but these will only happen if we have more volunteers to join this very small group. If you are interested please let the office know next September.

End of Year Assessment results

End of Year Assessment success

We are very pleased with the outcomes achieved by our pupils this year. Our pupils make good progress and results have improved year on year.

Year 6 Read, Write, Maths Combined attainment (achieving the expected standard in all subjects)	2017		2018		2019	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
Expected Standard	63	61	68	64	70	65
Greater Depth Standard	7	9	0	10	13	10 (2018)

Year 6 outcome

Year 6	Working at expectation	National comparison (2019)	Working above expectation (Greater Depth)	National comparison (2018)
Reading	77	73	37	28
Writing	77	78	17	20
Maths	83	79	33	24
RWM	70	65	13	10

Year 2 outcome

Year 2	Working at expectation	National comparison (2018)	Working above expectation (Greater Depth)	National comparison (2018)
Reading	77	75	23	26
Writing	73	70	20	16
Maths	70	76	27	22
RWM	67	65	10	12

EYFS outcome

73% of pupils achieved a Good Level of Development compared to 69% nationally (2016)

We aim for children to reach the very best outcome they can from their different starting points, every child at Oakdale receives the same support and challenge. We know that not all children will pass these tests, however, we recognise and praise all children for their efforts and their progress. Well done to all the pupils who have tried their very best this year and worked so hard! Well done to our brilliant staff and to parents for your continued support!

Keeping safe over the holidays



If your child is allowed to use the internet at home over the summer, we encourage you to visit Thinkuknow website to support and help them learn how to keep safe.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

With help from parents, the website gives children age appropriate top tips on how to keep safe, have fun and stay in control whilst online, including how to report an incident. There are also games for them to play online and a cyber café where they can safely chat to online friends.

With the summer holidays approaching fast and numerous hours ahead of us to keep them entertained, there will be plenty of opportunities for your child to spend many fun hours gaming. With an increasing number of children talking about popular games such as 'Fortnite', parents are sometimes left wondering what the games are, whether they are age appropriate or right for their child. The NSPCC website gives valuable information about the pros and cons of a number of sites popular with children, <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Generally speaking, the best advice this summer is to have a conversation with your child to know which gaming websites they play on. It may seem daunting, but one of the best things that you can do, is to engage with the gaming environment and begin to understand what makes certain games so attractive to young people, as well as giving yourself an idea of the reporting tools available (reporting any concerns) within the game.

At Oakdale, we have been using an online e-safety app called gooseberry planet to help keep our children safe and make the right discussions when playing online games or using the internet.



Reminders for next term

We are a healthy school. This means that we promote healthy eating with the children. Please provide your child with the following items in lunchboxes or for snacktime: fruit, vegetables, cereal bars, fruit winders, raisins etc.

We have noticed that over the course of the term more children are bringing in chocolate and sweets, please make sure these do not go into lunchboxes or for snacks.

We also provide cooled fresh water for children to fill up their water bottles each day, please do not send in squash or juice.

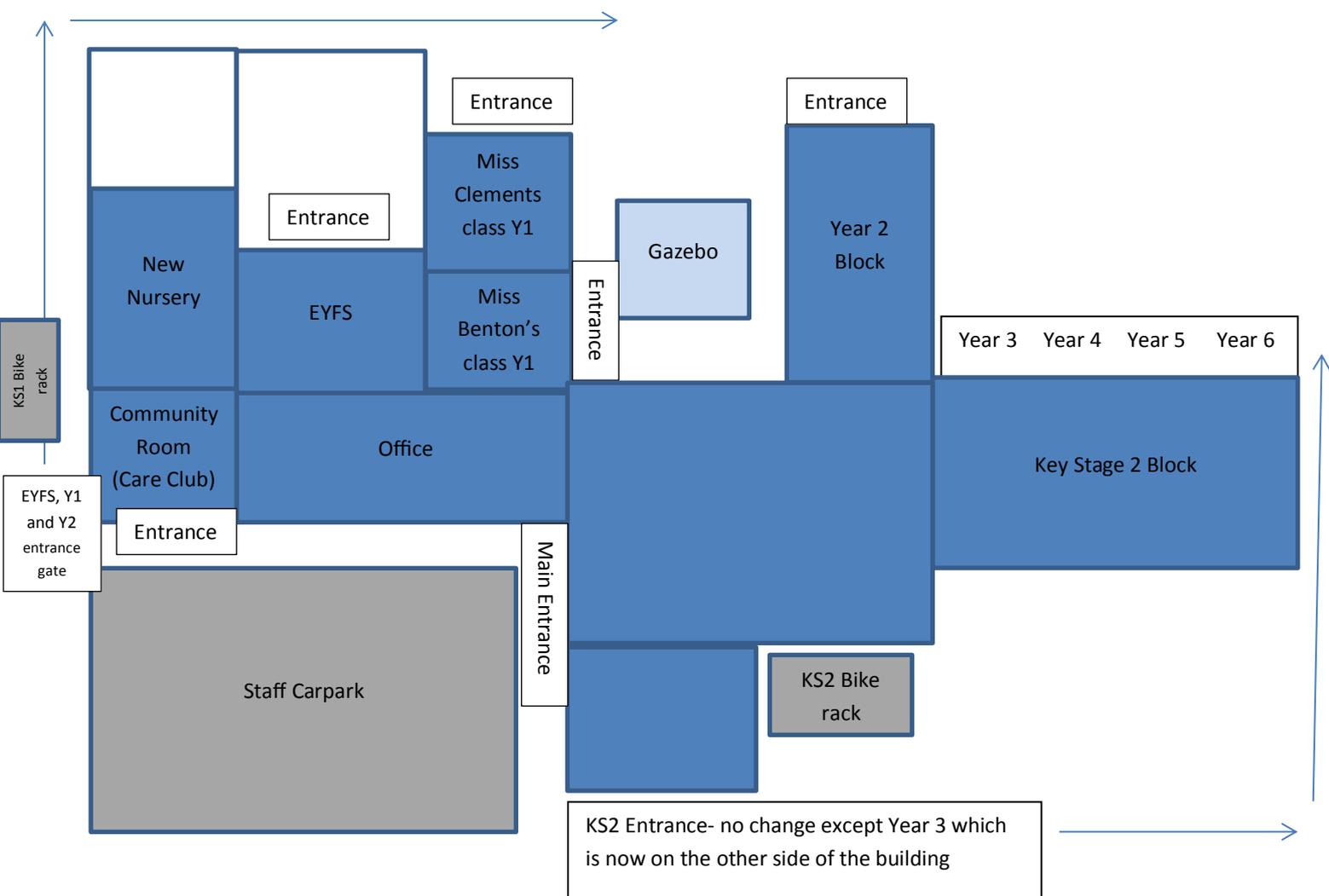
Building update

We are finally coming to the end of the building project! The refurbished part of the building is looking great and will be ready for the children in September, we are busy relocating at the moment and all the children got a sneaky peek today!

For the autumn term, entrance and exit arrangements will be as follows:

KS2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) will all be located in the extension. Children can use their classroom doors to enter and exit the building.

Reception and KS1 (Years 1&2) arrangements are through the new gate at the side of the old part of school, round to the back and into the children's new classrooms via the entrances as labelled below. There is a new bike and scooter rack by the gate for Reception and KS1 pupils. Mrs Britton and I will be outside to help everyone get to the right place in September.



More goodbyes!

We are bidding a fond farewell to these members of the Oakdale family this term;

Mrs Cook (Year 4 TA)

Mrs Taylor (Year 3 TA)

Miss Ward (Reception TA)

Mrs Rouse (Temp Year 1 Teacher)

They are all valued members of the team. We thank them for all their hard work and we wish them all the best for the future.

Many thanks to all our wonderful staff for all their hard work this year and thanks to the children for being such well-behaved, polite and respectful pupils. They really are fantastic!

I would also like to say a big thank you to all you parents this year. I recognise that we have all faced some challenges with the building works but everyone has been very patient and accepting of all the changes. We are very happy to have such supportive parents and this is one of the reasons Oakdale is such a special place.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 4th September.

Term Dates 2019/20

Please consult the Annual planner for all dates.

Wednesday 4 th September 2019	Children return to school
Monday 21 st October - Friday 25 th October 2019	Half term
Wednesday 18 th December 2019	Break up for Christmas
Monday 6 th January 2020	Children return to school
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2020	Half term
Thursday 2 nd April 2020	Break up for Easter
Monday 20 th April 2020	Children return to school
Monday 8 th May 2020	May Day holiday
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May 2020	Half term
Wednesday 22 nd July 2020	Break up for summer