



MATHS OPEN MORNING

I hope you make an effort to attend the maths open morning on Wednesday 30th January. This will be the first of several chances parents will have to see maths being taught. It should allow you to get to know how we teach maths. It is a little different to perhaps how we learnt at school. The maths mastery programme we use to teach maths is popular and effective. It focuses on a deep understanding of the number system using lots of real things – straws, cubes etc to bring the abstract concepts to life for the children.

We really hope you find the morning useful and I will be interested to speak to you about the experience!

It seems the weather is getting a bit warmer and wish you a lovely weekend!

Mr. Brown

ATTENDANCE

Please make sure that your child comes to school as often as he or she can. The data shows that a primary school should have an absence rate of 4% over the year. We currently have an absence rate of 6%. The main reason for this is those children who are taken out of school for a holiday and/or visits home. We will now be working the local authority to fine those families who take children out on holiday during school time.

Children who miss a week or more of school are behind the class and can often find it difficult to catch up. If we all want to work together, we can make sure your child achieves as well as possible. They need to be in school to do this!

READING in 2019!

If you have a child in Years 3 and 4, these new books are highly recommended now. You can share these with your children:

***Sky Chasers** by Emma Carroll
Max and the Millions by Ross Montgomery
King of the Birds by Alexander Utkin
The Lost Magician by Piers Torbay
Just Plain Weird by Jane Umansky*

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists>

Reading supports your child with their:

- *Vocabulary – the words they can understand and use*
- *Imagination for their own writing*
- *Spelling*

- Punctuation
- Creativity
- Knowledge and understanding of themselves and of the world
- And it is great fun!

REMINDERS



- **TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS** - To help our children develop their confidence in times tables go to <https://trockstars.com/>
- **SCHOOL UNIFORM**- available in the school shop
- **SCHOOL LUNCHES** – all school lunches must be paid for before your child eats. We cannot support children who choose to eat school lunches on certain days because they like the food.
- **TWITTER! SIGN UP TODAY!** You can download the app free today, and search @Old_oakprimary.
- **TRIPS WILL NOW BE PAID FOR VIA PARENT PAY.** Ask at the office for more details

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 28th January – Friday 1st February** – Hawthorn class work with *IntoUniversity*, encouraging children to think about going to university
- Wednesday 30th January** – Maths Open Morning 9.00am
- Wednesday 30th January** – Olive class assembly
- Friday 1st February** – Maths Family Friday in reception classes Peach and Rowan
- Wednesday 6th February** – Hazel class assembly
- Wednesday 6th February** – Maths Open morning Olive Class
- Wednesday 13th February**- Reception classes assembly
- Friday 15th February** – school is closed for a staff training. Half term begins.