

8th November 2019

Car Park on Budds Lane and walking to school

With the opening of the new Oakmoor School next week traffic around the school in the mornings and evenings is going to change. Please allow some extra time next week for your journeys until everyone gets used to the new routine. Hopefully disruption will be limited but we will have to wait and see next week.

We have sent out with this letter a park and stride map with information about where you can park. Please do use one of the car parks indicated as this will significantly reduce traffic around where the children are walking to school. With the new school the amount of children will significantly increase and we want to avoid any accidents. The new car park on Budds Lane opposite the skate park will be open on Monday.

Please also look at walking, scooting or cycling to school. Not only is this a healthier option for your children it is better for all the children, reducing traffic and improving air quality. The new Tiger crossing for both bikes and pedestrians as well as the extra wide foot paths make cycling or scooting to school a much easier option now than in the past.

Thank you for your support throughout these changes. Hopefully we are now moving into a phase where getting to and from school will be easier. The more we work as a school community to ensure we are parking and driving sensibly and reducing the amount of cars by walking, cycling and scooting the safer the journey to and from school will be for all our children.



Children in Need Friday 15th November

Next Friday is Children in Need Day. To support this amazing charity we are inviting children to come into school dressed in spots, yellow or non-uniform. Children can also wear any of the Children in Need clothes or merchandise that is currently on sale in some supermarkets.

All we ask is a £2 donation which will all go to Children in Need.

Upcoming Events

13 November 2019

9-10am Year R, 1 & 2 Parents invited in for RWI session and Writing session– Date change 4-6pm Parents Evening 14 November 2019 4-7pm Parents Evening 15 November 2019 Children In Need - £2 donation and non-uniform 18 November 2019 **Dick Whittington Pantomime** 25-28 November 2019 Art Week 25 November 2019 2-3pm Year 2 Tank building 26 November 2019 2-3pm Year 2 Tank building 28 November 2019 2.45pm Year 1 Assembly 5-7pm FoBS Christmas Fayre 29 November 2019 Inset Day 6 December 2019 2pm Year 2 Christingle Service at St Marks Church

WOW Travel Tracker

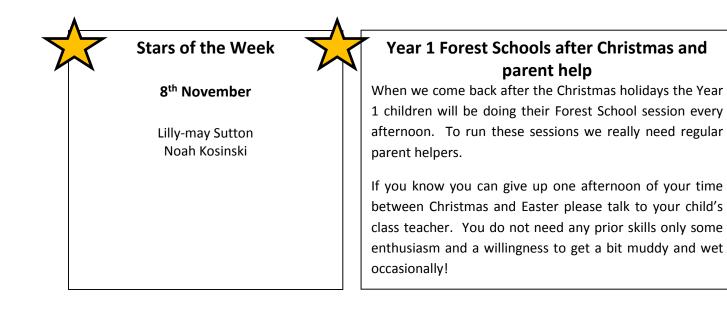
To promote good journeys to school we are launching the WOW Travel Tracker next week. The children will be able to earn badges if they walk, cycle or scoot to school at least once a week. They will also be able to earn badges if you use one of the park and stride car parks. The badges will be handed out to children once a month and they will record their journey to school every morning.

Parents Read Write Inc. session and Year 2 Writing session Wednesday 13th November at 9:00am

Next Wednesday we are inviting parents to come into school and watch how we teach reading, writing and phonics.

The session will run from 9:00am to 10:00am. All you need to do is come into school with your child in the morning and then let them take you to the classroom they do their work in. If you need to drop your child off and then come back a bit later, please come in through the office door. The most informative part of the session, from a parent's point of view, will be the introduction by the teacher. This will show you how we teach phonics and how the children's phonic knowledge supports their reading and writing. We hope that this information will help you to support your child at home better.

The staff will not have time in the session to talk to you about how your child is doing but if you have questions you can talk to your child's class teacher at Parents Evening.



Class Codes and the Home School Agreement

Next week we will be sending home a copy of the class code that the children have spent last half term drawing up with their class teachers. The code goes hand in hand with our school behaviour expectations and our school vision.

The code is the specific things the children and adults in each class promise to do to help them to be respectful, to be a team and to ensure everyone is happy in class.



We are also sending all Year 1 and 2 children home with a copy of the Home School Agreement that you would have been given when your child started school in Year R. Last year parents said that they could not really remember what the Home School Agreement was so we have decided to send it home once a year. The Home School Agreement sets out the expectations school, parents and children have of each other.