

# OAKFIELD WEEKLY UPDATE 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011

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## EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

- **Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** Senior School sports at Surrey Sports Park
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** Individual/Sibling photographs  
Year 7 film night  
FOOS AGM, 7.45pm Maryville
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** Years 1 – 6 swimming return to school 4.15pm
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>** School Open Morning 10.00 – 12 noon

## SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Would parents please remember that it is extremely important to notify the school office **before 9am** if a child will be away from school due to illness. It is not sufficient to tell a teacher, who may be going straight to the classroom and will be unable to pass on the message until break, or to ask another child/parent to pass on a message as these do not always get through. Currently Mrs Jones has been telephoning round to ascertain the whereabouts of children who have not turned up for registration, but in order to avoid the child being marked down as "unauthorised absence" in future, the onus must be on parents to inform us in good time. If a child is late (ie. if they arrive after 8.40am) they must report to the school office (at the front of the main building) and sign in. As the summer weather has almost certainly disappeared, it is worth reminding everyone of the procedure when a child is affected by any of the common seasonal illnesses: If a child has a high temperature, they should stay at home until the temperature has been normal for at least 24 hours. In the case of sickness bugs/norovirus, children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting/diarrhoea. Rigorous adherence to hand-washing is enforced at school, and we would be grateful if parents could ensure this is also the case at home. If a child is found to have head lice, we will contact parents immediately. Please take appropriate action to control the outbreak, and do not send your child back to school until there is no further evidence of either the lice or their eggs. Thank you for your co-operation.

## FOOS AGM

From Mark Stevens, Acting Chair of FOOS: *Parents of Oakfield!* The FOOS AGM is scheduled for 7.45 pm next Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup> October) and The Committee welcome you all for a brief review of our successes in 2010/2011. We'd also like to preview our plans for 2011/12, the highlight of which will be a new landscaping project. 'Groundforce' Project Leader Julie Gordon will be revealing the ambitious new plans we have for an adventure playground for the children, which we are all rather excited about. We think you will be too, so come along and join us for some good company, a brief presentation and a little light refreshment to tide us over through the week (I know, it's only Tuesday...)

## OTHER FOOS NEWS

As touched on in last week's update, FOOS will be creating and funding an exciting new development in the area to the left hand side of the tennis court. This area will be developed into a space where the children from Y1 to Y11 can play and relax, and it will also be of great benefit in supporting the classroom curriculum in a more interactive way. Your class representative will be sending more information to you shortly about this project. .... Thank you very much to all those who have donated Trick or Treat prizes for the Hallowe'en Party in Maryville Hall at the end of school on Friday 21st October. No more are needed and all preparations are now underway. We hope the children are enjoying creating their costumes for the Spooky "monster" mufti-day. FOOS understands that some parents have expressed concern about being asked for donations for this event and the Christmas fayre – please be assured that the Hallowe'en event is intended as a fun party for the younger children, and will not involve extensive preparations or expensive donations. We are delighted that so many of our pre-prep parents are keen to be involved in organising events to benefit the school, and would like to extend a big thank you.....Finally, the annual Quiz Night will take place on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>. This is always an immensely enjoyable evening with good food, a plentiful bar and a great deal of intellectual stimulation. (With a few questions on Eastenders & Big Brother thrown in for the less cerebral!) Please contact Katie Moore ([katiemoore@live.co.uk](mailto:katiemoore@live.co.uk)) or Emma Beall ([emmabeall@live.co.uk](mailto:emmabeall@live.co.uk)) for further details.

### **SWIMMING**

Thank you for ensuring that all children in Years 1 to 6 have ski hats to wear after swimming; however it is also important that they start bringing a coat. The School fleecy-lined waterproof is compulsory for juniors and should be worn over track suits. Mrs Butler would also like to remind parents that children, including boys, **must** have a swimming hat in the appropriate house colour. In future, children arriving at the pool without a swimming hat may be asked to sit at the side for the duration of the session.

### **OPEN MORNING**

This year's School Open Morning will take place next Saturday (15<sup>th</sup>) from 10am to 12 noon. If your child has been chosen as a Guest Attendant, she will have received a letter from Mrs Goddard detailing arrangements for the day. Other pupils will be required to support the School in science, music, sport, ICT and art activities, and will be notified as soon as possible. If your daughter is in the Junior Choir and you have not yet informed us whether she will be able to attend, please email me on [melanieduke@oakfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:melanieduke@oakfieldschool.co.uk). Senior School Guest Attendants should wear skirts and blouses with blazers and school ankle socks (natural tights for Years 10 & 11), while juniors should wear their winter tunic, long-sleeved blouse, royal blue tights and no cardigans. The event is mainly aimed at prospective parents and pupils, but current parents and children are of course most welcome to come along.

### **INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Parents are reminded that the school photographer will be coming in on Tuesday to take individual photographs of pupils. We will arrange that additional photos are taken with siblings. Please remember that hair should be tied back neatly.

### **Lunch Menu w/c 10<sup>th</sup> October**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Penne with meatballs in tomato sauce; mixed salad</b> <i>Lemon Eton Mess</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Chicken pie &amp; gravy; mashed potato; peas &amp; sweetcorn</b> <i>Fruit salad &amp; cream</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Roast pork; roast potatoes; broccoli &amp; carrots</b> <i>Strawberry crumble &amp; cream</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Baked chicken with broccoli &amp; red pepper</b> <i>Treacle sponge &amp; custard</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jacket potato with cheese &amp; beans</b> <i>Brownies</i>

**\*Salad bar; vegetarian and halal options and fresh fruit available daily\***