

Oxhey Newsletter

A message from Mrs Cooper

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Toy Museum was a real treat for our Key Stage 1 children today. The children have absolutely loved taking part in the different workshops. They have showed lots of enthusiasm and they have all behaved brilliantly.

It definitely feels like winter this week! As the snowy season sets in, please take care during drop-off and pick-up times and allow extra time for travel since it can become very congested around school at these busier times of the day.

Our PTFA are still working extremely hard behind the scenes in preparing for the Christmas Fayre on Friday 29th November.

Please remember to follow us on Facebook so that you don't miss out on seeing all of the updates/photographs.

Have a wonderful weekend, best wishes from Mrs Cooper and the Oxhey Staff Team.



Diary Dates

Non uniform exchange for chocolates

Christmas Fayre

29th November



Nativity EYFS AM

9th December

Nativity EYFS PM

10th December

Nativity KS1 AM



10th December

Nativity KS1 PM

11th December

KS1 Nativity Evening

11th December

KS2 Carol concert

1.30pm



12th December

Christmas lunch

18th December



Autumn reports out

18th December

Class	Attendance
Sparkly Spiders	100%
Dazzling Dragonflies	100%
Terrific Turtles	95%
Perfect Pandas	96%
Amazing Alligators	97%
Marvellous Meerkats	98%
Outstanding Owls	99%
Fabulous Foxes	99%

This Week's Winners
Sparkly Spiders
& Dazzling
Dragonflies



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%.
This week, our school attendance was: **98%**



Friday 29th November

It's our school Christmas Fayre straight after school.

We look forward to seeing you all there. We have food, games, stalls and lots of festive fun to be had.

£1 entry per family.

Rewards and Celebrations



Pupils of the Week & TIGER Learners

- LL Elsie & Emily
- SS Etta & Sebastian
- DD Owen & Rory
- TT Hetty & Matthew
- PP Ralph & Harry H
- AA Jaxon & George N
- MM Stanley & Elspeth
- DD Harley & Aydin
- FF Sam & Ruby



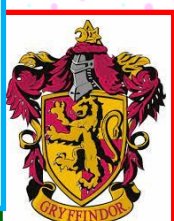
TT Rockstars

- 1st place
- Milo
- Isaac
- Toby
- 2nd place
- Harvey
- Freddie
- George M
- 3rd place
- Sienna
- William H
- Hollie
- Most improved
- Hannah
- Henry
- Cliodhna



Numbots

- AA Edward
- PP Nancy
- TT Isaac



House points

Ravenclaw	511
Slytherin	325
Gryffindor	603
Hufflepuff	548

Ready, Steady, Read!

The results are based on the number of children who have read four or more times in the week.



- 1st Sparkly Spiders & Dazzling Dragonflies 100%**
- 2nd Terrific Turtles 92%**
- 3rd Little Ladybirds 53%**

Well done to everyone who read and took part in the challenge last week.



**In the spotlight this
week**



Biddulph Learners' Forum

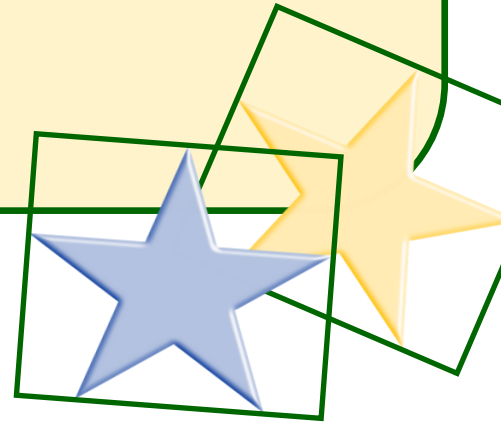
Our Pupil Leaders did a super job representing Oxhey at the Biddulph Learners' Forum at Biddulph Town Hall.

The children were great at suggesting ways to improve our town and devised a questionnaire for the people of Biddulph to encourage them to share their thoughts.

Well done Oxhey!



WOW awards.....



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

JOIN US FOR DRINKS, FOOD, GAMES,
MUSIC & FESTIVE CHEER

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

3:30-5:15

ENTRY £1 PER FAMILY

OXHEY FIRST SCHOOL



Non-Uniform days in
exchange for items for
our PTFA Christmas
Fayre:

- ◆ Friday 29th November
(Christmas Fayre day) -
Chocolates

We are proud to be part of the Little Heroes campaign.....

We are proud to be part of the Little Heroes Campaign here at Oxhey First School. Over the next few weeks we will be introducing the children to the Heroes campaign and modelling activities that could be used to support them in understanding the importance of school attendance but also offering advise and guidance on how to manage worries together.

Make every day count

Regularly being absent from school can lead to a significant loss of learning opportunities, potentially putting your child at a disadvantage later in life.


- If your child has 95% attendance, which means 9 days off school, it can significantly affect their performance, making it unlikely they will meet the expected standards in reading, writing, and maths.
- If your child has 90% attendance, missing 19 days of school, this can cause your child's academic performance to drop by up to 50%.

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which equals this many lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

The Department for Education is introducing important changes regarding school attendance and the issuing of penalty notices when children are absent from school.

The changes to the National Framework for Penalty Notices mean that parents will face stricter rules regarding their child's school attendance.


These changes are designed to ensure children attend school regularly and parents take greater responsibility for their child's education. To find out more about these changes, visit: www.gov.uk




Raising Little Heroes

HERE EVERY DAY READY ON TIME

SCAN ME



Supporting parents to help their child to attend school every day

Helpful Heroes



Every hero has worries, but together we can manage them.



School attendance

Attending school on a regular basis is the key to your child doing well at school and will set them up with good habits for later life. It will also give your child the opportunity to:

- Make friends and improve social interaction
- Learn new things and develop skills
- Increase confidence and self-esteem
- Have better career prospects
- Achieve their potential and fulfil their aspirations

Absences

Did you know? Absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Children who do not attend school regularly can:

- Struggle to achieve well in exams
- Fall behind in class
- Find it difficult to maintain friendships
- Miss out on important and fun opportunities

What if my child doesn't want to go to school?

Some children are reluctant to attend school or look to their parents to provide them with an excuse. Never give in to pressure to let a child stay off school, it may make things worse.

If you are experiencing problems, talking to your child's school is the best place to start. Don't be afraid to contact your child's teacher or head teacher - communicating is the first step to addressing the issue. Most problems can be resolved once the school is made aware of the situation.

What is the Little Heroes campaign?

We understand that for many families, getting their children to attend school can be a real challenge, and many children face significant barriers.

Staffordshire County Council have launched their school attendance campaign to support and encourage regular school attendance, with a strong focus on emotional health support.

Our Little Heroes campaign focuses the message:


HERE EVERY DAY READY ON TIME



Around your child's school, you may spot creative Little Hero on display to remind and motivate pupils, as well as sticker charts and certificates to reward pupils that are leading by example and to create a fun and engaging attendance activity in the classroom.

To find out more about the campaign, please visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/littleheroes

Helpful Heroes



For pupils that are struggling with their emotional health, we have created a 'Helpful Heroes' workbook to understand children's barriers to avoiding school and to help manage their worries through a book full of mindfulness activities, suitable for their age group.

If you feel your child could benefit from one of our Helpful Heroes workbooks, please speak to their teacher.

Notice Board

A happy place to learn and grow!

Oxhey First School

Children First Learning Partnership

Ofsted Outstanding

Make friends and have fun with a different nature theme each week.

£2 donation
£1 per additional sibling

Includes a drink for adult and child, a piece of toast and biscuits too!

Play and learn!

Every Friday
9.45 - 11.00

Returns 11th October!

Messy play
Songs
Craft

All ages welcome!

Get to meet our Outstanding Early Years Team!

Telephone the school office on 01782 513000 for further details or to book

Staffordshire County Council

Join us for our Free
Multiply countdown to Christmas workshops

Get ready to make maths magical this holiday season with our Countdown to Christmas Maths Family events with lots of festive fun turning maths into a Christmas spectacular with a free gift to take home

The Advent-ture begins

Wednesday 27th November 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Tuesday 10th December 2:30pm to 2:30pm

Wednesday 18th December 10am-12pm

@Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub Albert Street Biddulph, ST8 6DT

Booking a place on these dates is essential please can you call 01782 297970

or email carol.middleton@staffordshire.gov.uk to book your place.

caudwell children

How can we help?

Caudwell Children are offering a **FREE Workshop** for parents and carers.

Would you like to know about the services they offer?

Autism Services	Equipment	Family Support	Sensory Packs
Shaping Futures	Short Breaks	Therapy	Treatment

We've teamed up with Caudwell Children to help you and your family through this journey.

When: **Wednesday 27th November**
10am - 12noon
Booking Essential

Please call 01782 297970 to book your place

Where: Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, Albert Street, Biddulph, Staffordshire, ST8 6DT

Caudwell Children exists to make life fair for disabled and autistic children.

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUBS

KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from **January 02-03**. Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure program.

MULTI-SPORTS - ASSAULT COURSE - WELLBEING PARALYMPICS - ARTS & CRAFTS - ALTERNATIVE SPORTS TEAM-BUILDING - COMBAT SPORTS + MUCH MORE!

FULL DAY 08:30-16:30

Ofsted Registered

We accept payment of child-care vouchers from most schemes. Applies at selected venues.

Half Day options available:
AM 08:30-12:30 PM 12:30-16:30

Booker Events:
INFLATABLES - BRING A BIKE - CIRCUS SKILLS - FRISBEE GOLF - MINI GOLF

EARLY BIRD
Full Day
£20.00
Reserve by 15th Dec

FREE PLACES HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

Children eligible for free school meals can access up to two full days. Includes a healthy meal and drink.

SCAN HERE

Book now at asmsports.co.uk
Call: 01782 366332 Email: info@asmsports.co.uk

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

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2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000