

Year 3 Information Newsletter



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Who to go to?

Oak Farm prides itself on its open-door policy and encourages strong links between staff and parents. A successful learner is a child who is supported in their learning at home as well as at school. If parents have any concerns about their child at school, they should first speak to the Class Teacher. Informal meetings can usually take place at the beginning and end of the school day, but occasionally, due to time constraints and other commitments, it may be necessary to make an appointment. If this is the case then please email into the year group email address year3@oakfarmprimary.org.uk which will be responded to within 3 days. If parents feel the class teacher has not adequately dealt with the concern, then do please ask to see the Year group lead and then the Assistant Head for the phase (Mr Betts), failing that it can then be referred to the Deputy Head (Ms Frempong). The Head Teacher is always available (appointments can be made via the office) should you wish to speak directly, although for matters relating to your child, the above structure will need to be followed.

If you are concerned that your child has special educational needs, then your first point of call is to contact your child's class teacher or the school SENDCO (Miss Smith) and a meeting will then be arranged to discuss this.

Ms Fisk/ Mrs Gammel support services for parents, carers and families and signpost parents towards outside agencies if required. If you have any issues that may be impacting on yourself and/or your child's wellbeing please contact Mrs Gammel through the office.

Behaviour

It is expected that the children adhere to the behaviour policy and follow the code of conduct. This has been discussed with the children through circle time. If children do not behave in line with our policy, they will be given a sanction (such as missing their playtime). We know that for some children this may be very difficult and a more personalised approach is necessary. If this is the case, you will be requested to meet with the class teacher and SENCO to discuss this.

Children are praised for good behaviour and are rewarded with various rewards such as dojos.

Children will attend special mention assembly where one child from each class is chosen either for good learning or behaviour.

At the end of each term, further certificates and awards are given for learning and attitude across curriculum areas including those within the Vanguard Trust.

If you have concerns about another child or parent's behaviour, please contact the school. Do not approach them directly.

Learning Expectations

We have high expectations of children's behaviours and learning. In the first term, we will be concentrating on ensuring that the children are settled and able to follow routines. Although our focus will be English and maths skills, we will look to extend these skills to other areas of the curriculum.

By the end of Year 3, children should reach the expected standard for Year 3 as outlined by the Department for Education. Please refer to the government website, which explains what they need to demonstrate in order to reach this goal.

All children are expected to demonstrate active learning behaviours, which will promote independent thinking.

Library

We will be visiting the library every Friday. Children will need to bring their library books to school every Friday so they can be changed. Unfortunately, due to timetabling, it is not possible to change on another day if your child forgets the book or is absent on the library day.

We believe that books are precious and need to be looked after. Please ensure that all library books are returned to school in the condition they were taken. Any damage or loss will incur a £5 charge for replacement.

Reading books

If your child's teacher feels necessary, then your child will be allocated a banded reading book. Alternatively, your child may select their own book to read, either from home, the classroom reading corner or the school library.

Please bring reading records and books to school every day.

Children need to read with an adult every day. It really helps your child when you ask questions about what they have read. Example questions: Who are the main characters? What happened first? What happened next? **Children are expected to read five times a week and have their reading records signed.**

How to support your child

- Provide real experiences; e.g. go on the bus/train/car, cooking, visit museums, spend time with other family members, help others
- Ask about their day at school; What did you enjoy most? What did you learn about? What was new?
- Chat about anything and everything.
- Practise arithmetic skills, timestables and 3/4 spelling words.

PE

Your child will have PE on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

Their PE kit consists of a white T-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers.



Trips

This year the children will go on trips linking to what they are learning in school.

St Albans Verulamium Spring Term?

E-safety

The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge.

The key risks for our children are categorised as:

Conduct: children may be at risk because of their own behaviour, for example, by sharing too much information

Content: age-inappropriate or unreliable content can be available to children

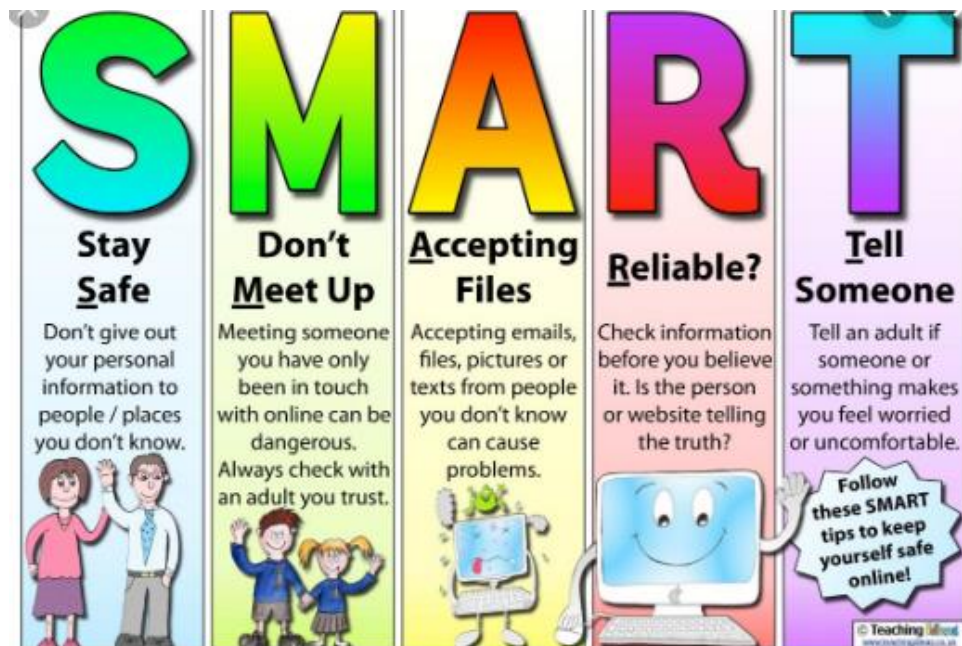
Contact: children can be contacted by bullies or people who groom or seek to

Commercialism: young people can be unaware of hidden costs and advertising in apps, games and websites

At school, we encourage our children to be SMART online!

- Below are some key websites that will keep you informed about e-safety and how to keep your child safe online:
- Safer internet: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

- Internet matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety/parent-online-support-pack-teachers/>
 - NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
 - Child Net: <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>
- Thinkuknow: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents>



Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform every day. All children will need a coat for outside playtimes in the colder seasons. ALL children are expected to wear black school shoes or plain black trainers every day.

Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name especially jumpers and cardigans.

Contact Details

Please communicate with the school office if any of your contact details change, i.e. telephone number, address, email address etc. To cut down on paper, letters are emailed to parents; please ensure we have an email address for you. The school sends a bulletin out each week- please ensure that you access this and look out for key dates.

Attendance

We know that the benefits of children attending school on time every day means that they are able to reach their potential as they are able to access all the learning opportunities provided.

Please ensure that your child is on time for school at **8:40am** as learning begins straight away. If children are often late, they are missing this valuable learning time which has a direct impact on their progress.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you to call the school if your child is too unwell to attend and provide medical evidence if your child is off school for more than 3 days in order for the school to authorise the absence. Please be aware that your child's class teacher may speak to you about why your child has been off if they miss a day.

Please make medical appointments outside of school time where possible. If an appointment is during school time, you will need to provide proof of the appointment.

Please remember we are unable to authorise requests for holiday leave. If you take your child out of school for a holiday during term time, you may be, fined by the Local Authority. Currently this fine is £120 per parent, per child.



Healthy Eating

This year we are continuing to promote a healthy eating ethos, where the children understand the importance of eating healthy and having an active life style. In school we will be encouraging children to bring healthy food choices for lunch. In addition, the children undertake home learning projects in relation to this. There are large number of sports clubs available to the children to encourage them to be physically active. We hope that the children will take these opportunities on offer to them.



Please can we remind parents that nuts or food which may contain nuts are not allowed at school. This measure is in place to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive.