

NEWSLETTER



HAPPY NEW YEAR !



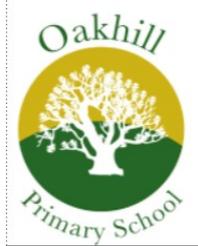
Happy new year to all of our children and families. We hope that you have had time for some rest during the festive period. We are ready and raring to go for the Spring term with lots of exciting learning planned!

It is fantastic to have Mrs Sargent and Mrs Jones back from the Kinver experience last half term. Here's to a great term ahead!

FREE MONEY FOR SCHOOL!

Would you like to be able to donate £1,320 to our school budget without giving us a single penny of your own money? This is what happens when any family, who receive a benefit, provide us with the parent's date of birth and their National insurance number. Even if your child does not want to receive a meal from school each day, once your details are received the government still provide us with £1,320 in our school budget. As you can imagine, this can make a huge difference to what we can spend on our children and their learning. If you think that you are entitled to free school meals we would really appreciate your support. Just contact the school office and ask to speak to our lovely Mrs Larkin and she will be able to help. You could make a real difference to our school!

FIRST VISITORS OF THE YEAR



Our first visitors of the new year have been in school today!

Teachers and support staff from Oakhill Primary have joined us for the day, taking part in lessons and listening to the East Park journey over the past four years. They have had a fantastic day and were so very impressed with East Park!

HOME LEARNING PROJECTS

Every child will have details for their home learning projects sent home at the start of next week. The home learning projects for each year group will be linked to the topics that children are learning about this term. Children are welcome to complete during the term or, alternatively, to complete during the February half term. Projects will be due into school on Thursday 5th March where they will be showcased for parents evening.



DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM

Friday 10th January	First Praise assembly
Tuesday 14th January	East Park After school clubs start (Letters to parents this week)
Monday 10th February	Through the decades presentations throughout the week
Monday 17th February	HALF TERM
Monday 24th February	TRAINING DAY
Thursday 5th March	Parents evening
Thursday 5th March	World book day (Children to dress up as book characters)
Monday 9th March	Enrichment week—Well being / mental health
Friday 13th March	Sports Relief
Monday 23rd March	Through the decades presentations
Friday 27th March	Progress slips out to parents
Tuesday 31st March	Easter service @ St Matthews led by Year 3
Friday 3rd April	BREAK UP @ 2PM

SOCIAL MEDIA

At East Park we have very active facebook and twitter accounts that allow parents find out about things that are going on in school. There is a messaging facility on our facebook page, however we would always encourage parents to message via direct email or telephone. Newsletters are also posted on here and can be referred to check dates.



PARENT COMMUNICATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US. AS A SCHOOL, WE AIM TO CONTACT ALL PARENTS WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THEIR ENQUIRY

PRAISE ASSEMBLY

Praise assembly is a really important part of our week here at East Park. Both staff, children and parents look forward to celebrating both learners and stars for the week. When children are chosen for these awards it is for what they have specifically achieved during that week and therefore we are unable to move children's awards from week to week. We are notifying parents on the Wednesday of each week to support parents being able to arrangements to attend the assembly. Many thanks for your support with this in ad-

