

NEWSLETTER



SUMMER— TERM 5

April 2023

I hoped you all enjoyed hearing about the chicks from your children, we loved the experience and would like to give a big Thank you to all those who donated towards this.

This term is my favourite time of year, the children just love to be outdoors and especially enjoy being outdoors in the warmer weather. With this in mind please ensure your child continues to have appropriate footwear in Cabin, if you walk across the muddy rec, they will need a change of shoes for indoors. Also, it gets very messy outdoors in the sand and mud kitchen so again we will change them into their wellies if they have them. Pink sparkly shoes are lovely, but they do not last long outdoors. Plus please ensure they have spare socks and pants, they love playing with water.

This term we will be learning all about kings and Queens, where they live, a bit of fantasy, lots of prince and princesses and celebrating the Kings coronation. We thought it would be fun for each child to be king or Queen for the day. They will get to wear a special crown and be encouraged to make good choices throughout the day, help count the children at register, choose where they sit, make announcements, lots of fun.

We will be reading Zogg, learning traditional nursery rhymes that support the above such as Humpty dumpty, Grand old duke of York, Queen of hearts, The Kings Pants, fairy tales, sleeping beauty, Rumpelstiltskin.

We will be following the Monster Phonics term 5/6 programme and learning our letter sounds, practice writing our names (esp. those little Acorns who will be moving onto school in September). Holding pencils in the pincer grip, making our hands strong for those little sprouts we keep for a further year.

Monster Phonics is a reading/Phonic programme that Woodcote Primary School has recently adopted, we will just be introducing the very beginning of it, with 3 characters, stories, and games.

Opening times

The main gates to the school playground will now be closing at 8:45am. Please either arrive before this time, or alternatively please come through Langtree's car park to the side gate.

PE

Will be on a Thursday morning this term; please can you bring in a Draw string bag with loose fitting shorts and a t-shirt. This is good practice for big school, so esp. for the children transitioning to Primary school in September, many of these children need to practice dressing including coats, shoes, socks. It is also very frustrating when none of the children have their names in their clothes.

Committee

Our next meeting is:

Tuesday 2nd May

All parents are welcome to come find out how we run Cabin

Diary Dates

30th April
Woodcote Village Hall
Spring Fair

1st May
May Day BH—Closed

8th May
Coronation BH—Closed

24th May
Half Term

21st July
Last day of term

Toys

Please can I ask that children do NOT bring in toys from home, we have plenty here. Just say Jayne says you are not allowed.

Oral Health - A bit of interesting information.

Message from Community Dental Service OHIMP Oxfordshire

Everyone is feeling the pinch at the moment, but your smile does not need to cost as much as you think. In response to the 2023 report *The Tooth Hurts*, from @theBeautyBanks and the British Dental Association, we would like to share some money saving toothpaste tips for your whole family. Check out the points below for 3 oral health hacks – price, peas, and pop it upside down!

- Price

We tend to be creatures of habit and like to stick to things we know, like our favourite toothpaste. We often believe that the branded, more expensive oral health products will do a better job. Do you only buy branded paracetamol, cornflakes, bleach, or vitamins? Probably not, because we know supermarket own products are just as good and more often, better value and it is the SAME for toothpaste! Buy a toothpaste that contains fluoride, 1350-1450 ppm F is ideal and guess what, supermarket own products contain this correct amount, and all are 60p or cheaper. Same size tube, mild minty flavour and usually no box, so better for the environment too. This one toothpaste can be used for baby's first teeth at 6 months, just use a smear, and then a small pea sized amount for everyone else in your family who can spit out the foam. Some people do need sensitive toothpaste, but these are NOT suitable for babies or children.

- Peas

Many of us use too much toothpaste. Getting the best value and effect from your toothpaste means you need to stick to just a small pea sized amount if you are old enough to reliably spit out – usually 3 years old +. Remember it is just a small smear for 0-3 yr olds as they will swallow it. If you notice lumps of toothpaste when you spit out after brushing, you are either not brushing long enough or like many of us using too much. A 100ml tube should provide at least 300 pea sized blobs – for a family of 4, brushing twice a day, that should easily last for 5 to 6 weeks. Imagine a small petit poi and not a huge garden pea!

- Pop it upside down

Getting the most out of your tube of paste can be tricky, but start by simply storing it upside down on its lid/cap. This will get gravity to help you out. When you get near to the end of the tube consider using a toothpaste roller or carefully using the handle of a spoon/fork to push any paste from the end of the tube towards the cap. Finally, you can cut off the end of the tube and use any left inside before rinsing and recycling your tube at any Teracycle Colgate collection point or throwing away. We hope these simple toothpaste hacks will save you some pennies and might even save you £££s.

Thank you

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Transition to big school

We will organise lots of activities to prepare your child for the move onto big school. Some of the activities we have done in the past are to provide old uniforms for the children to play in, this will help practice dressing and undressing. We will arrange playtimes together when the children can go and play in Oak classes outdoor area. I will invite the new teacher Mrs Proctor to come over to read and meet the children – towards the end of the summer term.

I will provide the children with a booklet which will tell them all about Oak class, plus a road map pointing out the targets we hope the children will have reached before leaving Cabin. If at any time you would like to discuss anything else, please make an appointment with your child's key worker and they will work with you to make a smooth transition. If you feel your child needs extra support – again speak with your key worker or Jayne and we will help where we can.

		Topic	Letter	Colour	Story
1	17 April	Kings & Queens	s a	Orange	Zogg
2	24 April	Kings & Queens	t i	Red	Traditional Rhymes
3	2 May	Kings & Queens	p n	Gold	Kings Pants
4	16 May	Kings & Queens	c k	Silver	Traditional Tales
5	23 May	Kings & Queens	e h	Pink	Traditional Tales
6	22 May	Kings & Queens	r m	Blue	Traditional Tales

Information Reminders

Absence – You do not need permission to miss a session at Cabin, however we have a safeguarding policy to check a child welfare in instances of unexpected absence so please let us know if your child will be absent.

Early Starts & Late Stays – Please book 24 hours in advance to ensure we have staff and plans in place. Obviously, if you have an emergency we will try and help as much as possible.

Shoes – We like to children to feel Cabin is like home, so please provide a clean pair of shoes or slippers for your child to change into on arrival.

Parking – We only have pedestrian access through Langtree School carpark. Please find safe parking around the village hall, ensuring emergency access is maintained.

Allergies – Please no items with nuts or sesame seeds. Also if providing birthday treats please supply a list of ingredients