



Newsletter

This Week

This week I held an assembly to celebrate Black History Month. We talked about the meaning of culture and some inspirational role models such as Martin Luther King and Barack Obama.

On Friday the children took part in an African Drumming Workshop. I hope all children had the opportunity to take part in this exciting activity, however, we will have another workshop next Friday that will enable further interaction.

On Friday the children received their flu vaccinations. If your child missed this opportunity and you wish them to receive a vaccination, you can contact the vaccination team on 0300 790 0597.

Parents' Evening—Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th October

This year Parents' Evening will take place in your child's classroom. Please enter the building by the **Year 2 Entrance** and enter **the atrium** through the lobby. Here you will have the opportunity to purchase refreshments before being taken to your relevant year group to wait to see your child's teacher and look through your child's school books.

Next Week

Next Wednesday the children will take part in a Hindu experience day where they will learn about the religion Hinduism and Indian culture. They will also take part in activities throughout the day.

Next Friday our local MP Giles Watling will visit the children and will speak about democracy and elections in an assembly.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
October	
18th & 20th	Parents' Evening
14th & 21st	Drumming Workshops
18th	School Photos
19th	Hindu Experience Day
24th-28th	Half Term
Menu	W/C October 17th Week 1

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	87.4%	87.2%
Year 1	87.8%	91.8%
Year 2	93%	82.7%

Please be advised we will ask you for medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website.

Reminders:

Please ensure your child has the following:

A full PE kit in school

All items labelled

A warm coat

A water bottle containing only water

Harvest



Our school Ambassadors will be taking all donated food items to the Salvation Army Food Bank after Half Term.

We are still open to receiving any further donations until the end of term and once again thank you for your generosity in these challenging times.

Halloween Dress Up Day & Halloween Raffle



A reminder of the Halloween Dress up Day on Monday 31st October. £1 donation towards the PTA.

A reminder that Halloween raffle tickets can be bought from the school office for **£1 per strip** and will also be on sale at Parents' Evening alongside refreshments. You can also provide £1 in an envelope with your child and we will send home a strip of tickets. The draws will take place on 31st October.

Family Storytime and Craft

It's that time of year again when it's getting darker earlier and darker mornings as the clocks go back at the end of the month. Below are some links that contain useful Road Safety resources reminding pupils why it is important that everyone dresses brightly when out and about.

<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game/>

<https://www.think.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Colour-me-bright.pdf>



Half Term 24th—28th October. Back to school Monday 31st October.

Winter Warmers and Family Fun Day



Thursday 27th October
10am-12pm

**Sydney House Family Hub
Maldon Way, Clacton, CO16
7PA**

Many partners will be coming together to give winter resilience advice and support for the whole community to keep warm this winter.

Join in with fun children's activities and get ready for winter with FREE adults and children's, blankets, hot water bottles, gloves, school uniform, pre-loved coats and clothing, essential breakfast packs and much more!

There will be a vaccination bus available until 4pm. (No appointment needed!) and even a visit from the Fire Brigade! (subject to call outs).

Additional Information

Do you work for the NHS?



If you are a parent at Oakwood Infant School and work for the NHS, please can you let the school office know. We will be arranging some events for NHS parents and will provide further information to those who register.

Reception Year

- The Government Baseline assessments are now complete.
- Please ensure you help your child complete their phonics weekly homework and return it to school.
- Please ensure all clothing and bags etc are clearly labelled to enable a swift return if misplaced. Thank you.

School Menu: I apologise for the menu confusion last week. Please note we are now on the new menu and next week we are on Week 1.

School Photos

Next Tuesday the children will be having their individual school photographs taken. Please make sure your child comes to school in full uniform.



Medicines

Please ensure all medicines are handed in to the school office. You will be required to fill out a form and medicine will then be administered and recorded by staff. Please **do not** put any medicines in your child's bookbag. Thank you for your support.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Relief Middy Assistants. If you would like to apply, please contact the school office for an application form.