



Newsletter

This Week

On Monday the children attended a virtual assembly on staying healthy and keeping safe. They learnt about sharing their feelings, getting plenty of rest and eating a balanced diet.

You may recall in last week's Newsletter we gave information about Octopus Ahoy who will be hosting a public art event and providing beach and water safety training. On Wednesday this week Years 1 & 2 enjoyed an online art workshop provided by the team from Octopus Ahoy. The work shop taught them how to draw an octopus.

The team have provided us with a large octopus which the children will decorate with Mrs Gardiner. The children have decided to call him Vincent Star and have made the decision to decorate him with stars too. The stars idea was decided upon by the children because they are studying Vincent Van Gogh and his painting The Starry Nights. They also feel the name reflects our School Mission Statement "we are stars, watch us shine".

Once our octopus has been decorated, we will share this with you in the Newsletter.

Please remember it is Bank Holiday on Monday 3rd May, so the children will return on Tuesday 4th.

I hope you all have a wonderful long weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan

Head Teacher

KEY DATES

May	
3rd	Bank Holiday Monday
6th	Fire Safety Workshop
25th	Interactive Pantomime
26th	Class Photos
Menu	Next Week—Week 1

ATTENDANCE

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	96.4%	95.1%
Year 1	95.9%	95.2%
Year 2	98.3%	98.5%

Please be advised that we will ask you to provide 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. oakwoodinfantandnurseryschool.co.uk

Reminders

- Please make sure no toys or cards (such as Pokemon are brought into school).
- Please listen to your child read regularly and return any homework they have been set on-time.
- Although the sun has been shining it remains cold at times, so please ensure you send your child into school with a coat.
- **Nursery**—Even though it remains chilly, the sun is shining. Please apply sunscreen and provide a sun hat for your child.
- All children need to have a water bottle, full PE kit and coat in school.
- Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May.
- Half Term—31st May to 4th June.



Covid 19 Update

We are delighted to say we have not had any cases of Covid within school.

This week we have noticed some parents/carers arriving without masks. Please remember that if you arrive without a mask, you will not be able to enter the school grounds and will have to drop off/collect your child from the school lobby.

Thank you to everybody for their continued support.

Essex Pedal Power

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Essex Pedal Power is a new and exciting community-based project being piloted in Clacton and Jaywick Sands, which allows eligible residents to apply for a new FREE quality bike. The new programme aims to make cycling available for everyone. The pilot scheme is the first of its kind to be rolled out in Essex and plans to distribute over 1,500 bikes in phases throughout 2021-2023

There are conditions to receiving a bike and names will be pulled out of a hat. The bike will need to be used at least once a week for a year in order to keep it.

Find out more

More information about this project and how to enter to win a free bike can be found at

<https://www.activeessex.org/essex-pedal-power/>

We will be starting to practice for Sports Day soon. In order that your child can take part, please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school. Thank you.

Fire Safety Session



Next Thursday 6th May we will be visited virtually by Laura, a Fire Officer from Essex Fire & Rescue.

Laura visits every year and gives talks to the children on fireworks and then fire safety at a later date.

Sadly, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to accept the fire engine on site this year but are sure the children will enjoy their online session just as much.

Extra Information

Clubs

Some clubs still have spaces available. If you would like to book your child into an additional club, please come into the office to see what is available. Thank you.

School Menu—Wednesday 5th May

There has been a change to the menu for this date. Instead of pulled pork with Yorkshire pudding it will now be **gammon slice with Yorkshire pudding**.

We have experienced some children expecting different dinners to what they are being served. Please be aware that the menu did change recently, so please ensure you are looking at the most up to date copy when you make your choices. A copy of the menu can be found on our website or picked up from the school office.

School Ambassadors

Next Thursday the School Ambassadors will be meeting with me to discuss any ideas for issues. They discuss how they have been keeping children safe on the playground and making sure everybody has a playmate at breaks. They also discuss any changes or additions they would like to see.

Class Photos

On Wednesday 26th we will be taking class photos. Please ensure you send your child into school in full uniform. Thank you.

