

# Oakwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

Newsletter: 28th March 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

## This Week

Today, we all attended an Easter Service delivered by Father Justin of St James' Church. Thank you to Father Justin for giving his time to us today and for telling the Easter Story so beautifully to the children.

At the end of the Service today, I drew the Easter Raffle. Congratulations to all those who won a prize. Anybody who was not present to receive their prize will be contacted and asked to come in to collect.

Yesterday we held the Easter Cake Sale. There were some fabulous cakes available and I would like to say thank you to everybody who donated either home made or shop bought cakes. I shall advise after the Easter break of how much money was raised.

## Parking Enforcement

It was wonderful to see Parking Enforcement officers patrolling the roads around the school yesterday, helping us keep our children and school community safe. I can confirm I am in contact with them to arrange a more regular service.



## Return after Easter

All children are expected in school again on Monday 15th April.

## Reception Year Visit to St James' Church

This trip has now been re-arranged and will take place on Thursday 25th April.

I hope you all have a fantastic Easter and look forward to seeing the children when we all return.

Kind regards

**Mrs K Maguire-Egan**  
Head Teacher

Key Dates	
<b>April</b>	
15th	Back to School
25th	Reception visit to St James' Church
<b>May</b>	
6th	Bank Holiday Monday
13th-17th	Presentation Week
<b>Menu</b>	<b>WC April 15th Week 2. New menus will be out soon.</b>

## Attendance

ThurYear	Last Week	This Week
Reception	88.3%	93.3%
Year 1	92.6%	91.7%
Year 2	92%	90.3%

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.

## Unsafe Gaming

I am seeing an increase in the amount of children playing unsafe games on their phones/tablets. The games some children are playing are aimed at a much older audience and the result of taking part in these is now impacting on pupil behaviour. Please make every effort to ensure your child is only playing age appropriate content.

**Thank you.**

## Reading Books



We are currently seeing school reading books coming into school damaged. If this damage continues parents will be asked to make a voluntary donation towards replacements.

## REMINDERS FOR WHEN WE RETURN AFTER HALF TERM

**When we return on 15th April, please can you make every effort to adhere to the following:**

**No toys are to be brought in from home  
Every child must have a full PE kit in school  
All items of clothing, lunch boxes, bags must be labelled clearly  
Bottles must contain water only and not juice**

**First Day Back Monday 15th April.**

## FREE EASTER ACTIVITIES (conditions apply)

Essex Elite Sports Coaching are offering a FREE Holiday Club to all children who are in receipt of free school meals and have a **WONDE code**.

The club will offer a range of activities included football, dodgeball, basketball, arts & crafts and boot camp/fitness sessions plus lots more.

Meals and snacks will be provided, however, if you child doesn't want a meal they will need to bring a packed lunch.



To book your child's place go to  
**[www.holidayactivities.com](http://www.holidayactivities.com)**  
call **07498 427894**  
Email **info@essexelite.co.uk**



## Children Understanding Their Emotions

When we return after Easter we will spend the first week working on how children can understand their emotions. We will be working on encouraging them to consider their emotions and showing them various ways to express them.

**Monday 8th April**



BRINGING UNITY TO OUR COMMUNITY

**10am - 1pm**



# **Easter Holidays**

## **Extra support**

While the kids are having fun, organisations will be on hand with information and advice to support your family.

- Benefit checks
- Family support
- Housing assistance
- Safety advice
- Training courses for adults
- Resources to assist with school uniform, library books, free hair cuts, toy bank and more.

 **Entertainment for children**

 **Free lunch for attending families**



**For more information:**

 **01255 425692**

**Imperial House,  
Rosemary Road,  
Clacton CO15 1NZ**

# **FIRST-AID TRAINING SESSION (FREE TRAINING)**

Wednesday 24th April 2024 '10am - noon'

at

The Naze Nature Discovery Centre, Old Hall Lane,  
Walton-on-the-Naze, CO14 8LE

**Are YOU A REGISTERED PATIENT with a  
'Colte Partnership' GP Practice**

**&**

**CARE for a 'CHILD' aged 0 - 4 years**

**&**

**WANT to 'LEARN' vital 'First-Aid Skills'**

**THIS IS A 'COMPLETELY FREE EVENT!'**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL - Reserve your space(s) by emailing:**

**ENQUIRIES@FIRSTSTARTFIRSTAID.CO.UK**

Training suitable for Parents, Grandparents & Carers. Spaces are limited & will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Babies & Toddlers welcome. Training delivered by Chloe Harvey, an Experienced A&E Nurse & Founder of First Start First Aid Training.



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