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Oak Class Autumn Term Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

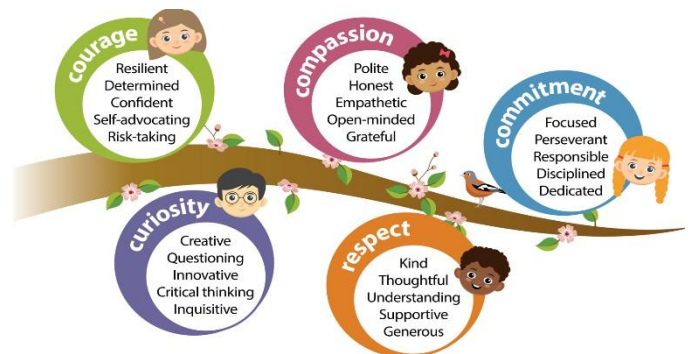
Welcome to Oak Class! We are looking forward to getting to know the children and helping them to settle into the new routine of the school day. **Our Reception gates open at 8:50, with the school day starting at 9am. The school day finishes at 3:20pm.**

Reception children have their lunch in the hall at 11:55am, followed by an outside playtime.

Please send your child with a named water bottle containing fresh water every day. Fruit is provided for children in Reception, but the children may bring in an additional healthy snack for the afternoon playtime

Our School Values

At Bottisham Community Primary School, our whole school values and the learning habits that go alongside them are an important set of attributes which we aspire to for all our pupils. In Oak Class, staff will model these values and habits in their everyday practice and support the children to explore and develop an understanding of these values and habits through their independent and group play.



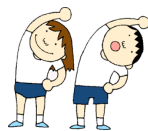
Book bags and home reading



Please send your child to school with their book bag every day. In the next few weeks, they will be used to send home their homework books, future reading books and any drawings or paintings that they do. Later in the term, when the children in Reception have learnt the first few sounds in phonics, they will be given reading books to support their learning at home. They will also have a Reading Diary for you to record the reading that they have done at home.



PE sessions



PE lessons will take place on Fridays in Oak Class. This session will take place inside or outside (weather permitting).

Every Friday, the children will need to come to school already wearing their PE kit. They will remain in their PE kit all day. Please provide spare uniform and underwear in a draw string bag as an additional set of clothes in case the children have an accident or need to change for any reason during the week. This bag will stay on their peg at school.

PE kit is a white t-shirt, black shorts (on hot days), tracksuit bottoms / leggings (on cooler days), a sweatshirt and trainers. **Please ensure their clothes are named.** It would be preferable if children do not wear earrings on P.E days.



Homework

This will start this week as we have started introducing the first sounds in phonics. Homework will be set via google classroom, in the form of a homework video and an activity sheet. The children will receive a homework book with instructions and an individual login code. These can be found on the inside cover of their books.

Homework will be set on Fridays. It will be due in the following Wednesday. Please complete both the homework video and the homework task before handing in.

We will also post our 'Book of the Week' on Google Classroom, which is linked to our topic that half term, along with the key vocabulary we have been using.

We hope this will allow parents to engage in their child's learning and to have fun working together.

Autumn/Winter weather



As the weather inevitably becomes cooler and wetter, your child will need to have a coat at school every day, as we will be spending a lot of time outside. Please remember that we encourage the children to be as independent as possible, so it would be helpful if they were able to fasten their coat themselves.

We have some storage for wellington boots and we invite you to send in a pair of named wellingtons for the children to keep at school and use during their outdoor learning. **Please name them clearly with a waterproof marker or waterproof stickers.**



Key dates:

Parents evening – Tuesday 29th September and Thursday 1st October
Bikeability Balance Bike sessions – Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th October
School photos (individual photos) – Tuesday 13th October
Half Term – 26th October to 30th October
Staff Training day (School closed to pupils) – Monday 2nd November
Christmas crafts afternoon – Thursday 10th December
Last day of term – Friday 18th December

Kind regards,

