

Old Leake Primary & Nursery School
Term Dates for 2020/2021

Term 1:

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – Thursday 22nd October 2020

Term 2:

Monday 2nd November 2020 – Friday 18th December 2020

Term 3:

Monday 4th January 2021 – Friday 12th February 2021

Term 4:

Monday 22nd February 2021 – Thursday 1st April 2021

Term 5:

Monday 19th April 2021 – Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 3rd May 2021 – Bank Holiday

Term 6:

Monday 7th June 2021 – Friday 23rd July 2021



Newsletter

March 2019

Dear Parents

We are nearing the end of another successful term at Old Leake Primary School. It has been a busy time with charity events, school trips and the usual learning opportunities. Year 5 and 6 visited the Leicester Space Centre last Friday and had a wonderful time where they programmed Mars rovers, read the weather forecast and generally cemented their knowledge of space travel and the cosmos. Year 3 and 4 have just visited Wild Woodcraft near Wragby for their Stone Age day which included gutting, cooking and eating fish! Mrs Sherrick was very impressed with how the Year 4 children behaved and I am certain Miss Gilbert, Mrs Hill and Miss Stredwick will have similar reports of the Year 3 behaviour when they return.

Years 1 and 2 have also been immersed in their topic of Little Red Riding Hood. I have been very impressed with the creative way Year 1 and 2 staff have interpreted the curriculum to make it fun and engaging for the children and I am also impressed with the way the children have responded to this, throwing themselves into their learning.

Next week you will get an opportunity to see for yourselves exactly what the children have been doing in lessons as it is our Parents' Evening. We will also use the opportunity to try and reunite some lost uniform with its owners- so keep a look out for it in the hall.

I look forward to seeing you then at Parents' Evening at our church service at 1.30 on Thursday April 4th and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Easter.

Many thanks,
Susan Rayner

Attendance for Term 3

Pupil attendance is closely monitored by the school, aiming to achieve at least 95% attendance by all pupils (excluding Nursery). All requests for absence must be requested in advance in writing. Following is a breakdown of attendance across the school from Monday 7th January 2019 to Friday 15th February 2019. Well done to Year 6!

R	93.54%
1	89.78%
2	97.59%
3	95.49%
4	98.10%
5	93.10%
6	98.28%
Whole School	95.26%

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April - Parents' Evening.
Thursday 4th April - Easter Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm
Friday 5th April - End of Term 4.
Tuesday 23rd April - Start of Term 5.
Friday 24th May - End of Term 5.



Parking

Please ensure you do **not** park in the staff car park when dropping off/collecting your children to/from school and after clubs. It is for **staff** only. If you are disabled and carry a blue badge you may use our disabled bay but please display your blue badge when doing so.



Please also ensure that you do not block any of the drives for the neighbouring households. It is very frustrating for the local residents when trying to get their cars in and out of their driveways during school dropping off and picking up times. Please also ensure that you do not use the staff car park to turn around in. There are pupils walking across the car park and it can be very dangerous.



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Term Dates for 2018/2019

Term 5:

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 – Friday 24th May 2019
Monday 6th May 2019 – Bank Holiday

Term 6:

Monday 3rd June 2019 – Tuesday 25th July 2019

Term Dates for 2019/2020

Term 1:

Monday 2nd September 2019 – staff training day
Tuesday 3rd September 2019 – Friday 18th October 2019

Term 2:

Monday 4th November 2019 – Friday 20th December 2019

Term 3:

Monday 6th January 2020 – Friday 14th February 2020

Term 4:

Monday 24th February 2020 – Friday 3rd April 2020

Term 5:

Monday 20th April 2020 – Friday 22nd May 2020
Monday 4th May 2020 – Bank Holiday

Term 6:

Monday 1st June 2020 – Wednesday 22nd July 2020



Extended Provision

After a lot of deliberation we have decided to change the way after-school care is provided. With effect from our return from the Easter break after-school care will change as follows:

Care will now only be available at the school **until 5pm**.

The sessions will run as follows:

Care from 3.15pm until 4.15pm **Charge of £5 per child**

Care from 3.15pm until 5.00pm **Charge of £8 per child**

Children will still be given a snack and drink when they arrive at club but will not be given a meal at 4.45pm as before.

Children are given an opportunity to complete homework and to access to a wide range of activities. More details and booking forms are available from the school office. The club has limited places so it is always advisable to book in advance.



All children are invited to attend the breakfast club which is held at the school every weekday morning from 8am until 8.40am, with a member of our support staff supervising the breakfast arrangements. There is no need to pre-book. Payment of £1.50 per session may be made on the day, or at the school office in advance of the session being taken.

Breakfast consists of cereal/toast and a drink. Children must arrive by 8.20am to be able to take advantage of breakfast.

Please contact the school office if you would like any further information about booking either of the clubs.

Medicines in School

It has been drawn to our attention that a few children are bringing in non-prescription medication to school and self-medicating, and school staff are being requested to administer non-prescription medication to children whilst in our care.

We were advised in October 2016 by the School Nurses to only give medicine to pupils following the criteria set out below:

- If the child needs 3 doses a day then this can be given before school, after school, and at bed time at home, there is no need for school to administer the medicine during the day.
- If the child needs 4 doses a day, a parent/carer should bring the medicine in to school to give their child the dosage where possible.
- If the parent/carer is unable to come into school themselves due to work commitments, they must, where possible, arrange for a relative/friend to administer the dose.
- If nobody is able to administer the dose we would request that the parent/carer **personally** bring the medication in to school and complete a form at the school office (or with the class teacher / teaching assistant in nursery & reception classes).
- The medicine must arrive at school in the original packaging from the doctor (including the box) with the child's name and all the dosage details clearly stated.
- **Only PRESCRIBED medicine is brought into school for the child, we are unable to administer over the counter medicine to children.**

We would appreciate if parents could familiarise themselves with the school's medical conditions policy where necessary. This can be found on the school website, alternatively please ask the school office send you an email copy or to provide a paper copy.

If you require any further information regarding administration of medicines in school please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Reception Class

In Reception we have been finding out about sea creatures, drawing, painting and writing our own stories. The children have enjoyed acting out their stories, retelling them using story maps and finally writing them in their books. We have also been comparing life cycles of different animals including ourselves, sea turtles and butterflies. The children have been very excited watching our own class caterpillars grow and change into butterflies! They have just emerged from their cocoons ready to be released before the Easter holidays. We have been exploring numbers and sequencing events – including making a jam sandwich with a partner.



Key Stage One

We've had a very exciting start to the term with reports of a missing girl!! We searched for clues which included a basket, a pile of apples and a red ribbon! We used this as our 'hook' for our literacy lessons after discovering the missing girl was named Little Red Riding Hood. We've carried out lots of drama activities linked to this including a discussion, "Should the wolf be sent to jail?" and creating the forest scene with our bodies. We have linked our geography and DT lessons to our traditional tales topic and have been looking at maps and directions plus creating pop up mechanisms of the tales including a running Gingerbread Man! Many links have been made with our topic and our science learning, where we are investigating how the Gingerbread Man could cross the river safely.

We look forward to sharing this learning with you at parents' evening soon.

Year 3

Year 3 are currently busy practising for their class assembly. They are all doing a fantastic job! They are enjoying acting in the role of Stone Age people and are looking forward to sharing it with parents next week. In addition, the children are looking forward to going on our trip to Wildwood Craft to become Stone Age people for the day. All of the children have been working incredibly hard all term in maths whilst learning about fractions. We are all really impressed with their deepening understanding of them. Our final piece of writing for the final half term will be a recount of our trip so we look forward to reading the children's Stone Age escapades!

Year 4

We had a wonderful day at Wild Woodcraft on Tuesday. This trip was linked to our topic from 'Stone Age to Iron Age' and included friction fire lighting demonstration, light your own fires, prepare your own fish using 'primitive' tools, cook fish (eat fish!), demonstration of water boiling using hot rocks in an animal hide vessel, games involving stalking and sensory awareness and shelter building. It was a tremendous day, full of exciting activities in a fantastic learning environment and real 'hands on' experiences.

Year 5

Year 5 have had another busy term studying space. In DT we have been making moon-buggies, which are close to completion. These buggies will come home with your child, so you will be able to see how hard they have been working. We have had a brilliant trip to Leicester Space Centre, where the children were

impeccably behaved. They were able to demonstrate their coding skills in a workshop where they programmed a Mars Rover and view an astronaut's training and life in the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium.



This week some children have been taking part in Bikeability. They have learned to complete a U-turn safely, how to start and finish safely and how to overtake a parked vehicle safely. The children have had a great time and the instructors have been impressed with their enthusiasm and ability to listen to instructions carefully. If your child did not complete the course this year, there will be the opportunity for them to do it next year.



Year 6

On Friday 22nd March Year 5 and 6 went to Leicester Space Centre. The journey was long but then we arrived and a wave of sun surrounded the children. When we entered, our jaws dropped with awe as we saw amazing exhibits such as prototype satellites and stunning space suits. As we made our way round, we spotted a massive globe that had a diameter of 3 metres! Also, situated next to the globe was a small room where you can create your own video of a weather report. If you ventured further round, you were led into a lab where we could programme your own Mars rovers.. When we left the lab we approached the planetarium and we sat down on our seats and the video started. After about 30 minutes of being stunned, we left the planetarium and strolled towards a room that contained rockets. After playing some games we left and went to the shop. Unfortunately the day was over and a long bus journey was on the horizon...

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