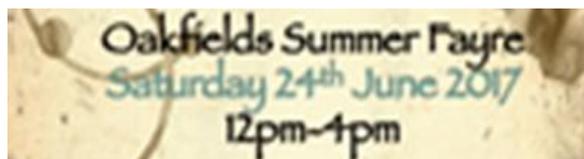




# Oakleaves

Dear Parents and Friends of Oakfields,



Quite a lot has happened since our last newsletter; Year 5/6's visit to France, the Kindergarten and Infants' Sports Days, Kindergarten 2 have started their swimming sessions and

Armstrong and Columbus have both put in an appearance in Year 1's Victrix workshop. With only 3 weeks or so until the end of summer term, we still have so much to look forward to including Friday's Juniors' Sports Day, the P.T.A. Summer Fayre tomorrow, Bikeability for Years 5 and 6, Prize Giving at Coopers and the Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony to mention just some of the things that are coming up.

Another event on the horizon is this year's end of year extravaganza, 'Viva Las Oakfields' and preparations for this continue with much excitement. The children in Year 3 – 6 are so excited and look forward to sharing all of their hard work and creativity with their families on their very special evening, Wednesday 28 June. Please make sure you've sent back your reply slips and ordered your tickets!

A quick perusal through our Facebook pages will provide something of a catch-up for you and highlights some of the activities that have been taking place! Whilst we realise that Facebook has been a wonderful means of updating parents with their child's daily life, we wanted to provide an update on a couple of important issues regarding the next academic year; starting first with the classes and their respective teaching staff. Our teaching team for next academic year will be:-

**Kindergarten Team:** Miss Jill, Mrs Sue, Mrs Linda/Mrs Clare (job share), Miss Kelly and Mrs Tracey.

**Reception:** Mrs Williams (3 days) and Mrs Spooner (2 days). Miss Emin (PGCE student).

**Year 1:** Mrs Pauline Smith. T.A.'s: Mrs Scrivener/Mrs Brentnall (1 day)

**Year 2:** Mrs Cave/Mrs Murphy. T.A.'s Mrs Langford/Mrs Brentnall (1 day)

**Year 3NT:** (current 2WS) Mr Trusler (Additional Teacher—Miss Kitt)

**Year 3LJ:** (current 2CM) Mr Johnstone (as above)

**Year 4JM:** (current 3NT) Mrs Marshall (Yr 4 T.A.'s Mrs Cousins & Mrs Millsom)

**Year 4AB:** (current 3LJ) Miss Berry (as above)

**Year 5:** Mrs Spreckley/Mrs Wagner

**Year 6:** Mrs Jones/Mrs Leech

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## Key Dates 2017

Please refer to Class newsletters for dates and times of activities relating specifically to your child's class.

### June

**Fri 23** Junior Sports Day 1—4 p.m.

**Sat 24** 12 noon—4 p.m.  
P.T.A. Summer Fayre

**Mon 26** Arrival by 4.20 p.m.  
Showtime rehearsals (Years 3—6) @ Emerson Park Academy, RM11 3AD

**Weds 28** 5.30 p.m. arrival for 6 p.m. start @ Emerson Park Academy —Showtime (Years 3-6)

### July

**Fri 7** Reports home

**Sat 8** (9.30 for 10—12 noon)  
Prize Giving at Coopers  
All children from Reception to Year 6 to attend in school uniform. **Please save the day in your diaries.**

**Mon 10** Parents' Evening  
(Reception only)

**Tues 11** Parents' Evening  
(Reception to Year 5 only)

**Weds 12** Parents' Evening  
(Year 1 to Year 5 only)

**Fri 14: Last Day of Term!**

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Year 5 and Year 6 Leavers' Party

After School Care available until 5.50 p.m.

**Start of Autumn Term:  
Weds. 6 September 2017**

## Opportunity to Meet Mrs Katrina Carroll

A letter of invitation to attend one of our "Meet the Headteacher" opportunities is attached to the back of this Newsletter. **Please complete the slip and return it via your child who should hand it to their teacher as soon as possible.**

Monday July 3	9 a.m.	Kindergarten, Reception & Year 1
Thursday July 6	5.30 p.m.	Years 2 & 3
Thursday July 6	6.30 p.m.	Years 4 & 5

We would very much like to offer our congratulations to Miss Berry and Miss Kitt who have both recently passed their PGCE courses with flying colours and we are lucky to have

retained them as NQT's (newly qualified teachers) in September. Alongside her ICT teaching, Miss Kitt will be an additional teacher in Year 3. Additionally, we are currently looking to recruit a Teaching Assistant for the Year 5/6 classes.

Furthermore, we're sure you will have noticed the absence of Mrs Day's name from the above. Mrs Day has decided to become a full-time mum and will not be returning to Oakfields. We fully respect this decision and wish her and baby George all the very best for the future. Mrs Marshall, who covered Mrs Day's maternity leave, will continue to teach Year 4 in September, joined by Miss Berry, as this will be a two-class year group next year.

In addition to their Year 5 class duties, Mrs Spreckley and Mrs Wagner will, along with Mrs Carroll and Miss Berry form the 11+ teaching team going forward. Both Mrs Spreckley and Mrs Wagner are experienced Year 6 teachers, and have prepared children for Level 6 SATs papers, which are on an academic level with the 11+ tests, so they are well equipped for the rigours of Year 5. Mrs Spreckley has already started to join the 11+ Maths sessions and is familiar to the children and Mrs Wagner – who will teach the English - has had first-hand experience of 11+ examinations and the Independent school route. They are both very excited and enthusiastic about taking on this role. Mrs Carroll will take responsibility for preparing children for interview and continuing to develop our close links with state, grammar and Independent Schools. For children entering Year 6, the 11+ sessions will continue until January 2018 when the last of the Independent School entrance examinations will have finished.



All children, including September joiners, will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher during 'Meet the Teacher' day on Tuesday 11 July 9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (the new intake will stay until lunchtime). As last year, parents will have the chance to meet their child's new teachers in the first full week back at school in September.

This leads nicely on to Prize Giving which takes place on Saturday 8 July at Coopers' Company and Coborn School (St. Mary's Lane, Upminster, RM14 3HS). To ensure a prompt 10 a.m. start, the children should arrive from 9.30 a.m. when they are asked to join their teachers in the Sports Hall with doors opening to parents at 9.45 a.m. All children will have a chance to perform and there will be a couple of musical interludes to 'whet your appetite' ahead of the announcement of this year's stand out performers and our leaders for the next academic year – Head Boy and Head Girl, Sports Captains, House Captains, Prefects. Likewise, school council members from Years 3- 6 will be announced, along with Librarians and Digital Leaders. This way, we will really hit the ground running and be ready for action in September. The long-awaited ESB Certificates will also be formally presented.

To ensure the comfort and safety of everybody and to meet capacity guidelines this year, we unfortunately have to limit the number of guests @ two per family. We will therefore be issuing complimentary tickets to the children in the week prior to Prize Giving to ensure that all families are able to attend this mandatory event. **Please ensure that these are brought with you on the day as this will speed up our procedures.**

#### **Prize Giving—Attire for the day:**

- Blazers (cleaned and brushed please);
- Summer uniform (without cardigans and jumpers please)
- Simple hair styles – although girls should have their hair tied back neatly, without any large hair accessories;
- Shiny shoes;
- Simple white (girls) and grey (boys) socks;
- Broad, welcoming smiles, as always!

Should we be subjected to a heatwave that day, we will naturally allow all of the children to remove their blazers accordingly. We are certain that a good morning will be had by all.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

**Sarah Whatling**  
**Deputy Headteacher**



The children in Kindergarten 2 have been making their very own mortar boards to celebrate graduation into big school in September. They made them using stiff card, a square top and a tassel for the finishing touch! They look very proud and took to the orchard to have their photograph taken. Looking forward to seeing our Kindergarten 2 parents for the ceremony on 7 July. Parents—you will need your hankies!

There is nothing as exciting as our Kindergarten Sports Day and this year was no exception! Last Thursday—in glorious sunshine—Kindergarten 2 “competed” in Key Worker groups with each of our young children taking their turn in flat, skipping, hat, shopping and egg and spoon races. Kindergarten 1, Reception and Year 6 ambassadors cheered them on and with Mrs Whatling on the microphone, it was the shopping race that caused the most excitement when the children quite literally “shopped until they dropped”! At the end of their races, the children took to the shade of the gazebo to have a little drink and settle down to watch the “siblings” race (with two VERY young participants; the youngest was 4 weeks old) followed by the Dad’s “Hurdles” race and the Mum’s Egg and Spoon Relay. Mrs Whatling, Miss Jill and the Year 6 children then presented each and every young competitor with their medals which they wore with pride as they waved goodbye to their parents and returned to Kindergarten for their well-deserved ice poles. Parents, thank you so much for entering into the spirit of the morning. We really do hope you enjoyed it, the children certainly did and we feel sure they slept well!



The two Year 3 classes joined forces last week for some outdoor learning. Carefully carrying the Anglo Saxon houses that they had constructed over the half-term holiday, they made their way onto the field so they could enjoy the weather. Thinking about where they would most like to settle - and having previously researched what the best location would be - they each settled their houses alongside geographical features such as in a forest, by a river, next to a lake or at the top of a hill. There were no right or wrong answers and all of the children were able to explain why they had chosen their particular location.

In PSHCE, Year 5 discussed the democratic process, the purpose of an election, how it works, the different parties involved and the results. After studying the different parties’ manifestos from the General Election, the children then put together their own. They then went on to write their own speeches and presented them to their classmates. After considering what they heard, the children carried out a secret ballot and elected their own representative.

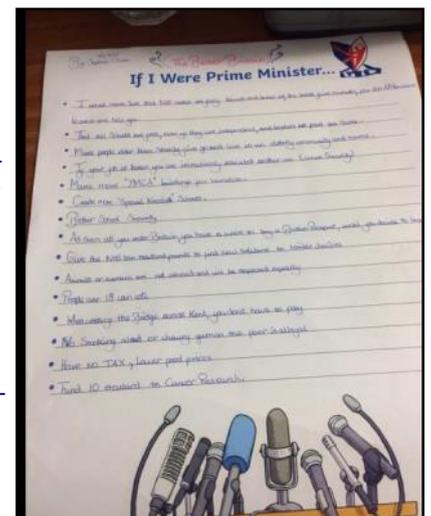
Earlier this month, Years 5 and 6 were up and out very early for their 3-day/2-night adventure in Northern France. Assembling at Oakfields at 5.30 a.m., they boarded their coach for destination Coquelles where they arrived mid-morning via coach and Eurotunnel. They stopped at Nortkerque and visited the organic farm and orchards known as Natur’Pom, enjoying a well-deserved picnic lunch. After checking out their five senses, they headed to Boulogne for a town trail and free time in the pedestrian streets around ‘Rue de Lille’ and the ramparts. They then transferred to the residential centre in Cucq. where they enjoyed a fabulous dinner and settled into their accommodation.

After a refreshing night’s sleep and a hearty breakfast, the children enjoyed a boat modelling workshop and then - working in small groups- tried their hand at bread and cheese making - and even milked the goats! They were able to choose their own flavourings and then to sit back and enjoy the fruits of their labour. All in all, a most wonderful trip and an experience that they will never forget.



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*“Thank you Mlle Bernard, Mrs Whatling, Mr Johnstone, Miss Kitt and not forgetting Mrs Makwana, we had a fabulous time!”*





On Friday, we had a fabulous afternoon of athletics at our Infants Sports Day. With Reception, Year 1, 2WS and 2CM each taking their turn at the standing long jump, javelin, 50m and 200m and finally the "House Relay", and with Kindergarten and siblings watching, the afternoon culminated with the medal ceremony and a celebration of the win-

ning House – Beech. Chestnut, Elm, Oak – the Juniors have their chance to catch up at their Sports Day today. John, Laura, Bradley and Chris from J W Multisports did a fabulous job preparing the children; they proved to be fiercely competitive, looked very professional and thoroughly enjoyed taking part. Thank you to all staff and our P.T.A. for ensuring the afternoon was well planned and everything went just perfectly. Manpreet, we are so sorry you were given the wrong medal; congratulations on your 80m win—Gold! You look very proud in this photograph.

On Tuesday of last week, Year 5's Freddie, Timi, Oliver, David, Atifah, Eliza, Annabelle and Simran and Year 6's Freddie, Ben, Declan, Jacob, Kyra, Skye, Sophie and Alannah represented Oakfields (and China, their allocated country!) at Havering Sports Collective's annual Quad Kids athletics tournament where they competed across four disciplines: standing long jump, vortex throwing, and 75m and 600m runs, against Havering primary schools. Performing to the best of their abilities, Eliza came in 2nd in her 600m and Skye 3rd in the same event for her group. This was particularly gruelling bearing in mind it came at the end of a tiring afternoon of events. It was particularly pleasing to hear the comments made about the exemplary behaviour of our children by teachers from other schools. Many congratula-

tions to Ardleigh Green who won the Championship! Special thanks to Mrs Brentnall for assisting "Team Oakfields" throughout the event.

On Tuesday of this week, it was the turn of Years 3 and 4 (Harry, Nihaal, Christian, Tomiwa, Rhiannon, Freya, Olivia and Gursimran) and Year 4 (Isabella, Sofia, Isobel, Freddie, George, Aaron, Riley and Adiel) for their Quad Kids tournament. Our best performances of the day came from Rhiannon and Adiel. Rhiannon finished 2nd overall in the Havering Year 3 Quad Kids rankings with a total of 167 points., whilst Adiel finished 3rd with a total of 186 points. They will receive their medals in today's assembly. All the team performed admirably and their individual results can be found at [www.quadkids.org](http://www.quadkids.org).

**Thank you**  
I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the Oakfields family - staff, children and parents - for the cards, flowers, love, best wishes and acts of kindness I received following my recent illness. I feel truly blessed!  
I am very much on the road to recovery and look forward to getting back to normal!  
**Kind regards**  
**Annette Cousins**

Thank you to Mrs Horton and Mr Gill for the super photographs!



**STOP PRESS—CLIMBING FRAME**

We are excited to announce that the long-awaited outdoor play equipment has now been installed in our Kindergarten soft play area (left).

The Kindergarten children have been watching the contractors construct the climbing frame today, and cannot wait to use it as from Monday. Yay!



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