

# Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another exciting term. This week has, as always, been a busy one. Some highlights are Year 6 continuing to improve playing the guitar, Year 5 facing some tough challenges in Maths and Year 1 learning how to be magicians!

As you are aware, it is Remembrance Sunday this weekend when the country will pay their respects to those who fought to give us the privileges that we enjoy today. Children across the school have been learning about the significance of this event and today we all gathered for an assembly and held our own 2 minute silence. The soldiers would have been very proud of your children who could not have been more respectful in their silence and their knowledge and understanding. This included Nursery who we are delighted could join us and who demonstrated the excellent behaviour of children at Oaks Primary Academy. We also learned a very special fact about one of our staff. Mrs Osborne in Nursery makes around 240,000 (YES, 240,000!) poppies every year and has done so for the past 4 years. We are very proud of her for this. I would also like to thank you all for your donations so far to the Poppy appeal.

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Mrs Jane Tipple

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
**Attendance Target 96%**  
School Average: 97.7%

Robin Class:	97.4%
<b>Sparrow Class:</b>	<b>98.5%</b>
Blackbird Class:	95.9%
Woodpecker Class:	97.6%
<b>Blue Jay Class:</b>	<b>98.5%</b>
<b>Kingfisher Class:</b>	<b>98.5%</b>
Chaffinch Class:	97.6%

**Well done to Sparrow, Blue Jay and Kingfisher Classes!**



Stars of the Week – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Our values are to be: **Inspirational**, **Imaginative**, **Collaborative**, **Ambitious**, **Compassionate**, **Enthusiastic**, **Enquiring** and **Pioneering**.

**Robin Class:**

**Hanuram** for trying his very best to extend his own learning by writing sentences.

**Ambitious**

**Sparrow Class:**

**Louis** has been so enthusiastic about his learning. He has made a real effort with his writing and he participated in the magic show.

**Enthusiastic**

**Blackbird Class:**

**Ellie** has worked amazingly hard this week in class and in group work especially in her reading and writing showing great ambition.

**Ambitious**

**Woodpecker Class:**

**James** for persevering in English and producing a good piece of writing.

**Ambitious**

**Blue Jay Class:**

**Elli-Mai** for outstanding ambition in Maths when subtracting up to 4-digit numbers. Great work!

**Ambitious**

**Kingfisher Class:**

**Calel** for his fabulous attitude towards all of his learning this week.

**Enthusiastic**

**Joshua** for his positive behaviour in class all week and concentrating on his school work.

**Enthusiastic**

**Chaffinch Class:**

**Surab** for his ambitious use of poetic devices in his Remembrance Day poetry.

**Ambitious**

## Key dates Term 2

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – 2:00pm – 3:00pm**  
**Open Day for Reception 2018**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 & Year 4**  
**Trip and workshop at Maidstone Museum**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Whole School**  
**Children In Need Day (see notice below)**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Year 6**  
**School Nurses for Height and Weight**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 5:00pm – 6:00pm**  
**Open Day for reception 2018**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - 1:00pm-4:00pm -**  
**Friends of Oaks Xmas School Fayre**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery & Reception**  
**10:30am – 11:30am**

**Christmas Nativity**  
**Christmas Disco – 3:15pm – 6:00pm**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 & 2**  
**2:00pm – 3:00pm**  
**Christmas Performance**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School**  
**Christmas Pantomime at Maidstone Studios**

## Holiday dates 2017/18

**Christmas Holiday**  
**Thursday 21st December 2017 – 3<sup>rd</sup> January**  
**2018**

**Inset Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Half Term**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 2018**

**Easter Holiday**  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

## **Brain Builders**

We are delighted to see the following pupils nominated  
 for the Brain Builders of the week.

Nominations:  
 Back next week...

## **School Council Elections**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 was a memorable day at Oaks Primary Academy. We were joined by members of Maidstone Borough Council and two local councillors to assist with our School Council Election Day.

The children were able to vote for the candidates in their class and the result was announced in a special assembly led by Councillor Butler.

To read more about the day and to see photos of the event please follow this link:

<http://oaksprimaryacademy.org.uk/pupils/school-council/>

The School Council held their first meeting this week and are excited about how we can make Oaks Primary Academy the best it can possibly be.



We apologise for the late notice for this event but pupils have demonstrated the value of the School Council to express their voice and wish to support this worthy cause.

Therefore, following our first School Council Meeting held this week we are going to be holding a non-uniform day to support **Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

Children can wear **spotty clothes, Pudsey t-shirts or their own clothes** in exchange for a £1 donation.

Thank you for your continued support of these events.

The School Council