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OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

& NURSERY UNIT

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Relaxation of Covid-19 procedures and measures in school

Following updated guidance from the Department of Education, PHA and NI Executive, we have been slowly lifting our COVID restrictions in school. Many of our mitigations however will remain in place, such as maintaining regular handwashing, increased ventilation and reducing unnecessary contact. Through a measured and steady relaxation of restrictions including optional wearing of face coverings, we have been able to return to activities such as assembly and we look forward to meetings with parents face to face, for example during Primary 1 and Nursery Unit Induction. We continue to be cautiously optimistic about the term ahead and next year.

Having said that, PHA procedures continue to apply if symptoms are exhibited in school. If a school-aged child, or a staff member, develops new symptoms of COVID-19 they should isolate for 10 days and take a lateral flow test. This continues to apply even if they have had COVID-19 within the previous 90 days. People may not have all of the symptoms or their symptoms may be similar to the cold or flu. They may vary for different age groups or different variants of the virus. If the LFD test is negative, they feel well enough and do not have a temperature, they can return to work or school.

Mid and East Antrim in Bloom initiative

As part of the Mid and East Antrim in Bloom initiative, today each pupil will receive a packet of Sunflower seeds. Let's get planting and see if one of our pupils will be crowned MEA Champion with the tallest Sunflower in the borough. More details of the competition on www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/inbloom

Nursery Unit News

The children in our Nursery unit are enjoying learning about the life cycle of the butterfly. Our live caterpillars are now in their chrysalides. We are patiently waiting for them to awaken from their big sleep and be beautiful painted lady butterflies. We have also welcomed two new additions to our Oakfield family. Mallow and Fudge are mini lop rabbits. The children are loving looking after them and having cuddles.

Please note, our Nursery Unit will finish at 1pm from **Friday 13 May 2022 – Friday 20 May 2022** to facilitate meetings for our new intake for **September 2022**.

Oakfield Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party

We are really looking forward to celebrating the Queen's wonderful Platinum Jubilee this year. Oakfield PS & NU will host a number of events for staff and children on **Monday 30 May 2022.** Your child will receive an official invitation to this celebration party today. Every child will also receive a commemorative souvenir of the occasion as part of the celebration.

Term 3 School Closure reminders

Tuesday 31 May - Wednesday 1 June 2022 (Staff training)
Thursday 2 - Friday 3 June 2022 (Whitsun & Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday)

G. McCluskey

School Information for Parents : Oakfield Designated Teachers for Child Protection
Primary School - Miss L. Gilmour Nursery Unit - Mrs K. Wylie