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OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

& NURSERY UNIT

www.oakfieldprimaryschool.com**Tuesday 20 September 2022****Welcoming Katie Higginson to the Oakfield staff team**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Katie Higginson to our staff team. Katie works for Barnardos and will take on the role as counsellor in school one day per week. She will be working with individual pupils and also rolling out the wonderful 'Bounce' resilience programme to our P4-7 classes.

Flu vaccination information

P1 – P7 children will have received information from the Northern Health and Social Care Trust about the upcoming flu vaccinations. Please ensure all replies are returned to school by tomorrow, **Wednesday 21 September 2022**. Our school nurses are hoping to complete the P1-P7 flu vaccinations on the morning of **Friday 21 October 2022**.

Numeracy News

KS2 pupils have recorded short videos on the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies that we use in school. They are available to view in the 'Parent Area' of our school website. We hope that you find them useful.

Extra-Curricular clubs

We are delighted that our breakfast club and 223 club have been so positively supported during the first few weeks of September 2022. We look forward to starting Term 1 P4-P7 extra-curricular clubs from Monday 26 September 2022. Lots of our boys and girls have signed up to enjoy a wide range of activities.

U11 Carrickfergus Football League

As well as enjoying after school football as part of our extra-curricular provision, we will also be fielding an Oakfield PS football team as part of the Carrickfergus U11 Primary School league. We wish our team every success.

Harvest Thanksgiving – Foodbank Appeal

For harvest thanksgiving this year we are supporting the local Carrickfergus foodbank. This foodbank provides emergency food and support for local people in crisis and it is part of The Trussell Trust's UK-wide foodbank network.

Each year group has been allocated with an item to bring into school by **Friday 7 October 2022**. See image for further details. Many thanks for your generosity.

**Current Covid advice**

Current Public Health Agency (PHA) Covid advice for schools recommends that any child who displays Covid symptoms should not attend school. PHA are advising parents of children who are unwell and have a high temperature to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days**. Children can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend. Staff who have a high temperature or do not feel well enough to go to work should also stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **5 days**. They should continue to do this until they no longer have a high temperature and/or feel better.

Holiday list 2022/23 reminder

**Autumn Half Term Break 2022 (Total of 5 school days)
Monday 31st October 2022 – Friday 4th November 2022**

**Christmas Holidays 2022/2023 (Total of 9 school days)
Thursday 22nd December 2022 – Wednesday 4th January 2023**

**Spring Half Term Break 2023 (Total of 5 school days)
Monday 13th February 2023 – Friday 17th February 2023**

**St Patrick's Day Holiday (Total of 1 school day)
Friday 17th March 2023**

**Easter Holidays 2023 (Total of 8 school days)
Wednesday 5th April 2023 – Friday 14th April 2023**

**May Day Holiday 2023 (Total of 2 school days)
Monday 1st May 2023 – Tuesday 2nd May 2023**

**Whitsun Bank Holiday 2023 (Total of 1 school day)
Monday 29th May 2023**

**Exceptional Closure (Total of 2 school days)
Thursday 1st June 2023 – Friday 2nd June 2023**

**School Year Ends
Friday 30th June 2023 @ 12 noon**

G. McCluskey & Y. Moore

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