



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all parents who attended the Diwali coffee morning in school on Wednesday morning last week. The children spent the morning learning about Diwali and some of our children shared their own experiences. Thank you for all the contributions of food at the coffee morning and to Mrs Bassett for organising this!

A special thank you to the following Mums who performed a dance in assembly and also to Mr Kanakaratra (Kamalaathmika' Dad) who sang to us.

Mrs Rao (Sanvi's Mum)

Mrs Gayaki (Namish's Mum)

Mrs Ganadathy (Yaazhithan's Mum)

Mrs Srirangapalle (Vineet's Mum)

Mrs Parthipan (Darren's Mum)

Mrs Karuturi (Veda's Mum)

Mrs Khobragade (Nidhish's mum)

Mrs Mishra (Sharvin's Mum)

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Last week in school the children took part in learning about ways they can be a good friend and strategies that they can use when things may go wrong. The children as always shared lots of ways they can be somebody's friend and this is evident during break time and lunchtime play when the children generally play so well together. There are of course some occasions when children fall out or have disagreements. At Oldbrook we work hard to support children to talk about their feelings and actions to enable them to develop the right skills to build and mend their own relationships as they grow older.

CHRISTMAS DINNER ORDER

A jacket potato option has now been added to the meal selection for Tuesday 18th December. If you had previously ordered a meal for this day you will receive an e-mail asking you to re-order again as all orders have been cancelled for this day. Please re-select the meal you require your child to have using your live kitchen login. Thank you for your understanding.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND NON-UNIFORM DAY

The school will be holding its annual Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday 5th December in the school hall from 3:10 onwards. **Children can come to school on Friday 30th November wearing non-uniform in return for a donation for the raffle and tombola stalls. This could be a tin of food, a bottle, chocolates, toiletries etc. A big thank you in advance.**



SNOWMAN COMPETITION

Please check your child's book bag for the competition leaflet. All entries need to be returned to the school office by Friday 23rd November.

CHILDREN IN NEED



A huge THANK YOU for all your kind donations on Friday. With your support we raised £175. Well done!

PARENT WORKSHOPS

This week the following parent workshop will be taking place. We look forward to seeing you.

Wednesday 21st November at 9am - Reception Parents - enhancing relationships and behaviour (located in the school library) Please come to the school's main reception.



We're on the Web
www.oldbrookschoo.co.uk

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Operation Darknight launched to target winter burglaries Milton Keynes

Thames Valley Police in Milton Keynes started its winter burglary operation on to combat dwelling burglaries and target offenders during the darker winter months.

Operation Darknight has run five times in recent years in Milton Keynes and has helped to significantly reduce the numbers of dwelling burglaries over the winter period. During the operation the Milton Keynes Neighbourhood teams will be running crime prevention activities on estates offering general crime prevention advice. Residents are advised that, with the clocks having gone back, now is an important time to check that your home is not vulnerable to burglary.

If you have any concerns, or just want some crime prevention advice and information, feel free to approach your local neighbourhood officers who will be able to assist you. We would urge residents to get in touch with any information they may have in relation to criminal activity occurring in their neighbourhood or to report it to crime stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Residents can follow the crime prevention tips below:

- keep front and back doors locked, even when you're at home
- install a burglar alarm with a visible alarm box
- fit a door chain and spyhole for extra security
- keep all valuables and keys out of sight and out of reach of doors and windows
- store high value items in a hidden safe mark your belongings and register them for free with [Immobilise](#)
- fit energy efficient security lighting
- don't leave spare keys in obvious places such as under doormats or plant pots
- keep items that could be used to break into your property such as ladders, tools and wheelie bins stored safely away
- lock side gates to prevent easy access to the rear of the property
- check fencing regularly to keep it in good repair
- use pea shingle on driveways or under windows, as it crunches loudly when stepped on
- trim overgrown hedges and plants to remove hiding places and improve surveillance
- use a timer switch to make your house look occupied, even when it isn't
- consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme

Residents in Milton Keynes can obtain localised information by following the Milton Keynes Twitter account [@TVP_MK](#) and looking out for [#Op_Darknight](#).

For regular updates on crime and disorder in your area you can sign up to Thames Valley Alert <https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/>.

TERM DATES 2019-2020

	OPEN MORNING OF:	CLOSED AT END OF AFTERNOON SESSION ON:
AUTUMN 2019 Term 1	Wednesday 4 th September	Friday 25 th October
Half Term Break	Monday 28 th October	Friday 1 st November
Term 2	Tuesday 5 th November	Friday 20 th December
Christmas Break	Monday 23 rd December	Friday 3 rd January
SPRING 2020 Term 3	Monday 6 th January	Friday 14 th February
Half Term Break	Monday 17 th February	Friday 21 st February
Term 4	Monday 24 th February	Friday 3 rd April
Spring Term Break	Monday 6 th April	Friday 17 th April
SUMMER 2020 Term 5	Monday 20 th April	Friday 22 nd May
Half Term Break	Monday 25 th May	Monday 1 st June
Term 6	Tuesday 2 nd June	Friday 17 th July

INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd September
Tuesday 3rd September
Monday 4th November
Monday 1st June
INSET 5 - Twilights x 2



Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May 2020
Friday 10th April (Good Friday)
Monday 13th April (Easter Monday)