



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The pupils and class teams have settled well after the summer break and all classes are now working with their new timetables.

**Latest School News:**

We've had an exciting and busy last few weeks with many events and activities taking place across the school:

- The pupils (and staff!) enjoyed meeting the **alpacas** that visited our playground last week. We're hoping that more furry friends will be visiting the school over the course of the year!
- Thanks to our fantastic Nursery pupils and staff who organised a very successful '**Jeans for Genes Day**' and managed to raise £117 for the charity. Double denim is well and truly back in fashion at Oaklands!
- It was great to see so many parents, carers, grandparents and friends joining us for our very first **B.O.A.T.S.** (Bring Our Adults To School) day in September. We hope you enjoyed taking part in Circle Time and wheelchair dancing with your child and getting the opportunity to chat and share a coffee with other parents and carers.
- Our **Harvest Assembly** on Friday was a great opportunity for the pupils, staff and parents of Oaklands to support members of our local community with donations to the local food bank. We also enjoyed a Harvest song (with Rev Dan on the guitar) and took part in a Harvest poem for National Poetry Day. Thanks to Class 3, who organised the collection and who will deliver the goods to the food bank this Wednesday, and to you all for your generous donations. We were overwhelmed by the kindness of the Oaklands community.
- It was lovely to welcome a group of volunteers from Edinburgh University who donated a day to '**Make a Difference**' – a project that promotes communities coming together to improve the lives of others. They worked tirelessly on Friday on numerous jobs around our school grounds and outdoor space. We are all very grateful for their efforts.



## School Quality Improvement Plan (SQIP)

We are well into the school session and there are a number of development activities taking place across the school. In order to give you flavour of what we have planned for the year ahead I have attached a copy of our Standards and Quality report and Improvement Plan (SQIP) summary for the session ahead.

The full copy of our SQIP can be accessed on our school website: [www.oaklandsedinburgh.com](http://www.oaklandsedinburgh.com). If you would like to discuss any detail of the SQIP please don't hesitate to give me a call at school.

### Dates for your Diary

There's lots happening at Oaklands over the next few weeks. Here are a few key dates for your diary:



Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Council AGM (6.30pm at Oaklands School – <b>ALL PARENTS, CARERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL WELCOME</b> )
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	End of School Term
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupils return to school
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Family film night at Oaklands ( <b>More information coming home soon!</b> )

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Morna