



May 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're now three weeks into our summer term and are pleased that Oaklands continues to be a hub of activity and excitement.

Every day, we are astounded by the achievements of our children and young people and we're very proud of our learning environment. On Tuesday, our staff will be participating in training to enhance and create ideas to extend the learning opportunities we offer. We hope the day will be valuable, with a long-term impact for our students.

### *Ready, Steady, Go! Visit to Oaklands:*

On Monday, we had a City of Edinburgh Council 'Supported Self-evaluation' visit with Anna Gray, (Special School Manager) and two other Edinburgh council officers. They visited classes and looked at supporting evidence in the area of - **Personalised Support**. They also spoke to one parent representative from our School Council and a number of our partner agencies.



The feedback from the day was extremely positive with comments made about the very positive ethos across the school and how well the children are supported as individuals. We were thrilled to hear this as these two aspects are at the heart of everything we do at Oaklands.

### *Now we're Innowalking:*

The Innowalk appeal keeps going from strength to strength and the amount raised from the Virtual Marathon was over £3500! – we will be sending home a separate update of all monies raised so far next week.

The generosity of our parents, families and friends has astounded us and we **cannot thank you enough**. We are now well on the way to purchasing our second Innowalk Pro and this week, had Innowalk reps in school this week training staff in how to use the equipment.

It's early days but already we are beginning to see the benefits of such a specialised piece of equipment.

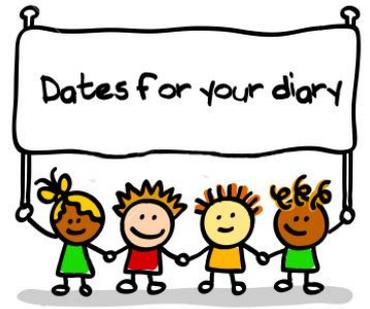
## Dates for your Diary:

As we begin to race through the summer term I would like to give you advanced notice of some activities and events.

This last term is always the busiest. There will also be class outings and small group outings – details of which we will send out to the parents of the children involved.

Please see below key events over the next two months:

- 🌿 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – May Day Holiday (School closed to staff and pupils)
- 🌿 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May - In service day for staff (School closed to pupils)
- 🌿 **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm – Parent and Carers Council – ALL WELCOME**
- 🌿 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Annual MOVE day celebration – All Welcome
- 🌿 Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May – volunteer group (Edinburgh Accies) help with garden maintenance
- 🌿 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday (School closed to staff and pupils)
- 🌿 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May- Parent Consultations and Meet the Teacher for session 18/19
- 🌿 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day – All Welcome
- 🌿 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Transition – Pupils to new classes for the afternoon
- 🌿 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Nursery Graduation
- 🌿 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Achievement Day – All welcome
- 🌿 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Last Day



I hope you enjoy the Bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing some of you at the Parent Council meeting next Wednesday and the MOVE day the following week.

Kind Regards,

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