



The Oakleaf

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Weekly Newsletter

WEEK COMMENCING: 11/01/2021 (Menu Week 2)

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Dear Parents/ Carers

It's hard to wish everyone a happy new year when the country finds itself in another national lockdown and we all are trying to find new ways of working once again. However, I do hope that you managed to have a break over Christmas with your immediate family.

There have been lots of headteachers sharing their letters regarding the situation we find ourselves in on social media but, I think by now, you probably know that it's not really my way! What I do want to say to you all is if you are at home with your children, please just do what you can when you can.

This is not home schooling (as this is a choice that families sometimes make for their children), it is remote education. Now we have the appropriate technology in place, we can ensure that your children have learning experiences delivered by a familiar teacher every day. Whilst I know that this new technology can be quite daunting, we have our staff team on call during the school day to help you through this. Please just ask us!

There is no pressure to work with children from 9am until 3pm- you must make sure that you make the pre-recorded sessions work for you and your family, which is why we have extended the deadlines on all assignments to accommodate this. However, in government guidance published yesterday, there is an expectation that we provide and maintain a specific number of hours of remote education every day. Please remember to use your year group "help" emails to ask any questions that you have around your child's work.

Once again, I find myself commenting on the strength of our school community. Thank you for your understanding as the school responds to restrictions beyond our control; we are very grateful for your messages of support and the positive feedback on the work of the school. The staff team have risen to the significant challenges they have faced this week with tenacity and commitment- I don't think any of us could ask any more of them individually or as a team.

With best wishes

Catherine Forrester

Meadow Vale Primary School is committed to providing remote education for pupils

using Microsoft Office 365 and Teams.

Please remember to use the help emails for support:

Nurseryhelp@meadowvaleprimary.com

YRhelp@meadowvaleprimary.com

Y1help@meadowvaleprimary.com

Y2help@meadowvaleprimary.com

Y3help@meadowvaleprimary.com

Y4help@meadowvaleprimary.com

Y5help@meadowvaleprimary.com

Y6help@meadowvaleprimary.com

A HUGE THANK YOU

To everyone for supporting last term's 'Sparkly Day'

We raised an incredible **£534.86** which has been split between the Bracknell Food Bank and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

THANK YOU

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Does your child's date of birth fall on or between 1 September 2016 – 31 August 2017?

Apply for a school place!

Admission September 2021

Bracknell Forest Residents only

Apply Online



www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforprimary

Open between

5 November 2020 - 15 January 2021



We have been made aware that it may be possible to access online learning (O365/Teams) from a PlayStation or Xbox: This may be useful for families who have access to one of these consoles, but please be aware that we are unable to provide specific help/support on these devices.

Using Xbox or PlayStation to access Office 365

Accessing your remote learning. An alternative method of accessing remote learning during times of lockdown.

Xbox

1. Plug a keyboard in to the Xbox USB slot (less than £10 from Amazon)
2. Go in to my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in [Office 365](https://office365.com) and log in as you would in school
5. You can then access your work and use key packages including:
 - Word
 - Excel
 - PowerPoint
 - Teams
 - Your emails
6. To move around you use the Xbox controller or plug in a mouse

PlayStation

1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it)
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go in to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type in [Office 365](https://office365.com) and log in as you would in school
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Keeping the UK's most vulnerable connected, O2 is providing 40GB free data to home schooling families. Find out more <http://news.o2.co.uk/.../o2-provides-40gb-free-data-to.../>
<https://dy.si/3YX9g>

