



# Oakhyrst Grange School

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Dear Parents

This is probably the most unusual end of term letter that I am ever likely to write as a result of the pandemic that we are all now experiencing.

It goes without saying that as soon as the Prime Minister lifts the enforced closure of schools we will open immediately, allowing for our term dates as they are already published. We will resume teaching remotely on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and we will go into the Easter break on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Those parents who are key workers that we have already identified will be able to send their children into school using the same arrangements that we are currently employing from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

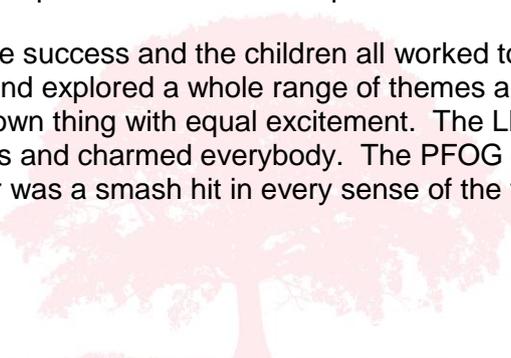
I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that Miss Harrington will be leaving us at the end of this term, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March for personal reasons. I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing her a successful and happy future. The role will be covered internally in the immediate short term and I will keep you posted of any developments as soon as possible.

The following words are an edited version of the PFOG Nutshell article that I prepared recently.

I can report we had a successful Which Schools' Next evening. So far this term Years 4, 3, 2, 1, KG and LKG have given us wonderful assemblies. It really is amazing how confident the children are and how well they perform. The usual Easter assembly was delivered by Years 5 and 6 and went ahead on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March but sadly with no audience, other than the rest of the school.

We have enjoyed a number of sporting fixtures in football, hockey, cross country and netball and there have been swimming matches during the term too. The KG class have been busy with trips to Pizza Express and Waitrose. Year 1 and KG combined went on a theatre visit to see Zog. Year 4 gave us a lovely Class Concert and the musical highlight of the year so far was the Spring Concert delivered by pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6. Our debating team came an unofficial second at the Epsom College Public Speaking event and Healy D, Year 5 won the prize as the best Chairperson.

World book day was a huge success and the children all worked together in mixed age groups from Years 2 to 6 and explored a whole range of themes and literary topics. The younger children did their own thing with equal excitement. The LKG children dressed in various character costumes and charmed everybody. The PFOG experience day with Chris the Samba Drummer was a smash hit in every sense of the word. The children loved it, thank you PFOG.



*Mighty oaks from little acorns grow*

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This is a very difficult time, but we must remain optimistic and calm for the sake of the children. I really do appreciate all of the parental support that keeps us in a positive place. Myself and my staff continue to work tirelessly for the good of the children and their education.

Thank you for your continued help and support. I trust that you will all have a safe and happy family Easter holiday in whatever form it comes.

With sincere best wishes

Mr Alex Gear  
Headmaster