

### Home Involvement

#### Reading

We appreciate it if the children bring their reading diary and book into school every day. This is particularly important on Tuesday as we hear each child read and update the "How many times have we read at home?" display in the window.

#### Absence

For each day of absence your child misses 390 minutes of learning.  
That includes:

60 minutes of teacher taught Mathematics lessons.

60 minutes of teacher taught English lessons.

20 minutes of teacher taught Personal, Social and Emotional Development lessons.

30 minutes of small group work.

4 pieces of work.

60 minutes of outdoor play with older children.

This is why it is extremely important to come to school even with a cough or snuffle!

#### Snack, PE and Stay and Read

Please could you ensure that you are paying your snack money promptly, at the start of the week.

We teach PE on a Wednesday, please make sure you have your kit!

We have stay and read on a Wednesday morning, it is a great way to read with your child in class.



## GREEN OAKS PRIMARY ACADEMY

# Class Newsletter



## Woodpecker Class

## Summer 1 —2018

**Miss Kovacs, Miss McMillan and Miss  
Kifer**

## Our theme is Traditional Tales

**Last term - Only 13 weeks left until we move up to Year 1!**

We had lots of hands on learning for our Science Week. We grew beans, spinach and cress. We linked our learning to Jack and the Beanstalk. Some of our beans grew just as tall as the one in the story!

We all enjoyed our trip to Woburn Safari park. We saw lots of animals including lions, elephants and zebras. Thank you for your support with financing the trip and ensuring your child had an appropriate lunch and medication if needed.



### **Phonics , Writing and Reading**

We are continuing our work of applying Phase 3 phonemes. By the end of Reception, we aim for all children to independently write a simple sentence and use the sounds to spell phonetically. We really appreciate all the support you provide at home, it really makes a difference.. You can find the

sounds on the Letters and Sounds website.

Some of us are using adjectives and connectives such as “and” in our work. This lengthens our sentences and makes them more interesting to read which is something we are aiming for.

### **Maths**

We have been focusing on addition and subtraction. I am very impressed with the children’s confidence using addition however we all need to continue prac-

ticing subtraction. At school, the children are taught to work out the calculation by using their fingers, counting back in their head, using a number line or drawing dots to represent each number. You could support your child at home by writing calculations and supporting them to choose a method to use.

This term we will be starting to use money. We will be learning the value of coins. It would be helpful to use coins when buying things at the shop. This gives your child the opportunity to count the change and to witness the coins being used in real life.

