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Dear parents /carers,

Start of Term Message

A warm welcome back to everyone in our Oatlands Junior School community, especially to the new children and parents who have joined us. I hope you all enjoyed a great summer holiday.

It has been a super, positive start to the new academic year, with all class teachers commenting on how the children are happy and enthusiastic to learn. The children have come into school looking so smart in their school uniforms, well organised with everything they need and are enjoying settling into their new classes. A special well done to our Year 3 pupils and new starters in other year groups, who are continuing to settle in well and make new friends.

A reminder that we look forward to seeing you all in school next week, for our annual start of year parents' meetings. We will be sharing important information about what will be happening in your child's year group in the year ahead and how you can support at home. This is also an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher. **These are for parents/carers only:**

Years 5 and 6 – Monday 9th September

Years 3 and 4 – Tuesday 10th September



RED Award

Following a thorough assessment from *Red Kite Alliance*, I am proud to announce that we are only the fifth primary school to achieve the *RED Award*, in recognition of our work to embed a culture of mutual respect, to champion equality and to celebrate diversity. *'We are tolerant and respect one another'* is an important OJS value and we are committed to *'promoting Equality and Diversity'*, as this is one of our golden curriculum threads.

Within the feedback report, we were praised that this *"...infiltrates many important facets of your school life beyond the day to day, as evidenced via assemblies and displays which all promote Fundamental British Values and the Protected Characteristics and celebrate the diversity of your pupils and staff. An inclusive ethos is impressively peppered throughout school policies, such as anti-bullying and the curriculum vision. You entice the curious minds of each year group to 'go further' and 'be diverse', by exploring 'diverse opportunities' to enhance their cultural capital. Many congratulations on all that you continue to do to promote and celebrate diversity as a school – keep up the great work!"*





Schools Games Award – Platinum

I am delighted to share with you all that we have been awarded this for the first time; following previous successive years of achieving Gold. A huge thank you to Miss Bakes for all her hard work into making sure there is a varied range of high-quality sporting opportunities on offer for boys and girls, both inside and outside of the school day. We are very proud of our participation in a range of sporting competitions and our successes. Well done! At the end of each term, Miss Bakes provides a sporting round-up of all that we have achieved, which I will share with you throughout the year.

Our weekly news and information will be shared through the school website. This is an accessible and convenient way of keeping up-to-date with school news.

I look forward to sharing all our news and achievements throughout the year in my half-termly letters and would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Estelle Scarth
Headteacher



A reminder that our weekly news and information is shared through the school website. This is an accessible and convenient way of keeping up to date with school news. Remember you can view our weekly achievements and events through our X feed on the school website. For those of you who do not have an X account, you can still see our main school X feed through the school website:

<https://twitter.com/Oatlandsjuniors>

A polite reminder that our X Feed is for sharing celebrations and not a platform for parents/carers/followers to air complaints or negative comments about our school. Please do contact your child's class teacher or me if there is something you are unhappy about, so that we can work together to resolve any issue. Thank you.



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