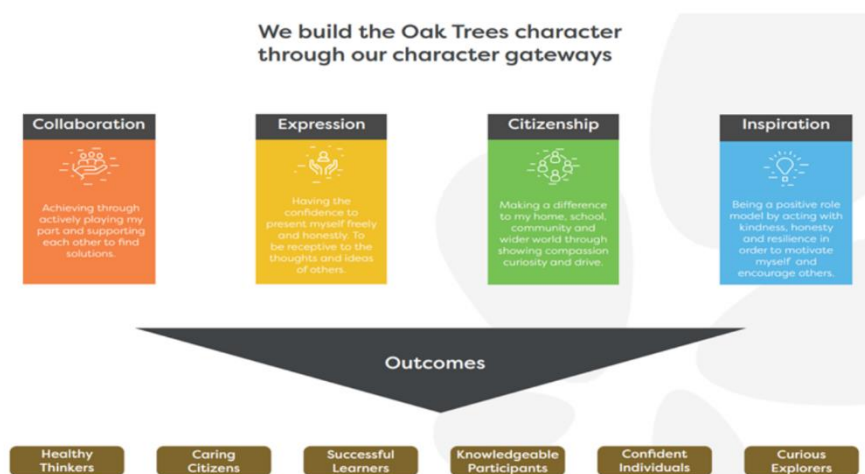


22nd October 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

As you may be aware, all Oak Trees MAT schools are working collaboratively to promote a new Character Development Framework throughout our schools. This framework forms part of our curriculum offer and is also demonstrated through a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities provided to our pupils. The foundation of our Character Development Framework is the promotion of the character values **Collaboration, Expression, Citizenship and Inspiration**. As such, as a MAT we are working hard to plan a series of events across the school year to allow our pupils the opportunity to develop and demonstrate these values.



Therefore, next half term, **all Year 3 pupils** across the Oak Trees MAT are invited to attend a session at Barnstondale Activity Centre. This event will be an exciting opportunity for children to engage in activities that emphasise collaboration, one of our core values. Through a variety of bespoke team-based challenges and adventures, pupils will learn to work together, communicate effectively, and support each other in achieving common goals. Experienced instructors from Barnstondale will lead the activities, with school staff present to support pupils further. The session is designed to be both enjoyable and educational, helping pupils develop their collaborative skills, which are crucial for their overall character development. All activities have been thoroughly risk assessed by Barnstondale staff.

To further facilitate collaboration as a MAT, each group of children attending will have the opportunity to collaborate with children from their own school, as well as Year 3 children from across Oak Trees MAT within their activities. Brackenwood Junior School have been partnered up with Egremont Primary School in the morning and Black Horse Hill Junior School in the afternoon. Children will be placed into 5 groups for each session. Each group will have an instructor and a member of staff from one of the schools present, with a lead adult from each school circulating between groups. The lead adult from each school will also ensure that all necessary medications are available to your child as needed.

Children wear their **PE kit** including suitable outdoor footwear, long trousers and a hoodie/sweatshirt. They should also bring along a waterproof coat. In the case of very poor weather, activities can take place inside.

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Church Drive Primary School
Thingwall Primary School
Hilbre High School



Since this is a half-day visit, children are able to eat lunch at school. If your child is participating in the morning activities they are permitted to bring along a healthy snack in line with usual school policy and everyone should bring named water bottle.

Please visit the Barnstondale Activity Centre website below to find out more about the centre and what they offer.

<https://www.barnstondale.org/>

Oak Trees MAT are delighted to fund 50% of the cost of this experience, reducing the cost for parents to £11.50 per child via Arbor.

Specific Trip Details

The trip will take place on **Thursday 14th November**

Class 3W will take part in activities during the **morning**, whilst **Class 3B** will participate in the **afternoon activities**.

To keep the cost of this visit to a minimum, we are asking for your support in transporting the children to/from Barnstondale Activity Centre.

Class 3W – Parent drop off at Barnstondale Activity Centre at 8:45am. A bus will transport the children back to school in time for lunch and they can be **collected from the school playground as normal at the end of the school day**.

Class 3B – Usual drop off arrangements at the start of the school day. A bus will take the children from school to Barnstondale after they have eaten lunch. They will then take part in the activities during the afternoon. **Parents will need to collect their children from Barnstondale Activity Centre at 3pm.**

Address for drop off/pick up:

Barnstondale Storeton Lane Barnston Wirral, CH61 1BX

For any child who is unable to attend, it is expected that they attend school as normal. Please contact the school office with any issues relating to payment of this trip.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Williams & Mrs Beesley

Reply Slip

My child _____ in class 3W/3B can/cannot attend the collaboration team building day at Barnstondale on Thursday 14th November 2024.

- ☐ I can transport my child to Barnstondale
- ☐ I can transport my child from Barnstondale
- ☐ My Child is in morning Charley's Childcare
- ☐ My child is in after school Charley's Childcare

Parent contact number: _____