



Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—AUTUMN TERM

December	
9th-13th	Assessment Week—All Week
10th	Year 2 Panto at Princess Theatre—10.30am
11th	Singing Club at St Michaels—10am
11th	Reception 'Christmas Singalong'—9.30am and 2pm
12th	Christmas Crafts Workshop 9.00—Book Places with the School Office
12th	Year 2 'The Nativity'—9.30am and 2pm
13th	Christmas Jumper Day/Elf Day—Assembly 9.10am
17th	Year 1 'Jingle Bell Rock'—9.30am and 2pm
19th	Christmas/Christingle Service—9.15am
19th	Last Day of School
January	
6th	Back to School

Headteacher's Surgery

If you would like to discuss any school related matters with me, I will be holding an open surgery every Thursday afternoon. Please contact the office to make an appointment.

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	90.7%	89.7%
Year 1	91.2%	91.6%
Year 2	95%	93.1%

Attendance Reminder

Please be advised that we will ask you to provide medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website. www.oakwoodinfantandnurseryschool.co.uk

This Week

Christmas Bazaar

An enormous thank you to all parents/carers for your donations for the bazaar and for your support in attending last night's Bazaar. A well deserved thank you to the 'Friends of Oakwood' for their hard work in setting up the bazaar and for running this wonderful event. We were delighted to welcome Father Christmas to our festive celebrations and we were so grateful to have his attendance. The total raised was an amazing £1678 (with more to follow).

Singing Club at Corner House

I was delighted to accompany the school choir to the Residential Corner House, where they sang to the elderly residents. The children then took time to talk with residents and enjoyed refreshments. One resident commented, 'The children have made my Christmas'. The children's behavior was outstanding and they made me exceptionally proud. Thank you to Mrs Clampin, our Chair of Governors, who assisted in escorting the children to the residential home.

Next Week

Assessment Week

Next week the children will be completing their assessments. We use these assessments to ensure teaching and learning is pitched accurately to support every child's needs. Please ensure your child is in school all week.

Christmas productions

I have enjoyed seeing the children rehearsing for their Christmas productions this week. They are thoroughly enjoying this time of year. Tickets are available in the school office. Due to space in the hall being very limited, the office will provide two tickers per child. We encourage a donation of 50p per ticket, which will go directly to provide extra-curricular resources for all of the children. Tickets are currently available from the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
 Headteacher

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CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES



Our children are working incredibly hard and each Year group will be taking part in a Christmas Performance that Parents/Carers can attend.

Reception: Christmas Singalong

Wednesday 11th December—9.30am and 2pm

Year 1: Jingle Bell Rock

Tuesday 17th December 9.30am and 2pm

Year 2: The Nativity

Thursday 12th December—9.30am and 2pm

Tickets will be available from the school office at a cost of 50p per ticket.

Golden Table

This Week

Mckenzie, Freddie and Summer for all the extra help given during Christmas dinner.



Next week: **Week 3** of the Dinner Menu.

Last Week of Term: Week 1 (Week Commencing Monday 16th December).

Monday-Wednesday—as per menu.

Thursday (last day of term) will be a different meal as detailed below:

- Chicken Bites
- Vegetarian—Home made bean burger
- Chips/baked beans/peas/salad
- Festive puddings

Clacton Cancer Relay

Our chocolate tombola stall raised an amazing £150 for Clacton Cancer Relay. Well done to Eli who won the chocolate bouquet.

Smoking

Can you please refrain from smoking directly outside the school gates. It has been brought to my attention that children are having to walk through clouds of cigarette/e-cigarette smoke, which in turn can have a negative impact on their health. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Books for Schools Tokens

A reminder that we are collecting Books for Schools Tokens from the Sun Newspaper. We have not had very many handed in yet, so if you have any at home or have friends or relatives who buy the Newspaper, please bring them into school. Thank you for your support.



Christmas Panto



This morning the children enjoyed watching a performance of the pantomime Beauty & the Beast.

Some of the children joined in with the cast after taking part in a workshop.

This picture is of our Year 1 Ambassadors with the cast.



Reception and Year 1 Children

Reception

Reception children will take part in a Story Hunt on 8th January. They will learn about 'Ourselves' and 'People who help us'.



Year 1

Year 1 will take part in a Toy Making Workshop on 9th & 10th January. The children will learn about toy making and will also learn about toys from the past.



Parent Information Coffee Mornings

9.15am—10.00am

Our next Coffee Morning is on:



Friday 13th December

Speaker—Mrs McNamara—Manager of Vulnerable Children, who will be speaking about her role in the school. We look forward to seeing you.

Reception and Year 3 Admissions for academic year starting in September 2020

If you need to apply for a **Reception place or Year 3 place** for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. You can complete your application from **11th November 2019**. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2020**.

From **11th November 2019**, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.