



Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

4th December 2020

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—AUTUMN TERM

December	
9th & 10th	Christmas Dinner: Reception/Year 2: 9th, Year 1: 10th
11th	Christmas Jumper Day
16th	Non Uniform Day/Virtual Pantomime
14th-18th	Christingle
18th	Last Day of School/Christmas Raffle Will Be Drawn
January	
4th	Back to School
Dinner Menu	Next Week is Week 3 (Wednesday/Thursday Christmas Dinners)

Covid 19 Update

We have not had any new cases in the school and thank everybody for supporting our safeguarding procedures. Please continue to adhere to Government guidelines and keep 2 metres apart. We have noticed that some people are not wearing masks. Please ensure you wear a face covering, unless you are medically exempt.

Policing of Covid Rules

The local police have been visiting schools regularly to check the school communities are adhering to Government guidelines.

They have been issuing warnings to parents/carers and have advised these could lead to fines.

Thank you to all members of our school community for your continued support.

Outdoor Play Equipment

In order to limit the spread of Covid and to stop any accidents in the wet weather, please ensure you do not allow your children to play on the equipment outside Nursery/Reception before and after 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.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher
Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

This Week—Right on Time Week

Unfortunately, the Right on Time week was very unsuccessful this week. We are still seeing a large number of children coming into school late and missing their first/second lesson. We will continue to monitor punctuality and hope that this will improve in the weeks to come. Thank you to those who did take part. Winners will be announced next week.



The attendance of Reception children is currently very poor. Please can you ensure this improves next week and that your child attends school each day.

Assessments

This week Years 1 and 2 have taken part in their first week of assessments. I am extremely proud of the progress they have made. Please ensure your child is in school and well rested, as this process will support their final outcome at the end of the academic year.

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	92.4%	92.4%
Year 1	96.8%	96.7%
Year 2	93.7%	96.6%

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 9th December for Reception and Year 2 and Thursday 10th for Year 1.



*9th December—no hot dinner for Year 1

*10th December—no hot dinner for Reception/ Year 2

Christmas Cards

I understand how much the children enjoy sending Christmas cards to their friends. This year due to Covid we are asking that cards are only sent to those within their bubbles and that when cards are sealed, they are tucked in and not stuck down with saliva. Thank you for your understanding.



Cold Weather Play

As you are aware the safety of our children is my highest priority. As the weather becomes a lot colder we monitor the temperature on the school playground regularly. If the temperature falls below 4°C the children will have a combination of indoor and outdoor play.



Government Food Voucher Scheme

The Government will be providing food vouchers over the 2 week Christmas period for those receiving specific benefits.

If you feel you are eligible, please contact the school office.

Breakfast Club Spaces

We currently have breakfast club spaces at a cost of £1.50 per day. If you would like further information please contact the school office.



Reminders

Please ensure your children have the following with them each day:

- Water bottles containing only water
- Labelled clothes, bags
- Warm coats, hats and gloves
- Book bags, reading books and reading diaries.



Non Uniform Day Pantomime



Wednesday 16th December

We would ask that children dress up in a Christmas or Disney theme for this day.

As a special treat for the children we have arranged for them to watch a virtual pantomime within their bubbles and would ask for a £2 donation. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Raffles

Tickets are still available from the school office or your child's class teacher. Any prize donations would be greatly appreciated.

Christingle Service

Our Christingle service this year will be held in bubbles. The Rev Sean Fountain will be filming messages for this event to be shown in class.



Reception and Year 3 Admissions for academic year starting in September 2021

If you need to apply for a **Reception place or Year 3** place for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

The last date for applications is **15th January 2021**.