

## Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

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### Dear Parents

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—SPRING TERM

January	
8th & 10th	Reception Year— Story Hunt (mornings)
9th & 10th	Year 1—Toy Workshop (All day)
13th-17th	Presentation Week
14th	100% Assemblies for Autumn Term— 9.10am & 2.30pm
24th	Woolly Hat Day (supporting the local homeless).

#### Playground Flooding Update

There has been a change to the date for installation of the soak away. The contractors will now be installing it on Friday 20th December. Please also note that the item is 7m x 7m and not 17m as previously stated.

I will update you again on this matter in the New Year.

#### 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	91%	91.7%
Year 1	93.4%	93.1%
Year 2	94.9%	94.3%

#### 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](http://www.oakwoodinfantandnurseryschool.co.uk)

# NEWSLETTER

19 December 2019

#### *This Week*

##### **Christmas Productions**

Year 1 Jingle Bell Rock—Year 1 gave an exceptional performance this week. Thank you to all for attending the production. I was very proud of the children's performance.

##### *Spring Term*

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I look forward to welcoming back our children on Monday 6th January 2020.

##### **Christingle Service**

This Wednesday all the children took part in our Christingle Service. The service was taken by the Rev Sean Fountain and the children listened to the Christmas Story. They then learnt how each part of the Christingle represented parts of the Story they had just listened to. Thank you to Rev Sean for his time.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Maguire-Egan  
Headteacher  
Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

## Thank you message

**£169.70 raised**

The Baptist Church on Pier Avenue wants to thank all who recently collected money to help the Enfold Project. Enfold provides warm meals, housing advice, medical support, counselling and friendship to many homeless and vulnerably housed people in our community.

Your kind and generous donations will enable us to supply food over the Christmas period to those who need it.

Many thanks for your kindness.

The Rev Sean Fountain

### Colouring Competition

Our Catering Manager Mrs Fairhead and her team ran some Christmas colouring competitions. The winners are:

Nursery: 1st—Eliza, 2nd—Lana, 3rd—Wyatt  
Reception 1st-Lilly, 2nd-Ronnie, joint 3rd-Ronan/Kinley  
Year 1: 1st-Amelia, 2nd-Evelyn  
Year 2: 1st-Alyssa H, 2nd-Harriet, 3rd-Maisy-Rose  
Staff: 1st-Mrs Noakes, 2nd-Miss McKenzie

Children have chosen a prize from a selection of goodies such as selection boxes, colouring books and craft items.

Week Commencing 6th January: **Week 2** of the Dinner Menu.

### Reminders for January

- Can you please make sure that your child returns to school in January with a full PE kit. Due to the cold weather can you please also ensure they have jogging bottoms and a warm jumper.
- Can you please make sure that all clothes and bags are clearly labelled.



### Reading Volunteers

If you would like to apply to be a reading volunteer, please contact the school office.



### School Attendance

I have been concerned about attendance recently. I do however, hope to see an improvement in the Spring Term and look forward to seeing all the children on their first day back. I also look forward to the children achieving 100% for the new term.

### School Clubs

All new clubs (including Reception Year) will start in the New Year. Letters will be sent out upon our return to school in January.

### ACL

Adult Community Learning will be running the following information mornings:

#### Play and Communication Workshop

**Thursday 16th January 2020—9.15am—11.15am**

Do you want your child to listen more? Do you find yourself asking your child to do the same thing over and over again? This workshop will give you hints and tips on how to improve communication.

#### Family First Aid Workshop

**Thursday 30th January 2020—9.15am—11.15am**

Our very popular First Aid Workshop is running again. You will learn a range of family first aid skills from being able to save someone's life to dealing with minor injuries in the home.

Spaces will be limited. Please see the school office to put your name down.

### Contact Details

Please make sure you inform the office if any of your contact details have changed. Thank you.



### Ring Found

A ring has been found on the school premises. If you have lost a ring, please contact the school office. Thank 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).