



Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—AUTUMN TERM

November	
30th-11 Dec	Assessment Weeks
December	
11th	Christmas Jumper Day
14th-18th	Christingle
18th	Last Day of School
January	
4th	Back to School

Covid 19 Update

We are aware that cases are rising nationally, however we are pleased to advise that we have not received any positive Covid test results recently with either children or staff.

Due to strict safeguarding procedures and in order to maintain and support remaining Covid free, we would ask that 1 person only brings a child to and from school on a regular basis. Please ensure that when you are dropping off or collecting that you adhere to Government guidelines and keep 2 metres apart. We would also ask that face coverings are worn on the school premises, unless you are medically exempt.

We have noticed that some children are still playing on the play equipment. In order to reduce the spread of the virus, please ensure that when walking around the school, you keep your children off the play equipment.

Our school Risk Assessment is regularly updated and can be viewed on our website.

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

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

Safeguarding Concerns

We are aware that some children are being dropped off and expected to walk into school unsupervised. This is not in the best interest of the safety of the children and all parents/carers are expected to park their cars and bring their children into school in person.

We are also aware that some parents are reversing into the school gates area when arriving and leaving. Please understand no reversing by the school gates or immediately outside the school is permitted as this poses a potential danger to the school community.

Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	89.2%	90.0%
Year 1	91.1%	96.1%
Year 2	94%	95.6%

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.

Homework Packs

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have returned homework packs indicating whether the work was undertaken independently or supported. This and further packs will support individuals overall assessment.

We are currently working with an online learning platform where all key aspects of your child's learning will be covered. Resources for this will be available shortly.

School Photos

Proofs of school photos need to back by 20th November.



Assessment Weeks—Year 1 & Year 2

Years 1 & 2 end of autumn term assessments will take place over 2 weeks from 30th November.

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.

Approaching Other Parents

I would encourage all parents not to approach each other regarding school related matters. Please contact the school office and I will deal with any issues urgently.

Christmas Dinner

Please keep a look out for Christmas dinner arrangements. More details to follow shortly.



English and Maths Courses

Adult Community Learning

ACL can offer online courses in English and Maths. If you would be interested in this type of course to increase your skills set and help support your child please contact the school office to register your interest.

Further information will follow shortly.



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. You can complete your application from **9th November 2020**. Applications can be made online via **www.essex.gov.uk/admissions**

REMINDERS

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a clearly labelled water bottle in school.



Cold Weather

Due to the change in weather please ensure your child comes to school with a jumper, warm winter coat, hat, gloves and scarf, clearly labelled. Thank you.



Reading

Please ensure you read with your child at home and fill in their reading diary.



Homework

Can you ensure that homework tasks are completed independently. Support can be given, however the work should be completed by the child.

Zips & Laces

If your child has a zipped item of clothing or laces in their shoes, it would be wonderful if you could undertake independent practice at home to support them in successfully undertaking these skills.

Remembrance Day

The children learnt about the significance of Remembrance Day in their bubbles this week. Children learnt why Remembrance Day is important, how we need to be grateful and how we can live in peace. They also prayed for the families affected by war.



Throughout the week the children completed some wonderful work, which will be displayed around the school shortly.

Thank you to Reverend Sean Fountain of Pier Avenue Baptist Church who provided a virtual assembly for all of our children. We would also like to thank everybody who donated. Your donations were generously received. We are still collecting and will advise of a total raised shortly.

Children in Need

It was wonderful to see so many children taking part today. We would like to thank everybody who donated for their kind generosity. The total raised will be notified shortly.

