

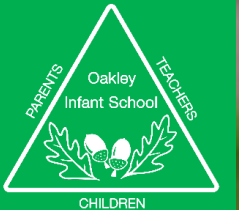
Oakley Infant School



Newsletter

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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

Thank you for being such superb audiences for the children while they performed A Miracle in Town last week. It was so lovely to see you all and to see so many grandparents who are also the most appreciative, I love them being part of the celebration. I would like to thank you all for your generosity for the retiring collection, please pass on my thanks your extended families for being so generous with the retiring collection which totalled about £418.75 which we will spend in the new year on some new fine motor development resources which will be used across the school.

As we reach the end of the autumn term a couple of reminders to help the week run smoothly. We finish at the normal time of 3.15pm on Friday 20 December and we return on Monday 6 January, there is no INSET day.

On Friday Celebration Assembly will be in the morning after drop off. Please come in to the hall at 9.10am. We will celebrate all birthdays up until 5 January 2025.

Finally I hope that you are all able to spend time with your families this Christmas time and have fun together and I look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year.

Happy Christmas!

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher



INSET Days 2024-2025

14 Feb 2025

27 June 2025

20 December- Celebration Assembly
at 9.10am

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A right to an education.



Reading

Well done to **Cherry class** who won the reading challenge last week, their second win. Harvey Bear is going to spend his Christmas Holidays in Cherry class so we will start again in the new year.

W/C	Apple	Cherry	Sycamore	Maple	Willow	Hazel
2.12.24	64%	50%	71%	72%	74%	65%
9.12.24	54%	74%	67%	64%	46%	48%

School Census

In the new year there will be another School Census, this is once again a count of the Universal Infant Lunch numbers so we need as many children as possible to have a hot dinner. The date will creep up on us in the new year very quickly so please click the link to make a choice for your child so that we can be organised for January. The meal choices will be pizza or bubble salmon.

<https://forms.office.com/e/nQBrPvKZAw>

Included with the Newsletter
Reading Round Up

Celebration Assembly- 20 December

On the final day of term Celebration Assembly will be in the morning and we will celebrate all birthdays up until 5 January, if you can make it.

Cranbourne Christmas Card Competition

Thank you to all the children who took part in the competition, Mrs Clarke has sent them off to Cranbourne.

GOL

GOL is finished for this term but will start again in the spring term. If your Year 1 or 2 child would like to attend after Christmas please sign up using the following link

<https://forms.office.com/e/N7p3rMSVLB>

Christmas Post-box

The post-box is still open for cards but please make sure you are monitoring your child's Christmas card contributions. I have been made aware of an unkind message sent to a child in a card posted in the box and delivered to the classroom.

PE Kits

PE kits will be coming home this week. Please have a check through your child's bag as there seems to be a lot of lost kit around the school and a lot of pieces missing. Please make sure you own everything in the bag, if not please return to school and please make sure everything is named before we return in the new year. Unfortunately when it is unnamed it is difficult to reunite with the owner.

We have also noticed, in Year 1 and 2, very sparse kits, children are not coming to school with a full kit.

As a reminder the following should be in their kit bag-

Indoor Kit

Green shorts

White t-shirt

Trainers

Outdoor kit

Old jogging bottoms or leggings

Old jumper

SPARE SOCKS (please include a pair, it is uncomfortable if you have worn tights to school) They are also useful if your child gets wet on their way to school (we have had a lot of rain).

Please NAME everything including items of school uniform.

Christmas Shopping Afternoon- 17 December

Any left over gifts will be on sale after school for £1 each. Please come into the hall after you have collected your child.

Lost Property

There are lots of items of lost property which are unnamed and the children do not recognise them. We will put a table of things outside the office from this afternoon for you to check. Please have a walk around to the office if you do not usually pass that way to see if there is anything which may belong to your child.

Reading Round Up

Mrs Mears has attached this term's Reading Round Up to this newsletter, please take a look.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
17 December	Christmas Dinner- wear your Christmas jumper to join in the fun! Christmas Shopping- make payment on Arbor, bring a shopping bag and the list
19 December	Christmas treat from Friends
20 December	Celebration Assembly at 9.10am for all birthdays up to 5 January
20 December	End of Term- School finishes at 3.15pm
6 January	Spring Term starts at 8.45am