



Oakley Infant School



Newsletter
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Strive, thrive and achieve together



Dear Parents,

This week is Anti-Bullying Week and the focus this year is 'Choose Respect'. In assembly yesterday I talked to the children about what this means linked to bullying. Although it is generally rare to experience bullying at the infant stage as the children are very inclusive, thoughtful and quite fickle; they forget easily and do not hold grudges, that develops as they get older. However, it is important to talk about the subject as early as possible so children grow up understanding it is not acceptable behaviour.

A reminder that bullying is targeted and repeated aggressive behaviour, often using a power imbalance, it is not one off incidents or when children get carried away when they are playing a game; when the game goes wrong (this is a discussion I have often).

This Friday the children should come to school wearing odd socks which demonstrates that it is ok to be different and we all respect our differences.

Going home with the newsletter this week are the topic grids and knowledge organisers for this half term. Please take a little bit of time to review the information making sure your child is aware of the vocabulary and please use it to give you something to talk and prompt your child about school.

On Friday Harvey Bear was won by Cherry class, well done! Harvey Bear is the reading prize and is awarded to the class who have the most children who have read 4 times at home, the school expectation. Please remember to sign your child's reading diary so that they count in the group total. The results are on the next page.

Niamh Hutchings
Headteacher

INSET Days 2024-2025

14 Feb 2025

27 June 2025

Odd Socks Day- 15 November

Celebration Assembly- 22 November at 9.10am

Christmas Fair- 22 November

Non-school uniform Day- 22 November

Article 28

A right to an education.



Reading

A reminder that the expectation is that children should read little and often. We expect the children to read 4 times a week at home and for the adult to sign the reading diary.

Apple and Hazel class have a bit of catching up to do this week.

Apple	Cherry	Sycamore	Maple	Willow	Hazel
50%	83%	65%	79%	72%	56%

Christmas Fair- 22 Nov- 5.30-7.30pm

This year the Christmas Fair will take place on 22 November, in the evening. The children will be invited to wear non-school uniform next Friday, 22 November in exchange for bottles and chocolates for the Christmas tombola.

Christmas Raffle

Please return your raffle tickets and money to school with your child. If you need any more tickets please pop into the office but also if there are tickets you are not going to use please return so they can be used on the evening.

Christmas Dinner

We will be sending out the Christmas dinner menu shortly. Please make a selection for your child so that the kitchen can order our supplies early.

The children will have their Christmas dinner on 17 December and are invited to wear their Christmas jumper or any outfit that day. After dinner the children will also be doing their Christmas shopping with Friends, details will follow.

Year R and Year 3 Applications

The Hampshire portal is open for applications for Year R and Year 3 in September 2025.

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 they will be due to start school in September 2025. Please make sure you log onto the Hampshire portal to make an application. Please remind friends and neighbours with younger children that they need to apply for a school place by 15 January.

Year 2 children will also need to apply for a place at the Junior school. If you have any problems pop into the office who will be able to help.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

PE Kit

There are still children either with no PE kit or half a kit. I was teaching yesterday afternoon and one child had 1 trainer (the kit came from home yesterday morning).

Please make sure your child has everything they need. Please ask them if they have anything missing, they are very good at knowing what they need.

Thank you.

Year 1 Request

In preparation for a DT project the Year 1 team would be grateful for medium sized boxes, a rectangular tissue box size (!). Please save any boxes of this rough size and either hand into the office or give them directly to the Year 1 team.

Thank you.

EARA Group

Mrs Barrett has shared some information about the EARA group's first trip representing Oakley Infant School last week on the next slide. They were a credit to us all.

I have also reattached the information about the NSPCC assembly that will take place this week.

Celebration Assembly- 22 November at 9.10am

Next Friday Celebration assembly will take place after the school drop off at 9.10am. This is so that Friends can start to set up the Christmas Fair in the afternoon.

Don't forget there is no GOL football club next week either.

Loddon Training

I have included a poster from the Loddon Training Group who are holding their final drop in meeting of the year on 21 November. If you have a child who displays challenging behaviour then they have experts available to answer any questions in a casual meet up.

If you want more information about the session please pop into the office and we can put you in contact with a parent who is involved with the group.

Flu Vaccinations

A final call to register your decision about the flu vaccinations. Please log on and register either way so the nursing team has up to date information.

Included with the Newsletter

Year group topic grids

NSPCC information

Loddon Group Information

EARA

Equality and Rights advocates

Oakley Infant School EARA advocates attended their first meeting at Hatch Warren Junior School on Thursday 7th November. The meeting was aimed at understanding the term 'Stereotype' and the children completed several activities that helped them understand discrimination can often be based on gender.

The children discussed different scenarios and decided that it did not matter about gender but that all children should be able to play football, play with dolls, have their hair at a length of their choice and decide on the job that they would like to do.

We are very proud of our children for doing such a wonderful job representing our school. Great job Oakley!



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
15 November	Odd Socks day- children to wear odd socks to school
18 November	Flu Immunisations- please record your decision by 14 November
22 November	Non-school uniform day in exchange for chocolates and bottles for the tombola
22 November	Christmas Fair- no GOL and Celebration Assembly at 9.15am
11 December	Christmas Performance- 10am- Apple, Sycamore and Willow 2pm- Cherry, Maple and Hazel
12 December	Christmas Performance- 10am- Cherry, Maple and Hazel 2pm- Apple, Sycamore and Willow
17 December	Christmas Dinner Christmas Shopping- wear your Christmas jumper to join in the fun!
19 December	Christmas treat from Friends

Flu Vaccinations- a message from the Vaccination Team

Your child's annual Nasal Flu Vaccination is NOW DUE. The vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or life-threatening illness.

Click the link below for the electronic form and information about the vaccine. Access to the form will close two working days prior to the session, 9am Thursday 14 November.

School Code: SH116047

Session date: Monday 18 November 2024

Year Group: Year R - 2

Link to website: [Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme : Hampshire Healthy Families](#)

If you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please submit the form to record your decision. This will enable us to update your child's immunisation record.



We have been given an opportunity to supplement the school budget with any purchases made with Premier Heating Solutions using the following link <https://premierheatingsolutions.co.uk/oakley-primary-referral/>

Any purchases made will generate a donation to the school.

Thank you for considering.