



# Oakley Infant School



## Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the most exciting term of the school year as we work towards the Christmas events. I hope you were able to have a peaceful half term and your child had an opportunity to rest in preparation for this busy few weeks.

This half term Harvey the reading bear will be making his much anticipated return in Celebration Assembly. The bear is awarded to the class who have the most children reading at least 4 times each week. The Reading Diaries are collected in on a Friday morning and the staff do a quick count up based on the number of times the diary has been signed that week. Anyone with 4 or more 'reads' at home is counted towards the class total. The children love to win Harvey in Celebration Assembly on a Friday afternoon so please support your child by reading, and signing, at home.

The deadline for school photos is fast approaching. Please make sure you have ordered by **Friday 8 November** to ensure your school photos are delivered to school free of charge. Orders made after this date will be liable for postage and packing.

The Year R photos taken for The Gazette are also available from the School Office for £1. Please pop into the Office to complete an order form and pop your money into an envelope.

Grotto tickets are also closing shortly, please make sure you have booked your slot by **Wednesday 6 November** so that Santa can get shopping! Please note there will be no tickets available to visit Santa on the evening, they must be purchased in advance.

**Niamh Hutchings**  
**Headteacher**

## INSET Days 2024-2025

14 Feb 2025

27 June 2025

## Deadlines

**Santa's Grotto- 6 November**  
**School Photo- 8 November**

## Article 28

**A right to an education.**



## Christmas Dates

In order to aid your planning the Christmas Play will take place on the following dates- 11 and 12 December. There will be 2 performances on both days at 10am and 2pm as follows-

11 Dec at 10am and 12 Dec at 2pm- Apple, Sycamore and Willow

11 Dec at 2pm and 12 Dec at 10am- Cherry, Maple and Hazel

The audience is for adults only, no other children should attend the performance, either babies, pre-school or children at another school, so that your child gets their own special moment and you can enjoy the performance. I am hoping that this forward notice will enable you to organise child care.

Each child will be able to have 2 tickets which will be able to be taken either for the same performance or spread over both performances to aid childcare.

There are generally more tickets available once everyone has taken their initial pair and we will tell you how to apply for those nearer the time. Unfortunately the hall is not big enough to allow unlimited people and I must comply with fire regulations.

## 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 on 22 November in exchange for bottles and chocolates for the Christmas tombola.

## Dinner Menu

The new menu from Education Caterers started today. I have made a slight amendment and we will not be having the roast beef choice during week 1, this will be replaced with chicken roast.

To clarify chicken roast will be the roast dinner choice on both weeks 1 and 2 going forwards.

## Arbor

If you are struggling to access Arbor please come and speak to the office. Most of the outstanding issues will require the office to help you as there may be duplicates and issues if you have another child on the APP.

It is important you can access it as attendance at Friends events **will only be by using the APP** as well as payment for any school trips etc..

## Spellings- a reminder

The first set of spellings went out with children before half term ready for testing this Friday.

### Included with the Newsletter

Family Swim and Atmosphere Posters (Spotlight)

Anti-Bullying Week information

## PE Kit

Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school with the following in a draw string bag-

- Shorts
- T-shirt
- Trainers
- Old tracksuit bottoms/leggings for outside use
- Old jumper for outside use
- Spare socks

These should all be in a draw string bag **NOT a rucksack**. Unfortunately a rucksack on a peg means no one can hang their coat up properly either side whereas a draw string bag drops below the coats, we have to work with what we have got!

## Christmas raffle

Children will be bringing home raffle tickets today. Please return your completed books with cash to the School office. Please also return any that are not sold so that we can re-distribute to others, there are spares available in the School office if you would like more.

## Donations for Christmas Shopping

As Friends start to prepare for the Christmas events they are looking for donations of gift items for the Christmas Shopping for the children. In particular they are in need of gifts suitable for the dads and grandads, although all gift items are welcomed.

## Wraparound Care

A reminder that parents are not to drive up the school drive to collect children after clubs. This is the same for Breakfast Club. **Please do not use the school drive after 8am**, please use the parking at the bottom of the drive which is usually empty at that time.

## PSHE Curriculum

Mrs Barrett has shared the information for this term's focus 'Celebrating Differences' on the next slide. Next week we will be having a focus on anti-bullying and we would like the children to wear odd socks to school on Friday 15 November. There is a letter attached with information.

## Lagoon Family Swim and Atmosphere Family Jump

Please find attached two posters: one for discounted swim at the leisure park this weekend in conjunction with Spotlight and the other for discounted tickets at Atmosphere Family Jump on Wednesday 6 November.

Jigsaw is a progressive scheme supports our work in our Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) curriculum.

## 'Celebrating Differences'



This half term, our puzzle piece is ...

This puzzle piece includes children being encouraged to think about things that they are good at whilst understanding that everyone is good at different things.

They talk about the differences between people and that these make us unique and special but also the similarities and recognising that we are the same in some ways.

The children talk about friendship, how to make friends, how to be a kind friend and that it is ok to have differences from their friends. The children learn how to stand up for themselves if someone says or does something unkind to them. They begin to learn what bullying is and what it isn't. They talk about how it might feel to be bullied and when and who to ask for help. In Year 2, the class talk about gender stereotypes and that boys and girls can have differences and similarities and that is OK.

Key Vocabulary	Knowledge	Social and Emotional skills	Questions for Family learning
<p>different, difference same, similar similarity special, unique friends, feelings emotions, proud kind, unkind, happy sad, angry, lonely frightened, friends family, safe, bully bullying, behaviour bullied, deliberate, fairness, fair, unfair, deliberate, on purpose, included celebrations, boys, girls, assumptions, stereotypes, help stand up for, male female, diversity friends, value</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Know what being proud means and that people can be proud of different things.</li> <li>• Know the names of some emotions such as happy, sad, frightened, angry.</li> <li>• Know that people have differences and similarities.</li> <li>• Know that people can be good at different things.</li> <li>• Know what being unique means.</li> <li>• Know that families can be different.</li> <li>• Know some qualities of a positive friendship.</li> <li>• Know that they don't have to be 'the same as' to be a friend.</li> <li>• Know different ways of making friends.</li> <li>• Know different ways to stand up for myself.</li> <li>• Know what bullying means.</li> <li>• Know who to tell if they or someone else is being bullied or is feeling unhappy.</li> <li>• Know skills to make friendships.</li> <li>• Know that people are unique and that it is OK to be different.</li> <li>• Know there are stereotypes about boys and girls</li> <li>• Know that it is OK not to conform to gender stereotypes</li> <li>• Know that sometimes people get bullied because of difference</li> <li>• Know the difference between right and wrong and the role that choice has to play in this</li> <li>• Know that friends can be different and still be friends</li> <li>• Know where to get help if being bullied</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify feelings associated with being proud</li> <li>• Identify things they are good at and verbalise attributes that make them unique and special.</li> <li>• Identify some ways they can be different and the same as others</li> <li>• Recognise similarities and differences between their family and other families</li> <li>• Identify and use skills to make a friend</li> <li>• Identify and use skills to stand up for themselves</li> <li>• Recognise emotions when they or someone else is upset, frightened or angry</li> <li>• Recognise ways in which they are the same as their friends and ways they are different</li> <li>• Identify what is bullying and what isn't</li> <li>• Understand and explain how being bullied might feel</li> <li>• Know ways to help a person who is being bullied</li> <li>• Know how to stand up for themselves when they need to</li> <li>• Identify emotions associated with making a new friend</li> <li>• Understand that boys and girls can be similar in lots of ways and that is OK</li> <li>• Recognise that they shouldn't judge people because they are different</li> <li>• Understand that everyone's differences make them special and unique</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are you good at doing?</li> <li>• Can you say how you are different from a friend?</li> <li>• Can you say how you are the same as a friend?</li> <li>• What makes a family?</li> <li>• What makes you proud?</li> <li>• Are all families the same?</li> <li>• What can you do to make a friend?</li> <li>• How can you tell when someone is feeling sad, angry or upset?</li> <li>• If someone is making you feel sad or upset what can you do about it?</li> <li>• What is bullying?</li> <li>• Do all boys have to be the same, and all girls have to be the same?</li> <li>• How do you feel about this?</li> <li>• Are stereotypes fair?</li> <li>• Can a person be friends with someone who is different from them?</li> <li>• Can we choose how we treat other people?</li> <li>• Can being different be used as a reason for bullying?</li> <li>• How do you feel about that?</li> <li>• If you were worried about bullying what could you do?</li> </ul>

## 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.**

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
<b>6 November</b>	Santa's Grotto ticket deadline- order on Arbor
<b>8 November</b>	School Photo order deadline
<b>15 November</b>	Odd Socks day- children to wear odd socks to school
<b>18 November</b>	Flu Immunisations- please record your decision by 9am on 14 November
<b>22 November</b>	Non-school uniform day in exchange for chocolates and bottles for the tombola
<b>22 November</b>	Christmas Fair- no GOL and Celebration Assembly at 9.15am
<b>11 December</b>	Christmas Performance- 10am- Apple, Sycamore and Willow 2pm- Cherry, Maple and Hazel
<b>12 December</b>	Christmas Performance- 10am- Cherry, Maple and Hazel 2pm- Apple, Sycamore and Willow
<b>17 December</b>	Christmas Dinner Christmas Shopping- wear your Christmas jumper to join in the fun!
<b>19 December</b>	Christmas treat from Friends