



Oakhurst News

Oakhurst Community Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter

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Next issue: Tuesday 12th December 2017

December Diary Dates

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| 1 st | Non-uniform day for chocolate/bottle donation for the Christmas Fayre |
| 5 th | 9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms |
| 6 th | Christmas lunch: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 |
| 7 th | Christmas lunch: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 |
| 8 th | Infant Christmas play – dress rehearsal to school |
| 9 th | Oakhurst PFA event – Christmas Fayre – further details to follow |
| 11 th | 1:30pm: Infant Christmas play to parents 6:30pm: Infant Christmas play to parents Newsletter published on website [Edition 173] 9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms |
| 12 th | 9:30am: Infant Christmas play to parents 6:30pm: Infant Christmas play to parents |
| 13 th | 6:30pm: KS2 Christmas Carol Service Boccia event |



Staff Car Park

This is just a little reminder to remind parents and carers not to park in the staff car park at pick-up and drop-off times unless they have a badge.

When parking, please do so respectfully.

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Dear parents and carers,

First of all, I'd like to thank all of our parents and carers who joined us on Parent Consultation Evenings this term. Thank you for all of your positive feedback in relation to the work and endeavours of our school staff and the running of the evening. We hope you found it useful to have the opportunity to speak with members of our PFA and school governing body, too.

It was nice to see some new faces at the PFA's annual general meeting. As this group continues to grow in numbers, so too will their capacity to coordinate increasingly ambitious events and activities.

We are fast approaching some very exciting events here at school as we make our way through our most festive term of the year! We highly recommend sticking the list of dates on the left on your fridge so you do not miss out. One particular date you may wish to be aware of that is not on that list is Monday 4th December. On this date, tickets for the Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Christmas production will be going on sale. Make sure you purchase your tickets by Wednesday 6th December in order to secure your seats at the shows. Tickets will go on general sale on Friday 8th December. SCHOOP notifications and letters have also been sent out about this.

On the 4th of December, our Reception children will be having their weight and height measurements taken by a nurse from Swindon Borough Council.

I know I popped this into a newsletter earlier this term, but I would just like to remind you about securing your children's bikes and scooters when they are left on site and to ensure that these are taken home at the end of each school day – particularly on a Friday. At this time of year, higher rates of theft can be observed during the festive period.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Christmas Fayre!

Best Wishes


P. Strange
Acting Headteacher

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Our PFA have asked me to share some very exciting news regarding fundraising from the events they have held recently.

The Christmas card fundraiser raised a total of **£409.35**

The Scarecrow trail event raised a total of **£306.15**

Thank you for your ongoing support of these endeavours and events – it means the world to us. The money raised by the PFA enables us to provide enrichment opportunities for our children beyond the confines of school budgets.

Coffee stop would like to say congratulations to Jess on her new baby Harrison. Aaron and Eleanor are proud of their new baby brother.



Anti-bullying week visitor

Oakhurst would like to say a huge thank you to **Jenny**, who came in to speak to classes about disability and challenges as part of **anti-bullying week**.

The children found this to be a fantastic experience and Jenny's talks were both inspiring and insightful. We have heard lots of positive feedback from parents about this event, too!

Pupil Premium

You may have seen our recent correspondence about applying for pupil premium funding. Please do enquire at the office if you feel you may qualify.

Although the school do make contributions towards trips and residential visits, the main purpose of this money is to support children's academic attainment in the classroom.

This term, we have been running the following initiatives in order to support our pupil premium children:

- A sibling intervention group led by our Family Support Workers – focusing on building relationships, sharing, behaviour, and listening and compromising.
- Mentoring sessions
- Maths Whizz
- Class-based intervention groups and additional support from class teaching assistant



Coffee Stop

Coffee stop is open for all parents to attend every Tuesday from 9:00am.

This is an opportunity for parents to come and speak to our Family Support Workers and for parents to network. Our Family Support Workers look forward to seeing you there!