



# Oakhurst News

Oakhurst Community Primary School's Fortnightly Newsletter

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Next issue: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

## January Diary Dates

1st	BANK HOLIDAY - School closed
2nd	<b>TERM 3 BEGINS</b> Newsletter published on website [Edition 174] 9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms
5th	Topic webs and termly letters published on website
9th	9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms
10th	Year 5/6 hockey event
12th	Young voices choir concert – details to follow
16th	Newsletter published on website [Edition 175] 9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms
18th	<b>Oakhurst PFA meeting</b>
23rd	9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms
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24th	Full Governing Body meeting Year 5/6 football event
30th	Swindon Dance Festival Newsletter published on website [Edition 177] 9:00 – 10:00am: Coffee Stop – community rooms



### School Meal Orders

School meals for the first week back after Christmas need to be ordered by **midnight 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

If you miss the deadline, please don't forget to send your child in with a packed lunch.

## HEAD-itorial



Dear parents and carers,

I can scarcely believe that we are at the end of Term 2 already! And what a fantastic journey it has been...

I want to begin by saying a **huge** thank you to **Oakhurst School PFA** for a **wonderfully festive** and **incredibly enjoyable Christmas Fayre!** Thank you to all of you who joined us for the event, too. As a result, we have raised **over £2,000** for the school.

Our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas productions of '*A King is Born*' are currently in full-swing. I'm sure that those of you who have seen it already will agree with me that it is quite the spectacle. Here, I need to say thank you to everyone who makes this event possible. Firstly, thank you to all of the staff within school, who volunteer their time to organise and run this event. Secondly, thank you to all of our parents and carers, who assist in sourcing and making costumes and support us by bringing their children back to school for evening performances. Lastly, thank you to all of the children, who get up on stage and give it their all. If you are yet to see it, you are in for a real Christmas treat (be on the lookout for the joke about the achy Wise Men!).

As you will have seen from our SCHOOP messages this week, we have had to make some changes to the dates and times of performances as a result of the adverse weather conditions. Monday evening's performance of '*A King is Born*' will now take place at 6:30pm on Wednesday. Our annual **Carol Service** to parents will still go ahead and will now take place **on Friday morning at 9:15am**. We thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter and hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us for this event, too. We would like to extend our thanks also to Mr Jones for the upkeep of the site during such challenging weather.

To finish, I would like to wish all of our families a very **happy Christmas** and a **joyous New Year**. We'll see you all back at school bright and early on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**.

Best Wishes

Mr Paul Strange  
Acting Headteacher

## wow moments

Lola from Darwin Class, completed the 5k Santa run at Lydiard Park! Her family are very proud that she managed the entire distance with the grown-ups! She had a lot of fun running alongside all the Santas! Well done Lola!

This term, Lily from Belfast Class completed the Reindeer Run for the radiotherapy appeal. She did an absolutely amazing job and completed it in 40 minutes! Her family are all very proud of her. Well done Lily!

Logan from Rome Class achieved his Stage 3 and 10m swimming badges this weekend. He's worked so hard to get these and Mum, Dad and Ellie are all so proud of him! Well done Logan!

Are you doing something over the Christmas break that will wow us? Please do keep sending in your wow moments so that we can celebrate your outside-of-school achievements, too!



## After School Club appeal



Our After School Club have asked us to put out an appeal to parents and carers.

As we creep closer to the Christmas break, do you have any **good quality toys, games or books** at home that would benefit from a new home at after school club?

If you do have a sort out at home and would like to donate anything to after school club, I know that they would be very grateful for any additional resources.

Please accept our thanks in advance.

## Childcare sufficiency assessment



Swindon Borough Council are currently in the process of updating the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA).

As part of this process, a key aspect of this research is to consult with parents. There is an online survey which can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SwindonCSA2017>

The survey asks parents and carers about the childcare they currently use in Swindon and also seeks to find out about whether parents or carers have ever experienced any barriers to accessing childcare; including applying for and using their free entitlements – i.e the 15 free hours for 2 year olds or 3 and 4 year olds, or the 30 hour offer. The survey can be completed by all parents and carers, whether or not they are currently using childcare.

## Keep on reading!



Please do keep on reading over the Christmas break and set your sights on achieving as many reading nights as possible.

I can't wait to hear all about the exciting new books you've been sinking your teeth into when we come back to school in the New Year!