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3rd December 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy week it has been with pantomime performances, reward afternoons, visits from Santa and lots of lovely learning happening! The classrooms and building are starting to feel and look more like Christmas and we hope that Christmas plans will go ahead (please see the table on the next page). It is a slightly different Christmas than what we were used to, a few years ago, but we hope that the children will still enjoy the events all the same.

You will have read the most up to date guidance that we shared- yesterday- from Public Health. We would ask that parents continue to stagger for drop off time and not to gather outside the school gates.

Any parent visiting school will be asked to wear a face covering in line with current guidance too. For the whole update please see [here](#).

Please remember that school is closed on Monday 6th December for staff training.

We hope that all of our families enjoy the weekend and the weather is better than last weekend!

Bernadette

Swap Shop

Our Swap Shop is well stocked with nearly new items including winter coats.

We would hope that as the weather turns colder that more families would consider requesting a winter coat or general uniform items.

This would hopefully save families some money in the lead up to Christmas.

If you would like to request any items from our Swap Shop please contact Rachel C on 01027 502938 option 4 or on the school mobile.

Tapestry Advent Calendar

Instead of having our usual Christmas gatherings during the festive period, classes will be sharing Christmas messages via Tapestry.

These messages will be shared, daily, Monday to Friday but there will be a special Christmas Day (Saturday 25th) message for all of our families.

We will continue to share, on Facebook, which class message will be published that day so that no one misses out.

So far, we have had messages from Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and they have been fantastic!

After School Club

There will be no After School Club on Monday 6th December, Monday 13th December and Friday 17th December. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience caused.

Dates for your diary

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| Friday 3 rd December | Pantomime visiting school | Whole School |
| Monday 6 th December | School Closed for Staff Training | Whole School |
| Friday 10 th December | Christmas Jumper Day | Whole School |
| Wednesday 15 th December | Christmas Lunch Day | Whole School |
| Thursday 16 th December | Christmas Party Day | Whole School |
| Friday 17 th December | School closes for the holidays at 3pm (please note there will be no After School Club on this day). | Whole School |

Winter Vouchers

The Local Authority are going to provide Winter Vouchers to support families, in receipt of free school meals, to support with household bills over the winter period. We are hoping that these will be sent to school so that we can share them with families before the Christmas holidays. Each child entitled will receive a voucher of £60.

Dogs in the playground

We would kindly like to remind parents that dogs are not permitted in school grounds even on a lead.

Children walking to school

Children in Years 3 to Year 6 can be given permission to walk to school. We would ask that any children younger than Year 3 be accompanied to school by an adult. We are unable to allow older siblings to walk younger siblings to school.

If parents/carers would like to promote independence, may I suggest that children in Year 1 and upwards be allowed to walk to their entry point from the school gates. Please remember that each entry point has an adult to greet children each morning. Any questions or queries can be directed to a member of staff and these will be passed on to the relevant staff member. Thank you.

Traffic along Oakfield Lane

- We kindly ask that parents and carers dropping off and collecting follow the one- way system to alleviate congestion.
- We also ask that cars do not park opposite the school gates so children and families can cross safely.
- Parents/carers should adhere to the staggered timings when dropping off (only 8.30am for Nursery and their siblings) and 8.35-8.50am for all other children.
- Please also consider your speed as you drive along Oakfield Lane.
- Lastly, we would ask that parents do not sit for long periods of time, along Oakfield Lane, with their engines running waiting to collect children.

Thank you for your continued support and making drop off and collection times safer!