

Newsletter

Autumn term

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17th December 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

We have come to the end of another fabulous term and I have been so proud to see all the children grow in confidence this year.

In these strange times, we have, unfortunately, not been able to invite parents into school to share our festive celebrations, however rest assured, that the children have had lots of fun. Each class proudly performed their Christmas song to the whole school in an outdoor assembly on the playground last week. It was a pleasure to see all of the children participating in a live concert and hope that we will be able to have visitors next year to showcase our talents to a larger audience.

Most classes have enjoyed cooking festive food to share and enjoy, the aroma of gingerbread and biscuits has been wafting nicely around school. Ospreys and Kestrels prepared their treats around the firepit before singing Christmas songs and playing games outside-what a lovely afternoon!

The school kitchen staff did an amazing job and provided a superb Christmas dinner last Thursday for all those children who chose to have one-well done ladies!

I set the teachers an almost impossible task by asking them to choose a child from their class to be awarded Pupil of the Term. At our end of term assembly the teachers explain the reasons for their choice and we have an opportunity to celebrate these great achievements, as well as spelling bee results, merits and birthdays.

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that, due to personal reasons, Mrs Rowland will be stepping down from the position of Year 2 class teacher. She won't be a stranger to us as she will be undertaking another role in school. We are delighted to say that Skylarks class will be taught by Mrs Matthews in January. She is a very experienced teacher who brings a wealth of skills and attributes and we are looking forward to welcoming her to our team.

Miss Shuttleworth is also leaving Preschool at the end of term to explore other career opportunities and we wish her well. We have recruited Ms Jones to join us as an Early Years Practitioner.

Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee falling over a school holiday, we have been allocated an extra day's holiday next year which we are putting into our school calendar for June 6th 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for the incredible efforts they have taken this year to enable your children to have a consistently enjoyable time at school and I know that everyone is ready for the well-deserved break.

I hope that you all enjoy a happy and healthy festive break and look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 4th January.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Karen Headland

School Start Time

Please be reminded that the school gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am.

If your child arrives after this time, they will be recorded as late.



Diary Dates

4th January—First day back to school for all children following the Christmas break.

6th January—Swimming lessons Yr5 commence. Further information follow.

First week back—Details of after school clubs will be announced.

10th January—Bag 2 School can be dropped at school



HCL

We are still finding that some Parents / Carers are not ordering their child's school dinner in advance. Please can we ask you to pre-order **all your children's meals in advance via School Grid**. This can be done weekly/half termly. If you need any assistance / a reminder of how to do this please speak to the school office.



Friday Care Club

The Friday Care Club for working families for 7/1/22- 11/2/22 is available to book until Monday 3rd January. This needs to be booked and paid for on Parentmail in advance. Please note the bookings close on 3rd January. **We are unable to take any late bookings.**



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Bikeability / Learn to Ride

For those who signed up for the Learn to Ride session run by bikeability, the children did really well and the feedback from the instructor was very positive. I hope their certificates arrived home safely with the children as there was some encouraging advice on the reverse. Thank you to those parents who provided all the appropriate equipment.



Medicines in school

Please do not send any non prescribed medicines direct with your child into school i.e. cough sweets, pain relief (Calpol), cold remedies etc. We can only have and administer **prescribed medicines where the dose is 4 times a day in school.** Children are not permitted to bring in any medicines in school without a signed parental consent form (available in the office).



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Absences

If your child is going to be off school please ensure that you phone in to the office on **each day of their absence before 9.15am**. There is an option when you call in to leave a message on the answerphone, which is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week, if you choose this option please state your child's name, class and reason for their absence. Alternatively you are more than welcome to phone in and speak to the office directly. Can we please remind you that if your child is absent from school for 3 days or more you may be asked to provide medical evidence to support their absence this can be in the form of a doctors text message or appointment card ,copy of prescription, consultant letter etc.



Attendance

A big well done to Oak class this week with 99.3% attendance. The whole school attendance is 94.8% but we are aiming for 98%!



Christmas Tree Festival

As mentioned in our previous Newsletter, the Christmas Tree Festival went ahead and was a great success. Thank you to everyone who managed to pop in and see the children's brilliant work. For those of you who couldn't make it, I have attached a photo below:-

