

Oakfield Autumn Newsletter

1 December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

New staff appointments from January 2018

We are delighted to be able to tell you that we have successfully appointed two new teachers from January 2018.

As you know, Mrs Sarah Ketley has resigned from her role as Early Year teacher following a long period of illness. Mr Chris Boalch will be teaching the Ladybird class with Mrs Linda Bundy. We would like to thank Mrs Vicki Boba and Mrs Tina Chappell who have taught the class for the autumn term; they have been amazing.

As you are also aware, Mr Joe Reardon will be leaving the school at the end of term. We have appointed Miss Emma Cameron to teach the year 2 class from January and she will work with Mrs Debbie Fryer. We all wish Mr Reardon every future success.

Both Mr Boalch and Miss Cameron are experienced teachers who are very much looking forward to being part of the Oakfield team. I know you will all make them feel welcome.

Oakie Owl and Professor Owl Awards

Year R - Ladybirds received the attendance award for the week beginning 27th November for a weekly attendance of 100%. Well done!

Professor Owl has been awarded to Year R - Ladybirds have made great progress with learning their first set of phonic sounds and enjoyed performing the actions.

Sparkle was awarded to Lewis - Year 4 - For being a great role model of positive learning behaviours and supporting a Year 3 child with their writing.



Nativity

The Nativity tickets will be available from Reception from Monday 4th December. Tickets are free, but limited to two tickets per family, per performance. The performance for younger siblings to attend takes place on Tuesday 12th December, but if they require their own seat they will need to use one of the allocated tickets. Please note that there will not be room in the hall for pushchairs/prams etc.

Year 2 and 4 Music Concert

The concert will take place on Friday 15th December 2017 at 2.40pm

FOO Christmas Fair

The tickets for visits to Santa's Grotto are going fast so please book your slot(s) and purchase your ticket(s) from the school office.

Just to clarify - the Christmas Fair starts at 2pm. Children may be signed out from their classrooms from 2pm and then they will remain your responsibility until you leave. Not every child will be able to be collected early from school, therefore we will only be able to open the field gate at the usual time of 3pm. Access to the fair until 3pm will be via the main entrance gate only.

Basics Bank

Over the last few weeks the demand for the Basics Bank food parcels from YFM at Testwood Baptist Church has been exceptionally high, and this meant that stocks were getting very low. The local community have been amazing and a fantastic number of donations have been flooding in over the last few days. If you would like to support the basics bank, they would be very grateful for any other donations of food. They believe that demand will continue to be very high, and they will also be putting together Christmas hampers for those in our community who need that little bit of extra help at Christmas time. Any donated food will go towards the hampers, or into the regular parcels that will go out in the new year. They would be pleased to accept any non-perishable food, as well as any Christmas treats. Deliveries can be made to Testwood Baptist Church between 9am - 2pm on weekdays or placed in the basket in our school reception. Thank you for your support.

With best wishes

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Gwynne Kynaston and Diane Lawry
Interim Headteachers

Disclaimer re local clubs, business and community events - From time to time we send out information electronically or by paper flyer advertising clubs, businesses and community events both on and off our site e.g. Fetes, Activity Days, Brownies, Cubs, Sports Clubs, Martial Arts Clubs, Holiday Clubs, Pre-School Events etc. Please note that the school is not responsible for undertaking any vetting checks on these activity providers. The school will only undertake vetting checks on parties providing clubs and events organised by the school.

Attendance Information

Please note that the 'Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006' were amended as of 1 September 2013 to prohibit the proprietor (headteacher) of a maintained school granting leave of absence to a pupil except where an application has been made in advance and the proprietor considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. A family holiday is not considered exceptional.

The law also requires parents/carers to ensure that their children attend school regularly and punctually.

Failure to attend school regularly and punctually may result in prosecution under the Education Act 1996, Section 444(1) and 444(1A). The Local Authority is empowered to issue Penalty Notices to parents/carers whose children who fail to attend punctually and regularly. Please see our school 'Attendance Policy' and the 'Hampshire County Council Code of Conduct for issuing Penalty Notices' both of which are available from the school office or on our school website.

We would also like to remind you of the information below:

- Penalty Notices are issued for 10 unauthorised sessions in a 10 school week period (this can include 10 sessions where you arrive late). The 10 school week period can also continue from one academic year to the next.

If you receive a Penalty Notice one academic year and a further 10 unauthorised sessions occur in a subsequent year, a referral is made to the Hampshire Attendance Legal Panel. In the past they have decided not to issue a further Penalty Notice but they have taken the case straight to court. Where the court found against the parents they have received criminal records.

Dates for the diary, for the school year 2017 - 2018, as at 1 December 2017 (Also now available on our website www.oakfield-pri.co.uk)

December	7 th	FOO Kid's Own Christmas Present Room £3 per present, maximum of two presents per child
	8 th	Non-uniform day for a donation of chocolate FOO Christmas Fayre - 2pm and 4pm
	12 th	KS1 Nativity performance for families with younger siblings - afternoon 1.30pm - Tickets available from 4 th December
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	15 th	Oak Leaf Assembly straight after morning registration
	15 th	Year 2 and Year 4 combined music concert 2.40pm
	18 th	Year R Christmas party
	18 th	Year 1 and 2 Christmas party
	18 th	Carol Service at Testwood Baptist Church 6pm
	19 th	Year 3 and 4 Christmas party
	20 th	School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
	21 st	Last day of term
	21 st	Years 5 and 6 Christmas party
January	4 th	First day back after holiday
February	9 th	Last day before half term
	19 th	First day back after half term
	23 rd	Rock Challenge
March	29 th	Last day before end of term
April	16 th	First day back after holiday
May	14 th	Year 6 SATS Week
	25 th	Last day before half term
June	4 th	First day back after half term
	11 th	Y2 Phonics testing begins (two week period)
July	20 th	Last day before end of term
	23 rd	INSET Day