

# Oakfield Autumn Newsletter

8 December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Totton and Eling Lantern Parade**

Thank you to those lovely Y1 and Y3 families who attended the Totton and Eling Lantern Parade last Sunday evening. The lanterns were beautiful - I was very impressed with the ones the children had made at school - amazing origami skills - and that some people still had their lanterns made in previous years. Thank you to Caroline Rackham for coming into school and leading the lantern making workshops.

There was a great atmosphere and, by the end of the parade and carol singing, I felt very Christmassy! What a lovely community event.

## **Cloakrooms**

We are intending to move the clothes hooks around over the Christmas period to try to assist with movement in the corridors and to stop items being knocked off pegs. However, we would ask that if you were thinking of a new school bag as a Christmas present, the smaller the bag (with a longish handle), the less likely they are to get know. We are also intending to store PE kits in a classroom box so that they are less likely to be mislaid. Please ensure that **all** items are clearly marked with name tapes or an indelible marker.

## **Assemblies**

We have struggled to find enough days between now and Christmas to fit in celebration assemblies, they will now be as follows:

Rainbow Assembly - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.35pm. This is a slightly earlier start than usual as we have so many children who have achieved their Rainbow certificates to celebrate.

Oak Leaf Assembly - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December immediately after registration

Children receive Rainbow certificates when they have gained the required number of house points for working hard at their learning. Oak Leaf certificates are given to three children in each class for exhibiting excellent behaviours in school during the half term.

If your child is to receive either type of certificate you will receive an invitation either in writing or by telephone call.

## **Retirement Collection**

As you are aware Mrs Smith will be retiring as Headteacher at the end of December.

If you would like to contribute to her collection there will be an envelope held in reception. Mrs Smith hopes to be able to pop into school before the end of term to say goodbye to the children.

With best wishes

G Kynaston

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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 8 December 2017** (Also now available on our website [www.oakfield-pri.co.uk](http://www.oakfield-pri.co.uk))

December	12 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity performance for families with younger siblings - afternoon 1.30pm
	13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity performance - afternoon 1.30pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Leaf Assembly straight after morning registration
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 and Year 4 combined music concert 2.40pm
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Year R Christmas party
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 and 2 Christmas party
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service at Testwood Baptist Church 6pm
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and 4 Christmas party
	20 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Rainbow Assembly 2.35pm
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Oak Leaf Assembly, immediately after registration
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of term
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Years 5 and 6 Christmas party
January	4 <sup>th</sup>	First day back after holiday
February	9 <sup>th</sup>	Last day before half term
	19 <sup>th</sup>	First day back after half term
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rock Challenge
March	29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day before end of term
April	16 <sup>th</sup>	First day back after holiday
May	14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS Week
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Last day before half term
June	4 <sup>th</sup>	First day back after half term
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Phonics testing begins (two week period)
July	20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day before end of term
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day