



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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10th December 2021

Christmas Reminders

Tuesday 14th December - PTFA Santa's Grotto

Santa's PTFA helpers will be hand delivering the Christmas presents and refreshments to the children. Santa will be sending a specially recorded video message to the children to wish them all a very Merry Christmas!



Christmas Cards

Children can bring in Christmas cards for their class only and we ask that they are in school by **Tuesday 14th December**. They will be delivered later that week by the class teacher. Please add the name to the envelope so that the cards get to the right children!

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner will be the only meal choice on this day. **If you have not ordered a cooked Christmas lunch for your child on this day, please send them into school with a packed lunch.** Please ensure, if your child is in KS2, that you have paid for the lunch via parent pay (unless you are in receipt of free school meals). Thank you.

Thursday 16th December - Menu change

Due to the Christmas Dinner being on Wednesday, Thursday's meal choices will be the Pasta Bolognese and the Beanz Cottage Pie (V), with wraps and Jacket Potato available as usual.

Friday 17th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fun and Games Afternoon

We would like to support the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term, Friday 17th December. On this day children can wear Christmas Jumper mufti for a small donation to this charity. (Family donations are welcome if you have more than one child in school.) After lunchtime each class will organise a Christmas fun and games afternoon for the children. We will **not** be asking children to bring in snacks or food.

Our delicious cake sale raised **£631.48** for Children in Need. Well done to Mrs Dent and the School Champions for organising this charity event. What an amazing total! Thank you!



Celebration Shout Out!

Please feel free to email the school with any pupil achievements you'd like celebrated! We would love to share them with everyone through our newsletter.



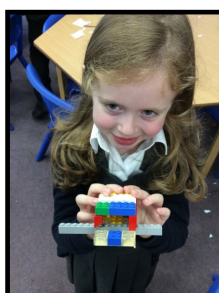
Mason (Medway) has won first prize of a £20 Smyths Toys voucher for a picture he drew for a competition at Manadon birds. Well done Mason!

Harry (Severn) passed his first grading for Tae Kwon Do after only participating for 3 months. He worked extremely hard and was awarded his purple stripe. Good effort & well done Harry!



STEM WEEK continued...

As part of STEM Week, the children in Foundation have been using their creativity and problem-solving skills to design and build Lego balloon cars. They were amazed at how far their cars could travel with the force of air produced by one balloon!



School Uniform Reminder

Please send your child in the correct uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy on our website. Children should wear grey trousers, skirt/pinafore or shorts **not leggings**.



Please remember that flat, sensible, safe, black shoes (no trainers) should be worn.

Hairclips and headbands should be plain and should not cause obstruction to anyone's learning, or cause distraction to any learner.

Children need to have their PE kit in school, as they will change in school for PE sessions. Please ensure that PE kit is as outlined in the uniform policy.

Jewellery

Children may not wear jewellery to school at any time (except for small studs, which **must be 5mm in diameter or smaller**, and watches) other than for religious or cultural reasons. Children in **Foundation** may **not** wear earrings in view of the physical aspects of their learning.

"For health and safety reasons, all pupils are required to remove earrings during PE lessons."

School Drop-off & Pick-up

We have been made aware that a small number of parents have been pulling cars over in road junctions close to the school gates. This causes obstruction and unnecessary danger to pupils trying to cross. Please be mindful and ensure you drop your children in a safe place away from the gates. Thank you!



Renaissance Reading Program

When children have finished reading a book they take a Ren Reading quiz to answer questions on the book that they have completed. When quizzes are passed, the number of words in the books are totalled together and a weekly word count for each class is accumulated.

Each week we will look at the word count totals for each class and the winners of Key Stage 1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 will get a few minutes extra play at breaktime! Our winners this week are:-

KS1 - Thames Class - 19,353 words

Lower KS2 - Lagan Class - 360,895 words

Upper KS2 - Clyde Class - 252,446 words

Well done to those classes!



Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



2021/2022 TERM DATES

Tue 14th Dec
Wed 15th Dec
Fri 17th Dec
Mon 20th Dec - Mon 3rd Jan 2022
Tue 4th Jan
Mon 21st Feb - Fri 25th Feb
Mon 28th Feb
Fri 8th Apr
Mon 11th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr
Mon 2nd May
Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd Jun
Mon 27th Jun
Tue 26th Jul
Wed 27th July - Wed 31st Aug

Santa checks in!

Christmas Lunch by pre-order (no other menu option available)

Christmas Jumper Mufti for donation (Last day of term)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School starts 8:45am

HALF TERM

Non-Pupil Day

Non-Pupil Day

EASTER HOLIDAYS

May Bank Holiday

HALF TERM

Non-Pupil Day

School finishes at 3.15 pm

SUMMER HOLIDAYS



Attendance For Week Ending 3rd December 2021

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%.

**Well done to Tamar KS1 and
Clyde KS2 for the highest attendance!**



Tamar	97.6%
Lynher	94.8%
Fowey	87.6%
Avon	91.0%
Thames	93.1%
Severn	93.1%
Medway	89.9%
Trent	92.4%
Lagan	93.8%
Clyde	99.6%
Mersey	95.6%
Tyne	98.0%
Wye	93.5%

Contacting School

If you are contacting school to report an absence or you have a query, please leave a message on the answer phone with your child's name and class (& reason for absence, if applicable) and we will log/get back to you. Alternatively, email oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk
Thank you.

Newsletter Ideas



If you have any ideas about information or updates that you would find useful additions to our newsletter, please email your suggestions to:

oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk



*Have a lovely weekend
Jackie Sparrow - Head of School*