



Oakwood Academy Newsletter

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Covid Symptoms

No child should come to school if they, **or anyone they live with**, has symptoms of Covid-19. These are:

- A new persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A change in their normal sense of taste or smell.

Please ring the school office to inform the school of any absence related to Covid and outcomes of tests promptly. Please leave a message on the school answerphone if this is before or after school hours. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Christmas updates



Christmas Jumper Day

This will now take place on **Thursday 17th December**. On this day children can wear Christmas Jumper mufti. If you would like to make a voluntary donation to the Save the Children charity, we will have collection trays outside the entrances (as we did for Children in Need in November). Please ensure that your child wears appropriate shoes for running around in the playground at breaktime, especially in light of all the wet weather we have had recently!

Christmas Carols – Years 1 - 6 and Reception Nativity

The children have been working really hard to learn their special Christmas Carol for their class recording. We will text parents when the Christmas Carols from each class and the Reception Nativity are available to watch virtually.

Christmas Lunch

This will be on **Wednesday 16th December** for Reception, Year 1 and 2. The children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have their Christmas lunch on **Thursday 17th December**. If your child is not having a Christmas lunch on their allocated day please send in a packed lunch. On the other day (Thursday for Rec/KS1 and Wednesday for KS2) the **only** hot lunch available will be Jacket Potato. Please send your child with a packed lunch if they would not want to order Jacket Potato.

Information for 2021

Parent Meetings

Due to continuing Covid restrictions, Parent Meetings will be virtual and will take place as usual during January. Further details about days and timings will be shared with parents when we return to school at the beginning of Term 3.

School Reports

As with previous years, your child's annual report will be sent home at the end of term 4 just prior to the Easter holidays. This will be for children in years 1 to 6. Children in Reception will have their annual report sent home during term 6.

Individual Pupil Photographs

Due to the Covid restrictions we were unable to accommodate the usual arrangements for pupil photographs. We will share details about when this can be re-scheduled later on in the school year.

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!



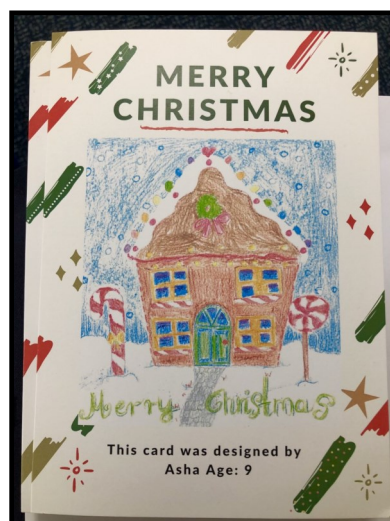
A Celebration of...

Goldcrest Class' recent hard-work and creativity. As part of our water theme, we have studied the wordless picture book 'The Flood' by Alvaro F Villa. The children have shown empathy and understanding when looking at recent and historic floods across the world; they engaged wonderfully in Mrs Carroll's dramatic (pretend!) flooding of the classroom and the children embraced studying how different colours can be used to indicate emotions and using watercolours to recreate an image. From all of these activities, it helped the children to produce their most creative and impressive writing so far in Year 4. Each child wrote the story to go alongside our class book and they have 'published' it, ready to share with others.

Goldcrest are incredibly proud of their writing, as is Mrs Carroll!



Matthew and Asha recently submitted entries for a competition to design a Christmas card for university students. Huge congratulations go to Asha for winning with her amazing card design!



Roadwork Notice

Please be aware that roadworks are due to commence from 7th January 2021 close to the main school entrance on Pendeen Crescent. Please take extra care when arriving on and leaving the school grounds.

Thank you!

NSPCC Together for Childhood

Throughout December there will be a PANTS advent countdown happening on the [Together for Childhood Facebook page](#). This website is aimed at helping parents to [Talk PANTS](#) with their children, the advent will share lots of PANTS information, activities and a prize giveaway every week. At the end of the month, anyone who has liked and shared the advent posts will be put in to a draw to win a bumper batch of Pantosaurus goodies on Christmas Eve!

If you are interested in finding out more please head over to the [Together for Childhood- Plymouth Facebook page](#) from 1 December to get involved.

<https://www.facebook.com/TogetherForChildhoodPlymouth/>

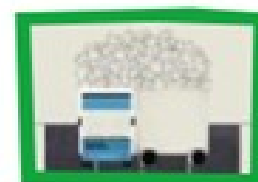


The following information is from the NSPCC — Metaphors

Using these metaphors can boost our understanding of child development and increase support for ensuring children and young people have healthy development and grow up in supportive and loving families and communities.

This week:

Overloaded - When a lorry carries too much weight, it can be overloaded to the point of breaking down. And when parents are burdened with stresses like poverty or lack of support, the weight of these problems can overload their mental and emotional capacity to take care of their children's basic needs.



However, just as we can unload an overloaded lorry by bringing in other lorries, or moving some cargo by train instead, we can provide social supports to overloaded parents that offloads sources of stress, and help improve their capacity to care for their children. Here's an animation to illustrate the metaphor:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETP7TcbC2g0&list=PLqA6QvvA4sNtS7AOONhiXoNsHIAhTBJG&index=3&t=0s>

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Winter Grant Free School Meal Scheme

Winter Grant Free School Meal vouchers will be issued to all parents who are in receipt of Free School Meals at the beginning of next week. Thank you.




Social Distancing and Parking Reminders

Please remember only one adult when dropping off or picking up your child, which helps to reduce the number of adults on the premises. Please don't forget to wear your face covering when on the school site and also to adhere to social-distancing guidelines.

Please remember to park responsibly when dropping and collecting children. The Lockdown Pub car park is NOT available for school parking.

Thank you very much for your understanding and continued support in helping to keep our school community safe.



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**



ChatHealth

**NEW Health Visiting and School Nursing
TEXT SERVICE**

PARENTS. CARERS. YOUNG PEOPLE.

If you'd like some health advice or support, but are a bit worried about seeing or talking to a professional, our new ChatHealth is perfect for you!

Simply text one of the numbers below and one of our team will text you back

		
0-5 years Parents Service 07480 635188	5-19 years Parents Service 07480 635189	11-19 years Young People's Service 07480 635198

Livewell

CATCH IT 

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

BIN IT 

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

KILL IT 

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as possible.

NHS

Attendance For Week Ending 4th December 2020

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

**Well done to Wren KS1 and Peregrine
KS2 for the highest
attendance!**



Robin	97.5%
Owl	95.4%
Wren	99.0%
Dove	98.0%
Puffin	96.6%
Jay	99.3%
Starling	97.8%
Skylark	99.1%
Goldcrest	99.1%
Osprey	93.4%
Kestrel	96.6%
Peregrine	100.0%

Diary Dates

(Dates maybe subject to change)



Please note the changes to the non-pupil days for this year.

2020/2021 TERM DATES

Wed 16th Dec
Thu 17th Dec
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Mon 21st Dec - Fri 1st Jan 2021
Mon 4th Jan
Mon 15th Feb - Fri 19th Feb
Mon 22nd Feb
Fri 2nd Apr - Fri 16th Apr
Mon 3rd May
Mon 31st May - Fri 4th Jun
Fri 23rd Jul
Mon 26th Jul - Fri 3rd Sep

Christmas Lunch - Rec/KS1
Christmas Lunch - KS2
Christmas Jumper MUFT!
School finishes 3:15pm - NEW
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
School opens 8:45am
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
EASTER HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
School finishes 3:15pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

2021/2022 TERM DATES

Wed 8th Sep
Mon 25th-29th Oct
Fri 26th Nov
Fri 17th Dec
Mon 20th Dec-Mon 3rd Jan
Mon 21st Feb-Mon 28th Feb
Fri 8th Apr-Fri 22nd Apr
Mon 2nd May
Monday 30th May-Fri 3rd Jun
Wed 27th Jul
Wed 27th July-Wed 31st Aug

School opens 8:45am
HALF TERM
Non-Pupil Day
School Finishes
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
HALF TERM
EASTER HOLIDAYS
May Bank Holiday
HALF TERM
School finishes at 3.15 pm
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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

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 get back to you. Thank you.



Be safe and have a great weekend!

*Jackie Sparrow
Head of School*