

Oak Hill Academy

Oak Hill Academy Newsletter

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Diary Dates



Mon 7 th Dec	Y3/Y4 Work with your Child Afternoons (1.10pm-3.15pm)
Wed 9 th Dec	5D Class Assembly - 9am
Thur 10 th Dec	Y5/Y6 Work with your Child Afternoons (1.30pm-3.15pm)
w/b 14 th Dec	Careers Week Y3 Carol Concert - St Dunstan's 2.15pm
Tue 15 th Dec	Y3 Pantomime Trip - Woking Y4 Carol Concert - St Dunstan's 2.15pm Parent's Drop-In 3.30-5pm
Wed 16 th Dec	Y6 Carol Concert - St Dunstan's 2.15pm
Thur 17 th Dec	Y5 Carol Concert - St Dunstan's 2.15pm
Fri 18 th Dec	NSPCC Bobble Hat/Xmas Jumper Day

Fri 18th Dec School closes for Xmas Break 2pm
(Please join us outside the hall for carols from 1.40pm)

Tue 5th Jan 16 **Return to school at 8.50am**

Work With Your Child Afternoons

As spaces were limited to a 'first-come-first-served' basis, if you have been allocated a place you will have received a text for Work with your Child Afternoons. Please do not attend if you have not been given a place as we do not have enough room in our classrooms to accommodate everyone! There will be another opportunity in the Spring term.



Christmas Carols

You are all warmly invited to come along to hear the children sing Christmas carols at St Dunstan's Church. Please see diary dates above for dates and time. We hope to see as many of you as possible!

School Entrances

Parents are still entering the school via the main gate and walking across the car park! This is dangerous. All parents and children should enter via the pedestrian gate by the dining hall or via the pedestrian ramp by the site managers' house. Please only use the main pedestrian gate if you are bringing a child in for an intervention or visiting the main office. Please also remind children to

look out for cars entering and leaving the main gate before crossing in front of it.

Ashford Road

We are becoming increasingly worried about the safety of our children who are being dropped off by parents on the main road and those pulling in front of the school gate in the mornings. May we please remind you that you must park up, legally, in the horseshoe across the road and not along the pavement. There have been several near misses outside the school at home times and it is becoming more and more dangerous. The LA are considering putting traffic cameras outside the school due to this problem.

Christmas Lunch

Just a reminder that Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 9th December.

Edwards + Ward Caterer's Competition

Lola Parkes in 4U was the lucky winner of the Cinema Tickets Star Wars competition. We hope you and your family enjoy your trip to the cinema Lola!

School Meals and Lunchtimes

We would like to receive feedback, comments or suggestions about your child's school meals. You can either email directly to the office inbox office@oakhill-aspirations.org for the attention of Mrs R Thomson, or via our new **Parent Voice Box** in the main reception.

We would also like to remind parents that all packed lunches must be in a lunchbox and not a rucksack. The lunchboxes must be sealed and clearly labelled with your child's name.

Some parents have asked why their child's year group is always last in for lunch. No year group is always last and we alternate classes on a week by week system. The lower school start lunch at 12.15pm. One week Y3 will be first and the following week Y4 will go in first. The upper school start their lunch at 12.30pm and again Y5 will go in first one week then Y6 the next. It is organised like this to ensure that the system is fair and not just one year group is last in all the time.

New Lunchtime Play Arrangements

Children are now able to bring in their own yoyo, cat's cradle, skipping rope, diablo or French skipping rope at lunchtimes. No other toys or equipment please!

Schoolcomms and School Gateway app

Thank you to those parents who have registered on the app. Can we please ask that all parents register so we can make a significant cost saving to the school. If you need any assistance in loading the app please come into the office and ask for Mrs Thomson or Mrs Clack who will be able to assist you.



As the colder weather approaches please ensure that your child brings a **coat (with a hood)** to school every day. Your child will be expected to go outside at break/lunch times in light rain and will therefore need to have their coat with them.

Your child will also be expected to have a winter PE kit in school every day.



Ties are compulsory and should be worn at all times. If your child loses theirs they may borrow a 'loan' tie from the school office. These are to be returned at the end of the day and should not be taken home. If after a couple of days your child's tie has still not been found you must purchase another one. Ties are £5. It is important to label each piece of clothing with your child's name then if it is found it can be returned to the correct child.



We raised a **fantastic £467.25** for Children in Need. Children donated £1 so they could wear their onesie's and also bought Children in Need related items. Well done to the Y6 girls who contributed to this total through their bake sale!



The Poppy Appeal raised £67.91. Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy.



NSPCC Bobble Hat Day

is on **Friday 18th December**. Children may wear their bobble hats to support this cause. We will also be raising money for Text Santa's charities by

TEXT SANTA
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
16 DECEMBER 2015

In partnership with

MAKE A WISH Save the Children

wearing our Christmas jumpers! Children are asked to bring in £1 donation for the charities if they wish to take part.

N.B Full uniform should still be worn with bobble hats and /or Christmas jumper.

All money raised will be split between the two causes.

Letters home

If you need another copy of a recent letter that has gone home you can now pick one up from the letter rack on the wall situated outside the reception window. **Please look here before asking at reception.**

Please use the Post Box

Please ensure that your monies/letters are in a sealed envelope marked with your **child's full name, class, the amount of money you are paying and also state what the money is for.**

The Post Box will be emptied throughout the day.



BEAT THE STREET

This has now finished. Thank you to everyone who took part. Please see the attached 'Beat the Street' newsletter.



LIBRARY BOOKS

Please can you have a look around at home and in the car for any school library books. We are missing lots of books from our library so would be grateful for any that are returned! This does not include your child's reading book, however, they should only have one reading book and one library book at home at a time!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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