



Oak Hill Academy Newsletter



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Dates for the Autumn Term 2016

December

- Weds 7th - Y3 Carol Concert – St Dunstan's Church
- Thurs 8th - Y4 Carol Concert – St Dunstan's Church
(All carol concerts – 1.45pm)
- Thurs 8th - School Christmas Dinner
- Fri 9th - 6TM Class Assembly at 9am
- Tues 13th - All School Beauty & the Beast
- Weds 14th - Y5 Carol Concert – St Dunstan's Church
- Thurs 15th - Y6 Carol Concert – St Dunstan's Church
(All carol concerts – 1.45pm)
- Fri 16th - Christmas Jumper Day
- Fri 16th - **LAST DAY OF TERM (School Closes at 2pm)**

Make sure you collect your child promptly

NEW YEAR 2017

January

- Tues 3rd - Children return to school

7-a-side Football Tournament

Ten children from Years 3 and 4 took part in a 7-a-side football tournament. The children competed against lots of different schools and Mr Ashton even showed off some of his refereeing skills! A lot of fun was had by all and the children played with great enthusiasm whilst learning new skills.

Many of the coaches commented on our children's faultless manners and behaviour. Well done to all those who took part. You are all great ambassadors for our school!

Cross Country Competition

Eleven Y5 and 6 children attended Osterley National Trust Park for a cross-country competition on Tuesday 8th November.

Up first was the boy's race. James crossed the finish line in 15th position in a time of 6 mins 57 secs. Joel finished in 50th place with Jakub, Kelsey, Nyle and Shayan not far behind. This was a fantastic achievement as over 130 boys took part!

Next up in the girl's race Chanel crossed the finish line in 3rd place in a time of 7 mins 11 sec, Annalise was close behind in 14th place with Danielle, Romelle and Ravija not far behind.

Well done all of you.

Hounslow Sport's Day

Some children from Y5 and 6 went to Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre on 15th November to take part in Hounslow Sport's Day.

The day consisted of seven fun and exciting events.

The children said their favourite races were the obstacle race, the rugby pass race and the relay race. Throughout the day there were huge amounts of cheering and great sportsmanship from all competitors. Our Oak Hill team tried their hardest and gave their all.

Well done Michael, Jayda, Kelsey, Annalise, Chanel, Aaron, Romelle, Ella, Lola, Amare and Finlay!



During the summer we raised money for the British Heart Foundation by doing a sponsored Skipathon. As a thank you for the monies raised the BHF have helped enable us to purchase additional games for the playground. We now have new balance boards and balls.



HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

Thank you to those parents who have registered on the School Gateway app and for your very positive feedback too!

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WHEN WE COME BACK AFTER THE XMAS HOLIDAYS WE WILL BE A CASHLESS SCHOOL. You will need to download the School Gateway app. Please do so before we break up so that we can sort out any problems you may encounter. Do not leave it until January.

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.

PLEASE CLEAR ANY OUTSTANDING MONIES OWED FOR LUNCH, PGL ETC BEFORE THE START OF THE NEW YEAR.

THANK YOU!

Wear it Pink Day

Total amount raised after some late donations was: **£238.20**

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated



Twelve children from Oak Hill accompanied two members of staff to Feltham War Memorial on 11th November to lay remembrance wreaths and to read some war poetry. The children were eager to go as a sign of respect to commemorate this important event. Many members of the community congratulated the children and supported them whilst they were there. Meanwhile, back at school the rest of the children and staff observed a two minute silence.



Money raised from the sale of poppies was a FANTASTIC **£142.25**
Thank you to everyone who donated.

Google Virtual Reality Experience

On Thursday 24th November we had a Google Virtual Reality Experience day. Our children, parents, staff and governors were all given the opportunity to watch 3D virtual reality shows which included The North Pole, The Great Barrier Reef, Astronomy and Van Gough.

This was a free enrichment opportunity offered by Google. The day was a great success and was enjoyed immensely by children and adults alike.



Collecting children at the end of the day!

We are concerned about the number of children who are not being collected from school or afterschool clubs on time.

We are legally required to report parents to Social Services if their child is not collected by 4pm. Also, where there is persistent late collections, Social Services will need to be notified. Not only is it distressing for your child to be kept waiting but it also causes problems in school for staff as they all have a number of other commitments after school and are not always on site after 3.30pm.

ATTENDANCE

When your child returns to school after a period of absence we must have a signed letter from you or a medical note explaining their absence. This is a legal requirement and will be kept on record.

Likewise, if you are taking your child out of school during term time you will be required to fill in a 'Parental Request for Term Time Absence' form. This will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.



As the weather is now becoming colder and wetter please don't forget to include your child's winter PE kit. This should consist of black or green sweatshirt and black or green jogging bottoms plus trainers.

All children should be bringing a warm coat to school. Please put your child's name in this so that if it is found it can be handed back to your child.

STOP NOROVIRUS SPREADING THIS WINTER



Sometimes known as the 'winter vomiting bug' it is the most common stomach bug in the UK. Highly contagious and transmitted by contact with contaminated surfaces, infected persons or consumption of contaminated food or water.

Symptoms are very distinctive with sudden onset of nausea followed by projectile vomiting and watery diarrhoea.

An infection with norovirus is self-limiting and most will make a full recovery in 1-2 days. **If a child has vomiting or diarrhoea or a confirmed case of scarlet fever then the office must be informed.**

Jumper and Shirt 'Give Away'

We have a collection of used jumpers and shirts to give away. These have either been found and handed in with no name or donated from previous pupils.

These will be put in a trolley and placed by the shed in the playground next Friday 9th December from 3.10pm. **PLEASE HELP YOURSELVES!**

We also have some left over stock of new jumpers and skirts in various sizes for you to buy from the office. Please ask!



I would like to thank all of you, our "Oak Hill Family," for being so supportive during this last term. I have thoroughly enjoyed my new role as Principal and am really looking forward to the spring term. It is your children who make our school the wonderful place it is!

Wishing you all a restful holiday. May it be peaceful and joyful. Season's Greetings! 

School starts again on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

Mrs R Saim - Principal

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