



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL



OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers

This week we decided to spread some positivity to give everyone a little lift so we got into the Christmas spirit and started putting up decorations. A little early I know, but this year has not been usual in any sense of the word so all previous rules have gone out the window. I hope you have all read the Christmas information that was sent out earlier this week so you know what our plans are. Panto is coming to school on Tuesday 1 Dec which we are all really looking forward to.

You will be pleased to know that our member of staff who has been unwell with COVID is on the mend and starting to recover. We continue to wish her all the best and as always, she's in our thoughts.

Best wishes

Mrs O'Neill

Head teacher



CHRISTMAS CARD POST

This year, in line with COVID guidelines, pupils are permitted to hand Christmas cards to their class **ONLY**.

They will be collected all week from w/b: 7.12.20 and handed out on Friday 11.12.20.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH + JUMPER DAY 17 December 2020

Please wear a Christmas jumper with non school uniform. No more orders for Christmas Lunch can be accepted.



CHILDREN IN NEED Thank you for raising money for Children in Need. Oaklands Infant School raised a fantastic **£183.55**



END OF TERM On **18 December** we are finishing:

Year 2: 1:30pm

Foundation Stage: 1:40pm

Year 1: 1:50pm



HOLLY LEAF

Children who have received a Holly leaf:

Ash: Jack, Mia, Ophelia and Poppy

Willow: Imogen, Florence, Adrielle and Max

Chestnut: Amanda, Thomas, Bronwen and David

Silver Birch: Alex, Isaac, Edgar and Jemima

Beech: Jamie, Jack, Oliver C and Michael

Elm: Dexter, Harriet G, Ollie R and Jon



OAKLANDS TREE

Children who have received a Goldie leaf:

Mason in Silver Birch

Jasper in Beech



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please look in your child's book bag as all ordered school photographs have been returned and handed out.



Term Dates 2020/2021

Last day of term: 22 October 2020

Inset Day: 23 October 2020

Half term: 26 to 30 October 2020

End of term: 18 December 2020 (from 1:30pm)

Inset Day: 4 January 2021

Spring term starts: 5 January 2021

Half term: 15 - 19 February 2021

End of term: 31 March 2021 (1:30pm)

Inset Day: 1 April 2021

Summer term starts: 19 April 2021

Bank holiday: 3 May 2021

Half term: 31 May - 4 June 2021

End of term: 20 July 2021 (1:30pm)

Inset Day: 21 July 2021

Year 2



Our theme this half term is Festivals and Celebrations. We started this half term looking at the origins of Bonfire night and how the Gunpowder Plot was foiled. We used our senses to think about the sights, sounds and smells associated with watching a firework display and used these ideas to write descriptive poems and make firework collage pictures. Next we discussed the importance of Remembrance; we learnt about the significance of the red poppy and also the purple poppy. We used the red poppy as a starting point for lots of amazing Art work using paint, collage and IT. Lots of men from Crowthorne went off to war and we wrote a note to thank them for their bravery and sacrifice. Many animals have also given their lives during wartime and we read and researched all about their role during both World Wars. We were amazed to learn that camels and elephants were used too! We wrote a report all about a very special member of the American army called Sergeant Stubby. In our PSHE, we have discussed celebrating difference and how by treating each other with respect we can make the world a more peaceful place. In Maths, we have been revising our knowledge of tens and ones and using this knowledge to add and subtract multiples of 10 to a 2-digit number. A busy start to our half term!

Here are two poems full of ideas of what peace reminds us of.

Peace

Peace looks like purple lavender swaying in the wind

Peace feels like reading alone in the forest.

Peace smells like a delicious chocolate in a bar.

Peace sounds like a quiet, soundless whisper.

Peace tastes like scrumptious strawberry ice cream melting on my tongue.

By Michael H

Peace

Peace feels like going in a warm hot tub

Peace looks like white fluffy marshmallow clouds.

Peace smells like sweet, gooey donuts.

Peace sounds like tweeting birds high in the trees.

Peace tastes like freezing chocolate ice cream on a scorching day.

By Emily F

PINEHURST CARE CENTRE

At Pinehurst Care Centre in Crowthorne they are always thinking of ways that they can connect with the community. During the month of December, they will be placing elves in their windows. Each day during December they will add another elf so by Christmas they should have at least 24. The hope is that, as children are walking past, they want to stop and look for as many elves in the windows as possible. It will give the residents a chance to see the children and hopefully they can all wave to each other.

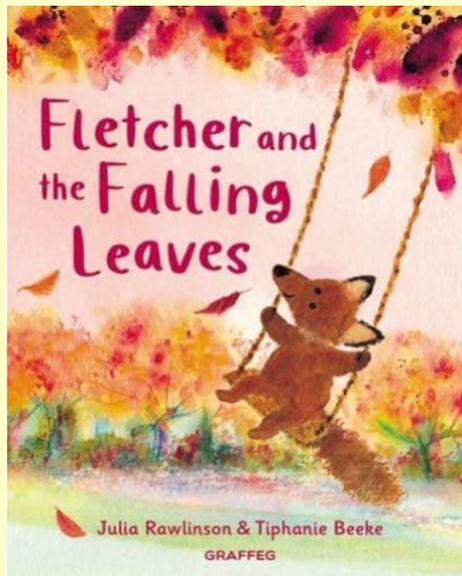


Chestnut Class Book Recommendation

We have been reading Fletcher and the Falling Leaves by Julia Rawlinson.

As the leaves fall from his favourite tree, Fletcher the fox worries that something is terribly wrong. But then winter comes, and with it a wonderful surprise. Follow Fletcher as he frantically tries to help his treasured tree.

My favourite part was when he got a good night's sleep
Amelie



It was interesting when Fletcher was frantic
Albert

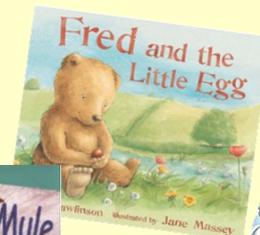
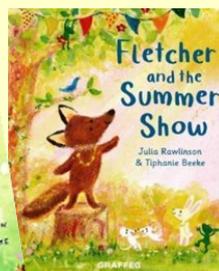
We loved it when the glittery icicles sparkled like crystals.
Darcey, Amanda and Abigail

My favourite part was when the blue birds helped Fletcher
Remi

I enjoyed it when the leaves swirled
Ciana

The end was pretty
Matilda

Other books by Julia Rawlinson



APPLICATIONS FOR THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Please remember that if you are applying to the Junior School for a space for September 2021 you need to apply by

13 JANUARY 2021

If you do not require a Junior School space Wokingham Borough Council will need written confirmation from parents as to why.



RESPECTFUL PARKING

Please could we remind you to respect the car parking laws outside school, especially near Ellis Road Gate.

The police are aware of the situation. There are regular patrols around the area.

PLEASE visit the link to check changes to parking enforcement in Wokingham Borough as they now have powers to issue fines: <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/parking-road-works-and-transport/parking-and-permits/parking-enforcement/>

HOT DINNER 5 JANUARY 2021

Please note that school lunch on the first day back is ...

M: Chicken , tomato + basil pasta + garlic bread

V: Tomato + basil pasta + garlic bread

JP with beans + cheese

WATER BOTTLES

Please could we remind you to only give your children water only in their bottles at school.

Thank you for your support.



BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a terrific birthday to:



Remi in Chestnut, Zerrin in Ash, Thea in Beech, Bow in Beech, Maya in Willow, Owyn in Ash, Joshua in Chestnut and Faray in Elm

COVID 19

Maintaining Social Distancing during National Restrictions

We are very appreciative of everyone's efforts in keeping to the Government's guidelines on social distancing during this pandemic and implementing new ways of working to support this in your respective settings. It is important that this continues during the period of national restrictions. As with other areas in the South East, cases of Covid-19 are rising in the Wokingham Borough, with the majority occurring through community transmissions, so it's really important to take every precaution to limit the chance of catching or spreading the virus and ensuring that everyone in the borough is aware of these precautions.

While the Government has advised that we can meet with one person from another household in an outdoor public setting such as a park or public garden, please do remember that the fewer people you meet, the less the virus spreads. So where possible, please limit the number of different people you meet with and when you are meeting others, maintain the social distancing practices. Alongside this, the Government advice is to:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and warm water
- Wear a face mask where required to do so (i.e. school)
- Keep your distance (2 metres) from other people
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.

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GOVERNING BODY
The governing body is a committee that is in place to steer the school's strategic direction and to make sure that the school remains accountable. If you have a concern about your child, normally it is best to speak to their teacher or Mrs O'Neill first as they know them well and will probably be able to deal with it quickly. However, do get in touch if you feel this isn't working or you have other things you wish to discuss - we are happy to hear from you! Thank you. Chris Rossiter (Chair of Governors)
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Or via the school office