



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers

As this is my last newsletter of 2020, I can't help but reflect on the year and can only say ... what a year it has been and one we will never forget! There has been so much turmoil, anxiety and challenges but we have managed to get through this by pulling together and facing it as a community. Staff, children and parents have shown such strength, character and resilience. The children always amaze me, the fact they have never once questioned why we are doing the things we do and they come in each day with big smiles and ready for a new day of learning.

No doubt many of us will breathe a sigh of relief to see the back of 2020. Many lessons can be learnt from this difficult year but nothing more so than the importance of family, love and friendship.

I hope that 2021 brings much happiness, health and brighter days. May your Christmas time be filled with love and laughter and no doubt, chocolate, and fingers crossed you will get to spend some much-deserved quality time with your loved ones. I hope you manage to be together and make it the best that it can be and I look forward to a better future for everyone.

Best wishes

Mrs O'Neill, Head teacher

END OF TERM PICK UP TIMES 18 December 2020

1:30pm	Year 2
1:40pm	Foundation Stage
1:50pm	Year 1

OPENBOX THEATRE

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... Handsome and Grotty... our Christmas show visited us on 1 December 2020. What a joy to see all those smiling faces and hearing the children's laughter.



CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A HOLLY LEAF

- Ash:** Zerrin, Libby T, Isla and Libby W
- Willow:** Nyla, Adrielle, Lottie and Poppy
- Chestnut:** JoJo, Remi, Arthur G and Abigail
- Silver Birch:** Mason, Natalia, Harrison and Macie
- Beech:** Felix R, Thea, Felix F and Noella
- Elm:** Ollie, Polly, Megan and Victor



Term Dates 2020/2021

End of term: 18 December 2020 from 1:30pm. NO BEEHIVE

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)

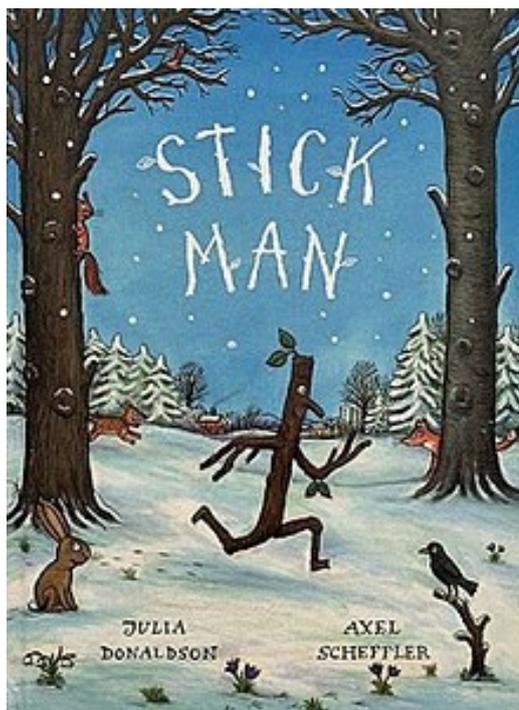
Inset Day: 21 July 2021

CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A GOLDIE

- Darcey in Chestnut
- Daniel in Silver Birch



Book review by Ash and Willow



We loved reading the book ***Stick Man*** written by one of our favourite authors, Julia Donaldson. This is a firm favourite with many of our youngest children and also a really super Christmas story. Many of the children joined in with the phrases, as they trip off the tongue in the wonderful rhyming text. It kept us engaged right until the end - what an adventure Stick Man had! We loved looking for the Gruffalo, which is hidden in all books written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler.

Our favourite parts.....

Willow

Iris- My favourite part was when Stickman came back to his family tree because it was lovely.

Florence- When he came to his Stick house because it was warm. It was the end of the story. It was a happy ending.

River- Finding the Gruffalo bauble.

Amelia- When Stickman pulled Santa out of the chimney.

Imogen- It has a lovely ending.

Ash

Ruby - I like the ending because they all get back together and they live happily ever after.

Emilia - Santa came down the chimney and he was all dirty!

Jack - I liked the swan bit, the swan put him in the nest!

Amber - I liked the bit when he got back home.

Ophelia - My favourite part was when Stick Man helped Santa deliver the presents.

Year 1



We have had a wonderful time in Chestnut Class during our recent topic - Autumn, in which the children were learning about the changing of the seasons. It has provided super opportunities for learning through art. The children created leaf characters, which they wrote about, explaining what their character was like and what it got up to! We also made a hedgehog display with leaves that the children had found along with some beautiful changing leaf colouring they had produced. Every day, the children have been taking it in turns to measure the temperature and to record it on a graph. We have made hedgehogs from clay, and we have even produced our own Autumn watch Video!

We have now started our short topic - Santa's Workshop. It is safe to say that the excitement is building for Santa's impending visit on Christmas Eve!

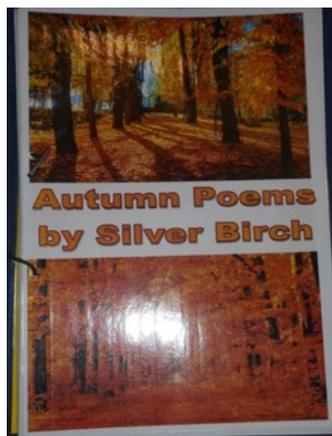
The children in Silver Birch thoroughly enjoyed our topic 'Seasons come and seasons go.'



They made hedgehogs out of clay using moulding and pinching.



The children practised their independence and created these hedgehogs on their own!



They became poets and created this anthology of autumn poems.



This display of a hedgehog is made from real leaves collected in our woods.

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.



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

Last Day of Term Arrangements - Oaklands Junior School

On the last day of term due to the current staggered end of the day arrangements the pick-up times for the different year groups will be as follows:

Y4 at 1.15pm

Y5 at 1.25pm

Y6 at 1.35pm

Y3 at 1.45pm

For parents that have more than one child at the Junior School all siblings will be sent out at the earliest pick up time for that family, with the children in different year groups maintaining social distancing. For example, if you have a child in Year 3 and another in Year 5 you would pick up both children at 1.25pm.

For parents that also have children at the Infant School, there will be NO collections from the Red Bus, ALL children from the Junior School will need to leave via the Butler Road Gate at the times stated above. If our pick-up time clashes with your pick-up time at the Infants please, in this instance, collect your Junior child first from the Butler Road gate and then go via Ellis Road gate and straight to your Infant classroom door where you would normally collect your Infant child.

When collecting from the Infant School, masks should be worn by parents at all times unless you are exempt and please ensure only one parent per household collects children. The Ellis Road gate will not be open until 1.30pm and please remember to ensure you maintain social distancing (2 metres apart) particularly when queuing at the Ellis Road gate.

Any queries please contact the school office.

During the Christmas holidays your teachers would like you to:

Spend time with the people THAT you CARE ABOUT Do the things THAT you enjoy

EAT food THAT you love

WATCH your favourite programme or film Do something nice for somebody else

Visit your FAVOURITE PLACE PLAY with your toys

And FINALLY....Come back to school READY to LEARN

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish a terrific birthday to:



Stanley in Ash, Tessa in Silver Birch, Willow in Beech, Florence in Willow, Adrielle in Willow, Elodie in Chestnut, Alex in Ash, Lottie in Willow and Edgar in Silver Birch.

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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)

governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk

Or via the school office.