



# OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

## OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

A huge welcome back to all our families and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Thank you for your cards and presents.

I think we have everything crossed that the situation starts to improve over the coming weeks and months. At the moment, it continues to feel quite uncertain as to how this is going to evolve but I will endeavour to keep you informed as much as possible and hope that we can continue to pull together as a community.

*Mrs H O'Neill*

Headteacher

### PTA THANK YOU

Firstly a big thank you for all of your support for Elfridges and all of our other events in 2021.

We couldn't do this without you and it is much appreciated. Elfridges went really well, we were very pleased with how the day went. We were able to give every child a present and some children were able to buy more than one! The really fantastic news is that we raised an incredible £1,229.95 of profit!!!

We are really thrilled, it was a fantastic way to end the year. We are very grateful to our long-term sponsors, Michael Hardy, who sponsored us £250 for the event. This covered the additional presents we needed to buy plus the gift wrap and tape. Effectively this meant that every donation from the children was profit for the PTA.

### PHOTO GALLERY

Please see the school website for all our photographs and Autumn events.

<http://oaklandsinfants.org/photo-gallery/>

### GYM BALL

Does anyone a spare Gym ball that we could please have?

### STAFFING

It is with sadness that we need to say good bye and good luck to Mr Rice in Year 2, who will be leaving us on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and support and wish him all the best, as he relocates with his family.

### SPRING TERM DATES

Please find attached the Spring dates and events.

### LUNCHBOXES

Please could we kindly request that you do NOT include Carpi Sun drinks in lunch boxes as they are tricky to open and create mess.

If your child comes in with them we will return them in their lunchbox and give them a glass of water.



### HOLLY LEAF

Children who have received a Holly leaf in the final week of autumn term:

**Ash:** Leo and Conor  
**Willow:** Oscar and Elfi  
**Chestnut:** Maria and River  
**Silver Birch:** Miles and Libby  
**Beech:** Oliver and Abigail  
**Elm:** Sophia and Alexi



### COVID REMINDER

As a hygiene measure, school remains ventilated as much as possible with doors and windows open throughout the school day. Children are permitted to wear additional layers as school may be colder than normal.

**Please could we request that you all wear masks when coming onto the school site.**

## GOVERNOR AWARDS

At our final assembly before Christmas, the Governors came in to present six children with a Governor Award, based on our school characters. The teachers nominated different children across the classes for these awards and all of them appeared very proud when they received them.

Character	Name of pupil	Class
Ivy – rising to challenges	Remi	Elm
Holly – not afraid to fail	Benji I	Chestnut
Laurie – pride in achievement	Benji P	Willow
Solo – encouraging independence	Emily	Silver Birch
Goldie – respect for all	Mia	Ash
Casey – being happy, cared for and cared about	Natalia	Beech





# READING NEWS



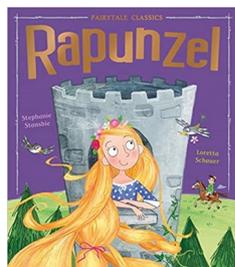
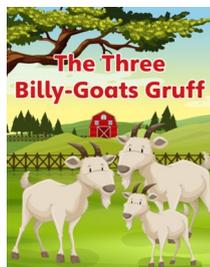
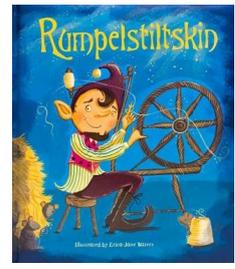
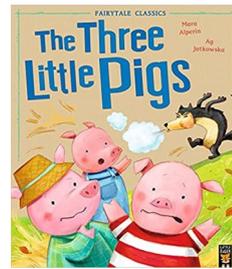
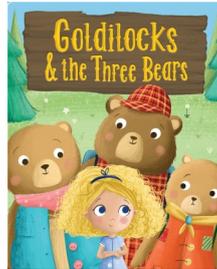
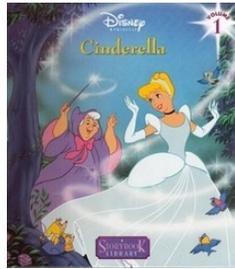
This half term I will be reading Fairy Tales in my assemblies on Friday.

Fairy Tales are essential stories for childhood. These stories are more than just happily ever after, they portray real moral lessons. They do not only captivate the imagination of young minds, but also enhances their creativity and reasoning skills. A child learns a lot by simply listening to these amazing stories. It also creates a special parent-child bond, when parents read stories to their children. Fairy tales may bring children to a fantasy land but as they grow, the moral truths of these stories remain in their hearts and minds.

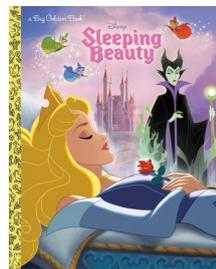
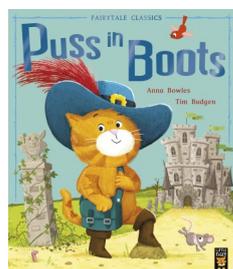
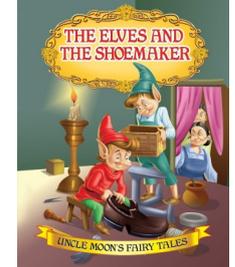
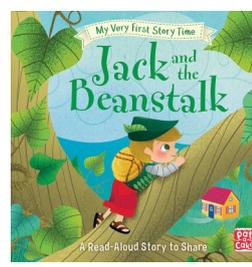
### Fairy Tale Fun Facts!

- The very first tale of *Cinderella* was written in China around 850 AD - and over 700 versions of the story have been recorded from around the world. In the first version of the story, Cinderella's slipper is made of gold, not glass!
- Did you know there is a planet called the "Goldilocks planet"? This planet is in another solar system and may be very similar to Earth. This is why it's nicknamed Goldilocks - it's neither too hot or too cold. It's just right!
- The world's biggest Gingerbread Man was made in 2006 in Texas it stood at over 20ft in height.
- Analysis showed Beauty And The Beast and Rumpelstiltskin to be about 4,000 years old.

**Miss Weston (Deputy Head and English Lead)**



**What's your favourite Fairy Tale?**



## Oakland Infants Character: Solo

This half term our character focus is: Solo



**Solo would say:**

**Use your own ideas to be creative.**

**Encourage others.**

**Be independent.**

**Be brave and try it on your own.**

**Be your own person.**

**When at home encourage your child to be like Solo, such as...**

- tie up shoe laces
- zip up your coats
- tidy your bedroom
- complete a puzzle
- look through a picture book



### **CONTACT US**

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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.

Mat Parker (Chair of Governors)  
[governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:governors@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk)  
Or via the school office

### **BIRTHDAYS**

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Ciana in Elm and Alex in Elm



Please let us know if you have a **POSITIVE** COVID-19 case in your family.

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