



OAKLANDS INFANT SCHOOL

OAK TREE NEWS

Deep roots for future growth



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much to those of you who spoke to your children regarding my message in the last newsletter. I'm pleased to report that myself and the staff are already noticing an improvement in children using their manners to greet staff and better listening during assembly and in class.

Christmas is in full swing here at the Infants, we are looking forward to our Christmas performances next week.

Miss E Weston

HELP

We are looking to do some building work in the Infant school later next year. At this stage we are looking to obtain some quotes. If you are able to provide us with a quote please get in touch with the school office and we will be in contact with you soon.

Also we are looking for volunteers to support at lunchtimes, whether it's to help pour water, chop up food or help on the playground. If you would be interested in volunteering please contact the school office.

HO HO HO—Santa is on his way to Oaklands Infants!

On Wednesday 6th December we will be having a special visit from Santa in the afternoon. Each class will meet him and have a class photo. We would ask for a voluntary contribution, if you are able, with all proceeds going towards school funds. Santa will be also be available after school on the Infant playground for additional photo opportunities for a small donation alongside our amazing, local Pizzaarti selling their delicious, mouth watering, wood-fired pizzas and other refreshments with a percentage being donated to the school.



Children who have received a Holly leaf

(now on display on the Oak Tree in the hall)

Ash: Benjamin, Bethan, Alex and Lana

Willow: Tallulah, Alex, Casper and Beau

Chestnut: Laurie, Margaret, Immie and Eleanor

Silver Birch: CJ, Hollie, Oscar and Joshua

Beech: Michael, Charlotte B, Nancy and Thea

Elm: Ellena, Chelsea, Noah and Stephanie

Children who also received a Goldie leaf:

Finley (Beech), Harrison B (Chestnut), Lucas (Elm), Harper-Jane (Beech), Sophie C and Emily (Silver Birch)

Reminders!

- School office hours 8.30am—3.45pm. Before and after this you will need to leave a message on the voice mail.
- Sickness : if your child has any sickness and/or diarrhoea they are not to return to school for 48 hours after the last episode. This is inline with NHS guidance to stop the spread of the virus.
- Ellis Road gate: This is opened at 8.30am. If you are buzzed in early for a club or meeting please do not hook this gate back.
- School sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn as per our uniform policy. If this is not possible then a plain navy jumper or cardigan may be worn as we are noticing more and more colourful hoodies in school. During cold weather, extra layers may be worn under school uniform.



The [Winter Mini Challenge](#) is back, giving young readers the chance to earn prizes for finishing at least three books.

Organised by [The Reading Agency](#), the challenge kicks off on Friday 1 December and runs until Monday 19 February. It will continue the 'Ready, Set, Read!' theme from the [Summer Reading Challenge](#), which partnered with the [Youth Sport Trust](#) to keep minds and bodies active during the summer break.

This is a bitesize version of the main summer scheme, with children only needing to read three books instead of six. It is free, entirely online and children can unlock rewards as they progress, with lots of fun activities available on the dedicated [children's website](#).

Once your child has finished a book, get them to add it to their [online profile](#). Reaching their reading goal will allow them to unlock a limited-edition virtual badge and a special Winter Mini Challenge certificate to print off and keep.

Children can access games, book reviews, activities and content from top children's authors and illustrators. For parents, there is also a [Home Zone](#) and [Library Zone](#), which has more information and top tips.



Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Phoebe in Elm class for receiving a Blue Peter Badge! Phoebe wrote to Blue Peter to share her thoughts on the book 'The Twits'. Phoebe received a Blue Peter badge designed by Quentin Blake which is especially for Blue Peter viewers who have opened up a book and shared in the joy of reading.



Message from the PTA

We are writing to say a big thank you for your support of our fireworks this year. We had lots of positive feedback on the night and saw lots of happy smiling faces, which made all the hard work worth it. The fireworks really is our biggest fundraiser of the year and this year was our biggest yet!

We raised an incredible £7,501.90 on the evening with an additional £1,000 in match funding from one of our brilliant volunteers. Giving us an incredible total of **£8,501.90!!**

THANK YOU to our team of fabulous volunteers - setting up on Saturday, clearing up on Sunday, and on the evening itself. We really couldn't do any of this without you and we really appreciate your time and effort.

THANK YOU to the stars of the show - Mike Humphries & his team of amazing volunteers for putting on another incredible display. We think it topped last year (which was epic) and it seemed to go on for such a long time.

THANK YOU to everyone who bought tickets and supported us by attending the event. We really hope you had a fantastic evening! We had lots of guests from the wider Crowthorne community and beyond, we hope we showed everyone that Oaklands are the best schools in Crowthorne!!

If you'd like to give us some feedback, we'd love to hear your thoughts (positive and negative!). We'll be back next year so please help us understand how we can improve, what worked well and any other ideas to make it a fantastic evening. Please share your thoughts here:

<https://forms.gle/kxHYDfmX8phMd23G6>. (All feedback is anonymous.)

Roll on Christmas!
The PTA x



Celebration of Learning

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Each half term, we invite parents/carers to each class to celebrate the children's learning. Please find listed below the dates and times for this half term. Come directly to the classroom for the time stated.

Class	Date	Time
Ash	Thursday 7th December	2.50pm
Willow	Monday 11th December	2.50pm
Chestnut	Thursday 7th December	3.00pm
Silver Birch	Wednesday 13th December	3.00pm
Beech	Tuesday 12th December	3.00pm
Elm	Wednesday 13th December	3.00pm

Dates	Notes
Tuesday 5 th December	9.15am: Christmas play to parents/carers
Wednesday 6 th December	9.15am: Christmas play to parents/carers
Friday 8 th December	PTA Elfridges
Tuesday 12 th December	School Christmas lunch
Wednesday 13 th December	South Hill Park Pantomime
Thursday 14 th December	2pm: Carol service at St John's church, parents/carers can attend. Children may be collected from the church or will walk back to school. Details to follow nearer the time. Please be aware - this event is weather dependent. If the weather is too bad for the children to walk to the church, we may need to cancel at the last minute.
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper day School finishes at 1.30pm



We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis.

If you are in need of a little help and support with feeding your family then please email Nikki Lenon at nlenon@oaklands-inf.wokingham.sch.uk. Nikki is able to issue foodbank vouchers to families in need. This service is confidential and will also be able to be accessed during the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays via email.



Olive Branch

25 Wellington Business Park
Crowthorne
RG45 6LS

OPEN Monday & Thursday 12:30-2pm
(except bank holidays)

Winter Support



Winter Extras

Hot water bottles, blankets, hats and gloves

Foodbank parcels

Non perishable foods, bread, butter, toiletries and cleaning products

Community Table

A free meal Mondays 6pm and a chance to meet others

Christmas Toy Bank

Sign up to come and choose a gift for your child/ren this Christmas – collect 11th and 14th Dec

Christmas Dinners

Fresh veg, turkey, pudding and extras delivered on the 22nd Dec Book by 5th Dec

Fresh Fruit and Veg

A voucher to go to Crowthorne Market – Friday and Sunday morning to select fresh fruit and veg

Referrals through your schools, social services, church, CAB the Hardship Helpline:
08082082138 or email

Email info@crowthorne.foodbank.org.uk for more details

Goldie's Rules



- Remember your manners
- Listen to others
- Use kind words and hands
- Look after our school
- Try your best
- Allow yourself and others to learn

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ella in Beech class who won prize for the poster she created for the Late Night Shopping event in Crowthorne.



**Late Night Christmas Shopping,
Lights and Carols
Crowthorne High Street
Friday 1st December
5-7:30pm**



THANK YOU

Oaklands Infant School

for raising a fantastic

£139.81

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

**BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED**

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If you have any feedback about our newsletter, please email

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just play sports

Christmas Camp at Oaklands Junior School

A week filled with various sports and activities!
Plenty of fun games played in a Christmas theme!

Dates: 18th - 22nd December

Please see website below for more
information regarding times and prices

HAF SPACES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE!



www.justplaysports.co.uk



Festive bling your bike, scooter or yourself!

We are getting into a festive mood in the My Journey team.

We would love you to join in by adding some Christmas decorations to your bikes, scooters or yourselves, when you travel to, or from school.

Please send a picture of your festive creations into

MyJourney@wokingham.gov.uk by the 13th December and be in with a chance of winning a £25 Decathlon voucher.

There will also be prizes for the runners-up!



Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs



The Wokingham Air Quality Project is delivered by Intelligent Health in partnership with My Journey, Wokingham Borough Council and funded by Defra.



Reading Rockets Oaklands School Ticket Offer

Reading Rockets

vs

Greenwich Titans

Sunday 3rd December

4pm Tip @ Loddon valley

Leisure Centre

To redeem your discount, tickets must be purchased online.

Please visit www.eventbrite.co.uk

At the checkout use discount code

OAKLANDS25

for a 25% discount



DJ-K LIVE

Great family entertainment

