



Oak CE Primary Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024



Our school attendance is getting better and better. Thank you for doing your best to send your children to school everyday. We really appreciate all your efforts. If you are struggling with anything linked to attendance, please speak to your class teacher or Mrs Kelly in the office. We have one more week left with our attendance competition – lets see if we can hit our whole school target of 96%!

This week we are looking forward to our Christmas celebrations from the Nativity to Christingle. Pupils are also excited to complete their Design Technology projects and evaluate how effective they are. It has been a pleasure to see the children's work this week and watching how pride in their learning is growing and growing. Next week's newsletter will be a short video showing how much we have to celebrate from this last half term in school.

School reopens on Monday 6th January with classroom doors open from 8.40am and we hope you have a peaceful Christmas break and enjoy the time with your family. Mrs Garlick.



Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Fair. It was a lovely celebration at the end of a busy term and seeing everyone come together for the good of the pupils. Thank you to Mr Auty and Mrs Wyke who coordinated the whole thing. Over just a couple of hours we raised a fantastic £592.76 for the pupils at Oak CE Primary.

PSHE

In January, Mr Purchon will be arranging the parent meeting for our Relationships and Sex Education. It will follow the same format as last year with parents able to listen to staff talk through the curriculum from Nursery to Year 6, explain why we teach certain things in particular year groups, look at the resources we use and speak to staff about any questions you may have.

Class Dojo

If you are not linked to ClassDojo you are missing out! Speak to your class teacher about it.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is **96%**

This week's attendance was **95%**

The classes with the highest attendance this week were **2.1 and 6.2 with 98%**

Curriculum Information - <https://oakprimary.co.uk/curriculum-overview/>

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 20th December it is our Christmas Jumper day. Please wear your Christmas jumper instead of your Oak school jumper. This is not a non-uniform day. Please do not buy a Christmas jumper if you do not have one, a jumper in a festive colour (red, or green for example) would be perfect!

We are raising money for the Children's Society who support children all around the world in difficult situations. Please have a look at their video from the Head of Wool to remind us all to take part. Donations of £1 will be collected by class teachers on Friday morning.

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Attendance League

It's Week 7, and the attendance league is heating up! At the top of the table, *Class 5.1* is absolutely unstoppable, securing an incredible 15 points so far. Their consistent high performance, with six weeks of 96%+ attendance, keeps them firmly in the lead. Hot on their heels are *Classes 4.2* and *6.2*, both sitting at 12 points, thanks to impressive back-to-back 3-point weeks. Meanwhile, *Class 3.1* is holding strong in third place with 10 points, showing steady progress.

Elsewhere on the pitch, *Class 1.1* has picked up momentum in recent weeks, jumping to 9 points after a string of stellar 97% performances. But it's heartbreak for *Snowdrops* and *Bluebells*—both struggling to find their rhythm and still scoreless after seven weeks of play.

With only one week left, will the middle table shake up? And can anyone catch the unstoppable 5.1 team? Stay tuned for the next round of attendance action!



Class	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Current Results
Snowdrops	82%	83.8%	83%	69%	62%	74%		0
	(0 points)							
Bluebells	78%	82.3%	83%	86%	80%	87%		0
	(0 points)							
R1	97%	95%	93%	94%	88%	78%		5
	(3 points)	(1 points)	(0 points)	(1 point)	(0 points)	(0 points)		
R2	90%	87%	88%	78%	79%	87%		0
	(0 points)							
1.1	91.8%	92%	92%	97%	97%	97%		9
	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(3 points)	(3 points)	(3 points)		
1.2	83%	90%	90%	92%	94%	94%		2
	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(1 point)	(1 point)		
2.1	94%	90%	94%	92%	93%	98%		5
	(1 point)	(0 points)	(1 point)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(3 points)		
2.2	88%	86.5%	89%	90%	87%	89%		0
	(0 points)							
3.1	97%	97%	92%	94%	94%	96%		10
	(3 points)	(3 points)	(0 points)	(1 point)	(1 point)	(2 points)		
3.2	97%	98%	95%	85%	91%	94%		8
	(3 points)	(3 points)	(1 point)	(0 points)	(0 points)	(1 point)		
4.1	95%	94%	96%	97%	95%	92%		8
	(1 points)	(1 point)	(2 points)	(3 points)	(1 point)	(0 points)		
4.2	97%	97%	95%	99%	94%	94%		12
	(3 points)	(3 points)	(1 points)	(3 points)	(1 point)	(1 point)		
5.1	98%	96%	96%	96%	97%	97%		15
	(3 points)	(2 points)	(2 points)	(2 points)	(3 points)	(3 points)		
5.2	91%	90.3%	92%	89%	93%	92%		0
	(0 points)							
6.1	91%	95%	96%	97%	94%	95%		8
	(0 points)	(1 points)	(2 points)	(3 points)	(1 point)	(1 point)		
6.2	91%	96%	96%	98%	96%	98%		12
	(0 points)	(2 points)	(2 points)	(3 points)	(2 points)	(3 points)		



OAK PRIMARY NEEDS YOU!

As part of our new Opal initiative, to ensure we have a variety of equipment outside for the children, we are now asking for donations of anything you no longer need at home. If you have any of the following that you no longer need, we will happily make use of it at playtimes!

RECEPTION – Old pots, pans, spatulas or spoons to cook up an imaginary treat; or simply bang about!



YEAR 1 – Dressing up clothes, these could be old fancy-dress clothes or old adult clothes that are no longer needed. Let's create our own fashion runway!



YEAR 2 – Bags and hats for imaginary adventures! An exhibition down the school field sounds fun...



YEAR 3 – Small dinosaur or animal figures/toys. (Why don't we make our own Jurassic Park?)



YEAR 4 – Small vehicle toys such as cars or trucks. (The dinosaurs are going to need something to drive aren't they?)



YEAR 5 – Old (clean) sheets or bedding for den building.



YEAR 6 – Any type of sticky tape (such as cellotape, masking tape or packing tape) for den building.



We will also happily accept any donations of old tarps if anyone happens to have any. Please feel free to donate from any of the above categories, even if they are not specified for your child's year group. All donations will be gratefully received.



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Sessions for Parents and Carers with a focus on Neurodiversity

Thursday 17th October 2024 at 2pm: Behaviour

Monday 11th November 2024 at 2pm: Boundaries and demands

Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 1.30pm: Food

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 1.30pm: Sleep

Monday 3rd February 2025 at 2pm: Executive Function

All sessions are completely free of charge and are led by experts from Barnardo's Children's Charity.





Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am: Reception Nativity

Wednesday 18th December: Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance

9.30am for Y1 parents

2pm for Y2 parents

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 19th December: Y3 & Y5 Christingle

Friday 20th December: Christmas Colours/Jumper Day

Friday 20th December: School Closes for Christmas

Monday 6th January 2025: School opens for pupils

Monday 3rd February 2025: Year 4 Safety Rangers

Friday 14th February 2025: School Closes for Half Term

Monday 24th February 2025: School reopens

Tuesday 25th February 2025: Young Voices

Friday 4th April 2025: School Closes for Easter

**Don't forget every Thursday is Coffee Morning
8.45-9.45am**

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

18 CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.



APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.



STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.



SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.



TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been misplaced, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.



Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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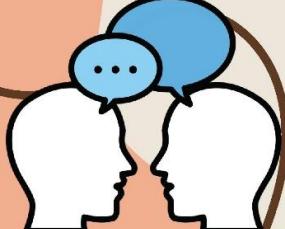


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Monday 9th December-

10am-12pm- Holmfirth Library, 47 Huddersfield Road, HD9 3JH
1pm-3pm Rawthorpe & Dalton Library, Ridgeway, Huddersfield, HD5 9QR

Tuesday 10th December-

10.30am-12.30pm- Birkby & Fartown Library, Lea Street, HD1 6HF
4pm-6pm Shepley Methodist Church, Lane Head Road, HD8 8DB

Wednesday 11th December-

9.30am-11.30am Gledholt Methodist Church, Edgerton Grove Road, HD1 5QX

Thursday 12th December-

11am-1pm Chestnut Centre, 2A Chestnut Street, HD2 1HJ
3pm-5pm-Almondbury Library, Fairfield Road, HD5 8TD

Friday 13th December-

9.30am-11am Moldgreen United Reform Church, Old Wakefield Road, HD5 8AA
1.30pm-2.30pm FOCAL Community Centre, New Hey Road, HD3 4DD

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Christmas Day Meal

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CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH 12.30 PM

Come and enjoy a 2 course turkey dinner (vegetarian option available). For anyone on their own on Christmas Day or for anyone who will struggle to provide a hot meal for themselves.

All meals have been kindly provided by The Sons of the North cafe and we would love to see you!

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