

Weekly Newsletter 12th December 2022



Right of the Fortnight: **Article 14:**
**Your Right to Follow
Your Own Religion**



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all parents and carers who provided consent for their children to receive the **flu nasal spray**. This is a great way to prevent seasonal flu in children aged 2-17. Thank you also to parents and carers for following our **48-hour policy for sickness**. Our numbers of children with sickness so far have been much lower than local schools and we continue to keep the risk of infection to a minimum by promoting good hand hygiene.

We sent guidance from the **LA and Public Health England** regarding **Scarlet Fever and Strep A** last week. This is occurring at the same time as a variety of other circulating winter infections which share some similar symptoms such as cough and sore throat. If your child has a confirmed case of Scarlet Fever or Strep A **please inform the school office immediately** as we have to report cases and we have vulnerable children and adults in school.

We are pleased to be **opening our doors at 1.45pm** on Wednesday and Thursday this week and looking forward to welcoming families of Early Years and KS1 children to watch our **Christmas Nativity starting at 2.00pm**. Our children have been rehearsing - learning their lines and words to songs. You are in for a real treat from what we've heard so far!

On Friday, this week, doors open at **St Luke's Church at 9.45am** for the **Y3 & Y4 Tableau** which starts at **10am**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



Little Sycamore & Nursery Open Morning and Afternoon

The attendance at the open sessions was fantastic and a festive time was had by all. Everybody was fully involved sharing stories and rhymes whilst Mrs Osborne shared the importance of early reading. The children enjoyed making edible baubles in Kitchen Corner. The children demonstrated their creativity and imagination whilst making a tree decoration, Christmas cards and beautiful calendars.



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

Tues 13th Dec	Nasal Flu Spray (Reception to Y6)
Wed and Thurs	2.00pm Nativity Performance for Parents & Carers of
14th and 15th Dec	Reception, Y1, Y2 and Willows
Fri 16th Dec	10.00am Tableau at St Luke's Church for Parents & Carers of Y3 & Y4
	Reception Theatre Visit 'How to Catch a Star'
	Y6 Pupils Bring Christmas Cheer to Residents at a Local Care Home
Mon 19th Dec	9.10am Christingle at Oakdene for Parents & Carers of Y5 & Y6
	AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties
	AM Reception Christmas Party
	PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties
Tues 20th Dec	AM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties
	PM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties
	Break up for Christmas Holiday

**Wednesday, 21st December 2022 to Tuesday, 3rd January 2023
Christmas Holiday**

**Wednesday, 4th January 2023 Spring Term Commences
Pupils Return to School**



Mock Wedding for Reception Pupils

Reception pupils took part in a **mock wedding** ceremony led by 'Reverend Rowe'. Pupils were selected to play the part of best man, bridesmaids, and wedding guests to support the bride and groom, Holland and Eli. A big **thank you** to parents and carers for providing such amazing outfits and props.

The rain was torrential and we didn't want to spoil the beautiful outfits/shoes so we cancelled the church and transformed the hall into a church. As part of this topic the children have been involved in planning and preparing every detail including designing the wedding cake and making invitations.



Y4 Tees Valley Music Service Hub Snappy Christmas at Thornaby Pavilion



The Y4s learnt 12 new songs to perform with a number of schools across the Tees Valley. We were incredibly proud of how the children performed with great confidence and maturity. We received lots of positive comments about the children's exemplary behaviour.



Research shows that **reading for pleasure** improves children's ability to read, write and progress at school, as well as having a positive impact on their mental wellbeing and empathy.

By registering for this exciting project we will receive **400 brand new books from Puffin** and **100 books from their partner publishers**. Audiobooks for children with special educational needs and additional resources to make library areas more inviting are also available.

Mrs Osborne and Miss Leonard have attended training and are eager to recruit our new library ambassadors in January 2023!



Recommended Read

This week's recommended read is from

Miss Owens

'Skandar and the Unicorn Thief'

by **A.F. Steadman**



Prepare to experience a magical world full of courageous heroes and warrior unicorns in the first instalment of Steadman's exhilarating series, as young Skandar takes to the skies to battle a deadly enemy.

Soar into a breath taking world of heroes and ferocious unicorns in this first book in the hotly anticipated fantasy adventure series for fans of Harry Potter, Percy Jackson and Amari and the Night Brothers.



Christmas Community Pantry The pupil voice team just wanted to say a **huge, huge thank you** to everyone who **donated, helped and purchased** from our pantry last week. It was a great success and a very **mischievous elf** welcomed everybody. **We raised £90** which has been added to our Summer Pantry profits (£75) and now have £165 towards school resources.



The pupil voice group have collated suggestions about how these funds might be spent but, as always, we will keep you informed and will allow all children to vote so everyone is included in the **decision-making** process. **Mrs Wilson and Mrs Rowe** have worked tirelessly to make this event such a success!



Week Ending 9th December 2022
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Delilah Dodds-Day	Liam Turner	Harry Robinson
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Caleb Jefferies	Finley Short	N/A
YR Miss Robinson	Miley Dodds-Day	Mia Hudzicka	Bella Mansell
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Jack Blasco	Harrison Kirk	Taylor Perry
Y1L Miss Leonard	Darcie Berry	Olivia Wallace	Leo Archer
Y2D Mrs Durham	Isaac Cummings	Evie Richardson	Sebastian Eley-Carberry
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Finley Orley	Eddie-James Midgley	Violet Wood
Y3L Mrs Lorgan	Autumn Lonsdale	Dolly Rogers	William Marshall
Y4S Miss Smith	Daniel Young	Peter Balanescu	Emily Smith
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Amelia Booth	Jake Cody	Eleanor Lewis
Y5M Mr McConnell	Casey-Lee Morgan	Lucy Macklam	Zac Dale
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Lily Dodds-Day	Jacob Stephenson	Abbie Weetman

Star of the Week: High no of Dojos, Rights Respecting both in class & at lunchtime, PE Readiness, read at home, learnt spellings etc

Star Reader: Read at least minimum number of times depending on key stage therefore in Reading Raffle, using myON at home etc

Star Writer: Joined handwriting, presentation of written work, creative content, quality/quantity of written work, correct letter sizes etc