

Weekly Newsletter 18th December 2023



Right of the Fortnight: Article 14:
Your right to follow your own religion



Dear Parents/Carers

After an enormously successful term we have finally made it to the **Christmas holidays**. The children have had a wonderful time preparing for Christmas and taking part in Christmas activities over the last few weeks. Everyone enjoyed a magnificent **Christmas dinner** last Thursday.

The Christmas **Nativity, Tableau** and **Christingle Service** have been absolutely amazing and we were delighted with the amount of parents and carers joining us each day. Jack the **donkey** provided that extra little bit of Christmas **magic**. The **Christmas parties** will be extra special this year, a special mention for the very generous **donation from one family**. Early Years and KS1 pupils were surprised by **Santa** last week as he made a quick delivery of selection boxes for every child in our school donated from **The Teesside Family Foundation**.



On behalf of the whole team we would like to **thank** everyone for their Christmas cards, messages and kind gifts which the Oakdene team received for the festive season. We would like to **wish each and every one of you a truly special Christmas**.

The Y6 pupils will bring some **Christmas Cheer** to residents at a local Care Home today. The children have been a credit to you and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well on **Thursday, 4th January 2024. We wish you a Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!**

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne

Nursery Open Morning

The attendance at the open session was fantastic and a festive time was had by all. Mrs Brown shared the importance of early mathematics. Marie showed the children how to keep their mouths healthy and all children received a new toothbrush. The children demonstrated their creativity and imagination whilst making a tree decoration, Christmas cards and beautiful calendars.



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

Mon 18th Dec	AM and PM Little Sycamores and Nursery Christmas Parties PM Reception Christmas Party PM Y1 & Y2 Christmas Parties Y6 Carol singing visit to Allerton Care Home
Tues 19th Dec	AM Y5 & Y6 Christmas Parties PM Y3 & Y4 Christmas Parties

LAST DAY OF TERM

Christmas Holiday: Wednesday, 20th December 2023 - Tuesday, 2nd January 2024

Wednesday, 3rd January 2024 school closed to pupils for in-service day (training)

Children will return to school on Thursday, 4 January 2024

Spring Term

Tues 9th Jan	4.30pm Open Evening for New Early Years Parents & Carers
Thurs 11th Jan	Employability Workshops for Groups of Children in Y4 & Y5
Fri 12th Jan	Y3 Speed Stacking & Y5/Y6 Football Events

Mon 22nd Jan—Fri 2nd February Swimming Block 2 for Y5 pupils



Winter Reading Challenge:

You can access this via wintermini.org.uk

Rate and review three or more books to unlock a special **virtual badge** and **certificate**.

There is a mini **Reading Record** which will be printed out for all children from YR to Y6 to go home - Librarians will distribute these.

Once completed, please return to school to receive 10 Dojos.



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.

The children learnt so many songs in addition to those for the Y3/4 Tableau!



Week Ending 15th December 2023
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 	Star Mathematician 
Early Years Unit Mrs Guest	Lewis Daniels-Owen	Annie Tunney	Poppy Daniel	Leighton Wardle
YR Miss Dixon	Altay Arslan	Michael Smith	Harry Robinson	Olivia Curry
Y1 Mrs Brown	Aria Dugdale	Joseph Luker	William Nimmo	Bella Mansell
Y2 Mrs Durham	Niamh Bellew	Lillymae Morgan	Skyla Wilks	Jack Blasco
Y3 Mr Horkan & Mr Brown	Megan Squires	Oscar Prince	Lacie Carse	Harrison Unsworth
Y4R Miss Robinson	Max Devlin	Olivia-Grace Allison	Piper Noon	Toby Chocholko
Y4S Miss Smith	Nancy Green	Annie Harris	Sophie-Alysa Minter	Fearne Fisher
Y5 Mrs Wilson & Mrs Smith	Hayden Jackson	Eliza Unsworth	Jack Wilks	Yener Arslan
Y6M Mr McConnell	Daisy-Mai McCarthy	Arez Ali	Amelia Booth	Ollie Smith
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Lucy Macklam	Zac Dale	Ceejay Chambers	Lucan Fletcher



YR & KSI
Sava Ali

Y3 & Y4
Florence Bruce

Y5 & Y6
Cassius Dobson