



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**. We say **“Goodbye to Miss Ward’** (TA leading two year old provision) and we wish her luck in her new post which is a promotion to a managerial position in a private nursery. We are currently recruiting for this post. The children have had a wonderful time preparing for Christmas and taking part in Christmas activities over the last few weeks. The Y6 pupils brought **Christmas Cheer** to residents at a local Care Home.

The Christmas **Nativity, Tableau** and **Christingle Service** have been absolutely amazing and we were delighted with the amount of parents, carers and Friends of Oakdene joining us each day. Jack the **donkey** provided that extra little bit of Christmas **magic**. The **Christmas parties** have been extra special this year, a special mention for the two very generous **donations from parents**. Morning Little Sycamores and Nursery 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.

I would also like to take this opportunity to **reflect** on the last term and **celebrate** all of the academic achievements. We are so proud of the academic **excellence** and opportunities we offer at Oakdene. The children receive an **exceptional education**.

We would like to **wish each and every one of you a truly special Christmas.** With so much concern and worry around finances and health it is so very important that the children have a special time with their families and loved ones over the Christmas period.

The children have been a credit to you and we look forward to seeing you all safe and well on **Wednesday, 4th January 2023.**

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year!

Mrs E Bramley and Mrs S Osborne



Dates For Your Diary - Autumn Term

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**

Mon 9th Jan Employability Workshops for groups of children in Y4 and Y5.

Mon 16th Jan—Fri 27th Jan Swimming Block 2 for Y5 pupils

(Sunday 22nd Jan) Chinese New Year



Reception Theatre Visit 'How to Catch a Star'

Reception pupils really enjoyed a festive treat at The Hullabaloo. They saw the enchanting puppet adaptation of Oliver Jeffer's best selling picture book 'How to Catch a Star'.

Spell-binding storytelling combined with a magnificent musical score reminded everyone of the importance to follow our dreams.




Huge congratulations to Y4 pupil **George Robinson** who brought home **Gold** for Oakdene at the weekend in the regional trampolining competition. We are very proud of his attitude and focus. George has qualified for the next round in Northern Ireland in February.

We wish him continued success.



Week Ending 16th December 2022
Stars of the Week at Oakdene Primary Academy

Class	Star of the Week 	Star Reader 	Star Writer 
Morning Nursery Mrs Guest	Harry Robinson	Amelia Wright	Alex Smith
Afternoon Nursery Mrs Guest	Louie Walker	Olivia Curry	Harper Cooper
YR Miss Robinson	Lincoln Wardle	Holland Finley	Hunter Lake
Willows Mrs Farnaby & Mr Brown	Leanne Fletcher	Mason Lavender	Eliza Copland
Y1L Miss Leonard	Elena Hold	Lilly Dixon	Lottie Donnelly
Y2D Mrs Durham	Albert Balanescu	Oscar Prince	Archie Donnelly
Y3/4H Mr Horkan	Esme-Olivya Donnelly	Kayci-Lei Scott	Max Devlin
Y3L Mrs Langan	Leah Cooley	Ellis Fearn	Alyssa Frost-Usher
Y4S Miss Smith	Cally Wright	Eliza Kirk	Scarlett Rogers
Y5W Mrs Wilson	Ceejay Chambers	Arez Ali	Amelia Richards
Y5M Mr McConnell	Kaci-Leigh Moody-Blackburn	Kallum Squires	Amelia Wood
Y6B Miss Bestwick	Toree Wardle	Aimee Lynn	Layla Rose

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