

Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Just before half-term we invited all families to make a special effort with our Christmas shoebox appeal. I am pleased to say that a total of 76 boxes were collected and will shortly be on their way across Eastern Europe to those families in need. Thank you to all those families who supported this appeal.



I am looking forward to the Grandparents Tea next Thursday 22 November at 2.15pm. Grandparents are a very important part of the school community and they deserve all the respect, gratitude and affection we can give them. The tea provides them with an opportunity to get together and to see some of the good work the children do in school.

Whilst the vast majority of parents ensure that their children arrive to school on time unfortunately there continues to be a steady trickle of latecomers once the gates have been closed. Punctuality is a virtue and a habit highly valued by employers so teaching our children to be on time for school is an important part of their overall development. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Finally, I will be having my 'Coffee Morning' on **Thursday 29 November at 8.50am**. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come along.

Ciro Candia
Headmaster

MOVING INTO RECEPTION 2019

A reminder (for parents who have not yet paid) that for those children who are moving from the Nursery into the main school in September 2019, a deposit of £500 is due by Friday 30 November. Any cheques should be made payable to PACT Educational Trust Ltd. If you need further information please contact Mrs Askew on carrie.askew@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION by Mrs Easthope

It is always incredibly difficult to judge competition work when one is faced with such a high standard of talent and enthusiasm for art and design within the school. Thankfully this was not on my shoulders alone, and after receiving over 50 entries I am delighted to announce that the judging panel awarded 1st prize to **Freya Martin** (Year 3) so congratulations to her. In 2nd place was Stella Pellegrini Perez (Year 5) and 3rd was Sofia Abraham (Year 3). Well done to them and all the entrants! You will get to see Freya's design nearer to the end of the term.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Normally (unless requested) only sibling photographs are taken by the photographer every year, however, at the photo session last Thursday all the children were photographed individually as well as with their family. This was done at our request to enable us to update our school database with a recent photograph of each child. The proofs will be sent home shortly and these will include the individual photographs. However, parents are not obliged to purchase these.

MERIT BADGE WINNERS FOR THE LAST WEEK

Year 1 – Santiago Slon
Year 2 – Dexter Baster
Year 3 – Tomas Kennefick
Year 4 – Ayaan Fada
Year 5 – Blake Ledgister
Year 6 – Zachary James



CONGRATULATIONS!

SAVE THE DATES

MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Road Safety Week

Croydon League U11 netball vs St Aidan's (at OW) – 4pm

TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Parent/teacher meetings – Early Years & Infant teachers, Mr Woolmer & Miss Blanco. With childminding

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Parent/teacher meetings – Junior teachers & tutors excluding Mr Woolmer & Miss Blanco. No childminding.

THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Year 1 & 2 trip to Gatton Park

Grandparents' Tea (Reception & Year 6) – 2.15pm

FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

Musical assembly – 3pm

MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER

U9 football vs Warlingham Park (home) – 2.30pm

Croydon League U11 netball vs Gresham (at OW) – 3.30pm

WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

U11 football & netball vs Collingwood (home) – 2pm

THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER

Coffee with the Head – 8.50am

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Year 6 class assembly – 3.10pm

MONDAY 3 DECEMBER

Croydon League U11 netball vs Kenley Primary (at OW) – 3.30pm

TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER

Last 11+ Club

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER

Year 3 & 4 trip to Gatton Park

Year 6 Speech & Drama pupils trip to the Unicorn Theatre

Early Years Nativity (Nursery & Reception) – 9am

Last Prep

FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

NHS Flu vaccinations for registered children in Reception – Year 5

Christmas Fair (3-5pm)

SAVE THE DATES

CONT:

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER

Early Years & Infant Christmas Party

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER

Reception trip to Godstone Farm

Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols for Juniors at St John the Baptist Church, Purley – 7pm

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

Last swimming lesson for Years 1 & 2

Junior Christmas lunch – 12.30pm

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

Infant Nativity (Year 1 & 2) – 9am

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER

Mass – 9am (please note earlier time)

Project Presentation Day

School closes – 3.45pm



**Christmas holidays
from Monday 17 December 2018**



SPRING TERM 2019

MONDAY 7 JANUARY

INSET day for staff only

TUESDAY 8 JANUARY

School opens for the Spring term – 8.30am

PUNCTUALITY CUP

Well done to **Year 1** who had the highest punctuality score and are the winners of the punctuality cup. Statistics below are based on 8 school days from 5 November.

Reception – 7.62

Year 4 – 7.56

Year 1 – 7.93

Year 5 – 7.81

Year 2 – 7.78

Year 6 – 7.12

Year 3 – 7.48



DEPUTY HEAD'S CORNER

Last week at school, I launched our Oakwood Projects during an assembly. All pupils in Years 3-6 can begin a project and can base their project on a curriculum area and topic of their choice. For example: Geography - Transport in London, Science - Forces or PE - London Olympics 2012. The projects have to be something tangible and cannot be a Powerpoint or Google Slides presentation. Please encourage your child/children to take part and please ask me any questions that you may have regarding the projects. A project presentation day has been arranged for **Friday 14 December** where children can display their projects for parents to see at the end of the day.

This week we started this term's Parent/Teacher Meetings which continue next Tuesday and Wednesday. The meetings are a really valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, their next steps and targets as well as share information about their personal development.

A quick word on maths: please encourage your children to actively apply their mathematical learning outside of the school environment. For example, counting food items with younger children during a food shop or calculating percentages when doing some Christmas shopping with older children. Looking for such opportunities is a great way to bring learning to life and show your children the value of what is taught during maths lessons at school.

Mr Murphy - Deputy Head (Academic)

11+ CLUB

The last 11+ Club for this term will be on **Tuesday 4 December**. Please also note that this will be the final session for Year 6, as any exams will be sat early in the New Year. The club will continue for Year 5 and start for Year 4 in the Spring term. Mr Murphy will email parents with further details shortly.

DIGITAL SAFETY

The latest edition of 'Digital Safety' is attached with this newsletter. Please take time to read the important message it gives, focusing on 'Creating kinder online communities'.

GRANDPARENTS TEA



A reminder that the Year 6 pupils will be hosting a tea for all Oakwood Grandparents on **Thursday 22 November** at **2.15pm**. It will start with a short singing performance from children in Reception followed by the Year 6 class presentation. The afternoon will end with a good old fashioned cup of tea and maybe even a slice of cake! Kindly let the school office know if any grandparents are attending.

CHARACTER STARS

*Targets – I know how to behave towards my parents
I know how to behave at mealtimes*

Year 1 – Tohma Okamoto & Elisha Maslona
Year 2 – Saria Scott-Kurti & Jose Pellegrini Perez
Year 3 – Gabriella Mouskis & Sofia Slon
Year 4 – Daniel Macorini & Naomi Sauerborn
Year 5 – Monica Schofield & Stella Pellegrini Perez
Year 6 – Olohirere Eboreime & Zachary James

WELL DONE!



UNIFORM

If you are planning to purchase any uniform items, Stevensons have asked us to remind parents that should they need to return anything then they have 120 days to do so. Parents can also make personalised appointments at the Epsom store so please keep this in mind over the busy periods.

A reminder, as the weather is becoming colder, that the regulation school coat should be worn every day. The children continue to go outside for breaks and with the coat we can ensure they will be warm (particularly the younger children). The school beanie & scarf are available from Stevensons for both in store and online purchases. Navy or bottle green gloves may also be worn. No other hats or colours should be worn for school. We do have stock of the beanies (as well as bows and ties) that can be purchased via the school office.

Please note that the Stevensons online ordering facility can be found at <https://www.stevensons.co.uk/>.

SPORTS by Mr Kurti

Well done to the U9 teams who played football against Warlingham Park on Monday. The A team won their match and the B team drew. Player of the match was awarded to Ayaan Fada and Ptolemy Danielson in their respective teams.

Congratulations to the U11 netball and football teams who won their matches against Warlingham Park on Wednesday. Player of the netball match was awarded to Amelia Schofield and for football it was Max Baladasan. Well done!

There are a number of fixtures (including a few scheduled Croydon League netball matches) this half-term so please check the Save the Dates and any letters that are sent home with those children who have been selected to play. All parents are welcome to come along and support the children.

If you have any queries regarding PE or Sports, please email me on alberto.kurti@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

SCHOOL TRIPS AND VISITORS

For those parents whose children normally have hot lunches provided by LunchMunch4Kidz, please remember to inform them if your child has a trip and no lunch is needed on a particular day.

Year 1 & 2 will be visiting Gatton Park on **Thursday 22 November** to support topics in their Geography and Science lessons. **Year 3 & 4** are also visiting Gatton Park on **Thursday 6 December** as part of geography, maths and science.

Mrs Lloyd will be taking her Year 6 Speech & Drama pupils to the Unicorn Theatre on **Thursday 6 December**. They will watch a production of 'Grimm's Fairy Tales'.

On **Tuesday 11 December** the children in Reception will be visiting Godstone Farm where they will meet a special person!

JTA'S & ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Congratulations to our new Junior Travel Ambassadors (Jacob Leonard, Marin Singh and Stella Pellegrini Perez). They will start their new role straight away with Road Safety Week beginning on **Monday 19 November**.

LADIES MEDITATION

The next Ladies meditation with Fr. George is on **Friday 23 November** at **8.50am**. All mums, Grannies and Aunties are welcome come along.

ASSEMBLIES

A Musical assembly will take place on **Friday 23 November** at **3pm** with contributions from solo instrumentalists. The Year 6 class assembly will take place at **3.10pm** on **Friday 30 November**. Parents are welcome to attend both of these assemblies.

YEAR 2 CINEMA TRIP by Mrs Chloe Clarke & the Year 2 pupils

On Tuesday, Year 2 went to the cinema to see 'Mary and the Witch's Flower'. We travelled to Croydon on the 407 bus. When we arrived, there were lots of other children from different schools who had also come to take part in the 'INTO Film Festival'. We enjoyed watching the film whilst eating our popcorn. The film was an animated fantasy film and we really enjoyed the storyline and characters. Our favourite characters were Mary and her friend Peter. We would definitely recommend this film to our friends.

A REQUEST FROM MRS BONNET (Year 6 parent)

Due to moving house, Mrs Bonnet has asked if there is anyone available to help with travel arrangements for her son George in Year 6. They would need to pick him up from home in Tooting to travel to Purley in time for school opening at 8.30am and then collect him from school at 3.45pm (Wednesdays at 5pm) and take him home. An hourly rate (including travel) will be paid. If you or anyone you know are willing to help then please email Mrs Clarke in the school office at liz.clarke@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Reception by Mrs Parker

The Reception children have been praying each morning for those who have died in conflict. They made a friendship wreath using joined up hands which were painted red to look like poppies.

Our topic this term is dinosaurs and the children are learning how to say some of the very long names with the help of 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs'. They are exploring the type of environment in which they lived, how big they were and what they ate.



Nursery by Mrs Lobo

We hope you all had a restful half-term holiday and are looking forward to the busy, festive weeks ahead! The children are all pleased to be back and have settled confidently into their school routine. We have been discussing fireworks and making fireworks printing for our classroom display. We have also been busy rehearsing for our Nativity performance and have been singing lots of fun songs!



EARLY YEARS AWARDS

Star Reception

Alice Hewitt – for being a lovely kind friend to everyone in the class
Alice Bong – for settling so well at Oakwood and in Reception

Nursery

Maya Okamoto & Mia Nadimi for settling into Nursery
Nursery Lunchtime
Zachary Dalumo & Abraham Gyimah

Well done!



CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Please save these dates for the Christmas events in school and make a note of any information that you need!

Early Years Nativity - Thursday 6 December at 9am. Children in Nursery and Reception should arrive promptly at 8.30am and parents are invited to have refreshments in the hall before the performance.

Nursery children who don't normally attend on a Wednesday or Thursday morning session should come in at 8.30am on Wednesday 5 December for the dress rehearsal and Thursday 6 December for the performance. These children should be taken home at the end of each production.

Infant Nativity - Thursday 13 December at 9am. Children in Years 1 & 2 should arrive promptly at 8.30am and parents are invited to have refreshments in the hall before the performance.

In the last few years demand for DVD recordings of both these Nativities has been very low, but we do recognise that some of you look forward to purchasing these to give to friends and family etc. This year we have organised a more in-house approach to the recording and have arranged for Mr Kobus (one of our parents) to make the DVD. Stuart Absolon, our usual photographer, will take professional photographs. Both recordings and photographs will be taken at the dress rehearsals. More details about the DVD to follow.

The photographs taken at the dress rehearsals will be on display at each performance and can be purchased directly through Stuart. We would ask parents **not** to take their own photographs or make video recordings using any device. Not only does it affect professionals agreeing to film or photograph in school but it also is a big distraction for the children whilst performing. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Festival of 9 Lessons & Carols - Tuesday 11 December at 7pm.

As part of our Christmas celebrations, the Junior children (Years 3 - 6) will be performing in the 'Festival of 9 Lessons & Carols'. This service will take place at St John the Baptist Church, Dale Road, Purley. By holding it at our local parish church we can accommodate the whole school community so all parents and grandparents are welcome. However we advise that younger siblings do not attend as it is a fairly solemn evening and it finishes late for a school night. All Junior children should be in their places at church no later than 6.50pm, wearing their school uniform. More information to follow.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS cont:

Christmas Shopping Fair - Friday December 7 from 3 to 5pm

All families are invited to attend our Christmas Shopping Fair. There will be all sorts of Christmassy things going on as well as stalls and raffles. This a fundraising event and all proceeds will go towards the Christmas party & lunch for the children as well as new playground items. The Year 6 children will be heavily involved in the afternoon so they will have lots to do! Please ensure that they are able to stay until at least 5.30pm on the day.

If any parents can help out then please email Mrs Easthope on lorna.easthope@oakwoodschool.org.uk. She has a list of jobs that need doing!

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party - Monday 10 December

Children will have their lunch as normal on this day, and the Party will begin at 1.45pm. They will be given a small snack as well as a treat from the sack of a special visitor! The entertainment for the afternoon will be provided by Love Theatre Arts.

Junior (Years 3-6) Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 12 December

No lunch is required on this day for Junior children (however please provide a morning snack for them). If, for whatever reason, your child will not be having the Christmas lunch please inform the school office as soon as possible. LunchMunch4Kidz are aware that no hot lunches are required for Junior children on this day.

Charges for Christmas Events

An amount of £5 per child (Nursery – Year 6) will be added to parents' bills for the lunch or party. The cost for these events will be subsidised by monies raised through the Christmas Fair and second hand uniform sales.



EASY FUNDRAISING

If you are already thinking about starting your Christmas shopping please remember you can raise money for Oakwood whilst you shop online using the Easy Fundraising link. Just follow:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oakwoodpurley

If you haven't already done so, you just need to register, find the retailers you are shopping with and then shop online in the normal way. For every order you place Oakwood will receive a donation.