

End of Autumn Term '18 Newsletter

Anticipating the end of term, I detail the following information ensuring a clarity in the final weeks' arrangements.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 4th December	Oak Meadow V Woden Primary Football Match
Wednesday 5th December	BOCCIA Sporting Event @ Westcroft
Thursday 6th December	Reception's visit to Telford Wonderland Year 1-5 Flu Vaccines 2:30 pm Year 1's Christmas Performance
Friday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day 9:15 am Year 1's Christmas Performance Visit from Santa (Shhhhhh !)
Wednesday 12th December	2:00pm Reception's Christmas Performance
Thursday 13th December	9:20 Reception's Christmas Performance
Friday 14th December	Year 4's last swimming lesson 1:30 pm Christmas Panto (to children only)
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Lunch Day 5:00-7:00pm Year 5/6 Christmas Disco
Friday 21st December	9:20am Christmas Carol Concert (Y4-6 @ St Alban's Church) 3:15 pm End of Term
Monday 7th January	INSET Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 8th January	Spring Term Commences for Children

End of Term Report

As the term ends on Friday 21st, please look out for your child's End of Term report. The report briefly outlines your child's current attainment and progress. Teacher assessments relate directly to the year group's age-related expectations, e.g. within Year 2, given the comprehension depths of the curriculum, a typical child will be 2E—entering within the Year 2 National Curriculum. As the year progresses, so children will develop and secure their age-related expectations. Given the broadness of the curriculum and limited coverage after only one term—it is challenging to be developing at this time. Teachers also use an extensive range of information and data to inform their judgements, i.e. reading / comprehension—aged tests, reading stamina tests, spelling test results, meeting of individual targets, responses to homework and time table tests. Therefore, your cooperation supporting the practising of reading, learning of spellings and times table facts etc is always appreciated.

Water Bottles

A reminder of our school policy regarding water bottles during the school day. Having access to water during the day is incredibly important for supporting children's alertness to learning and to their progress. Therefore, we remind you that children can bring a water bottle into school, containing water only, to keep in the classroom. In addition to water bottles, there are water fountains strategically placed around school for ease of access.



School uniform Donations

Within this economic climate, I am fully appreciative of your commitment to our school uniform policy and expectations and thank you for upholding our standards. However, some families who suffer hardship—particularly at this time of year—find it difficult to afford uniform charges. Therefore, if you have any surplus items of uniform which your child has grown out of and they are still in good condition, we will receive them gratefully to support others. Thank you

Funsters / Breakfast Club

May we respectfully remind all parents to ensure that all accounts are brought up to date with all balances being clear by the last working day of each month. All sessions should be pre-paid and booked—attendance will not be allowed if there are outstanding fees to be paid.



Spurgeons

The response to our Spurgeons charity appeal to-date has been immense and we thank you earnestly for your kindness and generosity. 20p raffle tickets continue to be on sale with the opportunity to be served by members of staff during our Christmas dinner or to win a giant cuddly toy!

Linked further to Spurgeons' appeal is our invitation to children to wear a Christmas-themed jumper or item of clothing this Friday, 7th December, this is different to one of our former letters which stated the 14th. I hope this does not cause too much inconvenience for you. If children would like to wear their Christmas clothing, we kindly ask for a donation of £1 to add to our Spurgeons' fundraising appeal. Thank you.



School Christmas Dinner (School dinners for Key Stage 1 children are free)

May we please remind parents that even if your child would usually have a school meal, you must pre-book and pre-pay via the normal school meal section on ParentPay for the School Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 19th December—this will enable kitchen staff to order and cater for the correct number of meals required.

Good News

This term has been busy but amongst the busy-ness many of our children have won the following accolades:

- ◇ Lilia in Year 6 reading her piece of writing, 'A letter to a Soldier' in the city's Civic Remembrance commemorations at the steps of St. Peter's Square by the Cenotaph—delivering it with tremendous eloquence and self-assurance.
- ◇ Aimiliona's audio recording played within the service—again, with such maturity, fervour and articulation.
- ◇ Of the Local Authority's seven winning letter entries, four were awarded to Oak Meadow. Congratulations must also be extended to Emi and Ria whose skills as writers were acknowledged. All four winners will shortly be participating in afternoon tea with the Mayor where they will be awarded with a certificate and vouchers.

Further commendations must also be expressed to Isla for providing a running-up entry to MP Emma Reynold's Christmas card competition and to Alfie and Jessica who were selected to be part of the Mayor's Christmas Card 2018. I am immensely proud of all our children's accomplishments.

Finally, on behalf of all staff and Governors, we wish you a happy, fun-filled Christmas.

Kind regards,

Mr. Arnold