

December 2019

Oakthorpe News



Dear Parents

Once again we have had a busy and productive term. The children have worked hard in all areas of the curriculum and have made some fantastic progress. Highlights of the term include an amazing Book Week and the spectacular concerts and performances during the last two weeks of term.

It has been wonderful to see so many of you in school at events such as the Early Years Maths workshop, Parents Evening and the recent concerts. Thank you for your continued support for the school. We really do appreciate it and know that this partnership benefits your children.

Our staff work hard to give your children the best possible opportunities and we know that you appreciate all that they do. We would like to say an enormous thank you for the gifts that have been sent into school during the past week.

On behalf of all the staff at Oakthorpe I would like to wish you all Seasons Greetings and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Mrs J Garrad

School Streets

Due to factors beyond our control we were not able to launch the School Street before the end of term. This is frustrating, however we are assured by the Sustrans team that we will have a launch date in the New Year as soon as the Road Traffic Order comes into force.

Once this date had been set Tile Kiln Lane will be a pedestrian and cycle only zone during term time between the hours of 8-15am—9.15am and 2.30pm—4pm .

A camera is due to be installed at the end of the lane and enforcement will be in place.

Please make it your New Year Resolution to walk to school where possible and if not to park away from the school and walk the last part of your journey. We aim to reduce pollution around the school in addition to drastically increasing the safety of our children.



Gymnastics

Congratulations to the children who represented Oakthorpe at the recent Gymnastics festival organised by the Enfield PE team. All the participants were amazing! They had worked hard (with their coach Mr Oldham) on their floor routines and vaults to prepare for the competition.

We are pleased to report that our Year 5 & 6 team won and are now the borough champions in their age group.

Well done, we are very proud of you.

Winter Concert

On Wednesday 18th December a large number of children took part in a Winter Concert. The choir sang beautifully, 4F amazed us with their ukulele playing and 2P both sang and signed Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer. In addition to this we were treated to a number of solo items (piano, ballet, singing) and a recorder duet. Our street dance, music makers and ballet club children also performed to a very high standard. Thank you to parents, family and friends who came to support and a special thank you to Ms Driscoll and Ms Triddon for organising the event with the support of Mr Fawcett and Ms Pierce. We have such talented children and staff! We look forward to the next event.

Follow us on Twitter at [@1oakthorpe](https://twitter.com/@1oakthorpe)



Seasons Greetings to all our families.



Christmas Door Decorations

As you know; your children and the staff here at Oakthorpe are very creative and talented. They had great fun decorating some of the many doors around school.



Charity Collections



The children and staff had lots of fun wearing their Christmas Jumpers on Friday 13th December. Another highlight of the day was eating the delicious Christmas Dinner cooked by Hatice and her hardworking team.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the non uniform day by wearing spotty clothes. We collected £291.75 which has been sent to Children in Need.



A big THANK YOU to IKEA in Edmonton who donated a Christmas tree and decorations. We have been pleased to display it in our school reception.



Remember to check the Student Blogs pages on the school website for more photos and information about life at school.

Performances

We Will Rock You

During their time at Oakthorpe every child gets an opportunity to perform at least once a year. Earlier this term Year 3 amazed us with their Diwali Show and during the past two weeks our oldest and youngest pupils have taken to the stage.



Born in a Stable

For all shows the hall was packed with an audience anticipating a fabulous performance and they were not disappointed!

Our Reception classes danced, sang and acted out the nativity story. They looked perfect in their costumes and it was hard to believe that they have only been in full time school for a term! Well done everyone!

There was another memorable performance from years 5 and 6 with their magnificent performance of We Will Rock You. They transported us to the future and then took us on a musical journey consisting of many famous pop and rock songs. We loved every moment of both shows!

We are grateful to all the staff who worked hard to prepare the children.

FOO

We are grateful to FOO who have been busy since September organising a number of fun events. The main events of the term were the Fireworks Evening and the Winter Fayre. Both were very enjoyable and combined have raised around £2000 for the school. In addition to this they have organised cake sales, the Christmas Raffle and refreshments at school events.

Planned events for the New Year include a disco and preparation for our Annual Summer Fayre will begin. If you are able to offer your support and help please leave your name at the school office.

The money raised last year by FOO is being put towards the Early Years playground and outdoor area with some much needed refurbishment and the purchase of new equipment.

Thank You FOO!

Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy and musical week! They sang in the playground on Monday at the Christmas Fayre, went out into the community to sing carols on Wednesday and performed to the whole school on Thursday!



Some of the children sang to the residents of Stamford Care



Home and others in the Atrium at North Middlesex Hospital.



Remember to check the Student Blogs pages on the school website for more photos and information about life at school.

Online Safety

Nintendo Switch



Like other games consoles Nintendo Switch offers lots of fun and age appropriate games to play. All of the games consoles offer online subscriptions eg Nintendo Switch Online, Xbox Live and Playstation Network.

These are paid services that allow the user to play online and link to other gamers. Nintendo's guidance states 'this service should not be used by account holders who are under 13 years old'. Due to their online nature, children could be playing games with people they don't know which has risks such as being exposed to inappropriate language. If you do choose to purchase such services then please remember to set up the appropriate controls.

The Nintendo Switch has a parental controls App which is free to download to a phone or smart device which you can then link to your child's Nintendo Switch in order to monitor what they are playing. You can also use the App to set time limits for playing and turn off voice chat.

Netflix

Does your child watch Netflix?

Did you know that you can add a PIN to your account so that a PIN must be entered to either play any TV show or movie above the selected maturity level. You can also create up to 5 personalised profiles in your Netflix account for each member of your family. You can choose the level for each profile. This allows you to limit the range of TV shows and movies that your child can view.

A child profile will only include content appropriate for children.



Breakfast Club

Oakthorpe Primary runs a breakfast club between 8 and 8.50am, Monday to Friday during term time. Children have the option of eating a healthy breakfast and enjoy a variety of activities under the supervision of experienced staff. The cost of the club is £2 per session per child for children who arrive before 8:30am and £1 per session per child for children who arrive after 8:30am and do not eat breakfast.

From January 2020 we will no longer be able to take cash payments and ask that you pay for the days you would like your child to attend breakfast club online through Parent Pay via www.parentpay.com.

We do ask that your account is kept in credit at all times as we are unable to offer spaces to children where payments have not been made in advance. Be assured you will only be charged for the days your child attends breakfast club.



The new term begins at 8.50am on Tuesday 7th January

Attendance



Our attendance this year has been very good! Well done to the classes whose attendance is close to or above our target of 97% . Our overall attendance so far this year is 96.34%.

1S	97.90%
6L	97.79%
4R	97.78%
6L	97.70%

Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to Timur
in year 4 for his writing description of a chase



Hall and Room Hire

Parents and members of the community may rent rooms or the school hall for events. You may wish to hold a one off party or host a regular event or club. Lettings rates are very reasonable. Further information can be found by contacting: School Hire - school.hire@yahoo.co.uk.

Value for December

Humour

Our value for the month has been Humour so let's finish off the year with a joke!

What did the snowman eat for breakfast?

Ice Krispies!



Diary of Events

Children return to school at 8:50am Breakfast Club from 8am	Whole School	Tuesday 7th January
Year 1-Phonics Information Meeting	Year 1 Parents/Carers	Wednesday 15th January @ 9am
Governors' Committee Meetings	Governing Body	Thursday 23rd January
Year 2-SATS Meeting	Year 2 Parents/Carers	Wednesday 29th January @ 9am
Year 6-SATS Meeting	Year 6 Parents/Carers	Wednesday 29th January @ 7pm
Greenwich Planetarium	5S	Monday 3rd February
Greenwich Planetarium	5P	Tuesday 4th February
Greenwich Planetarium	5M	Tuesday 11th February
Break up for Half Term	Whole School	Friday 14th February
School starts	Whole School	Monday 24th February
Swimming starts	Year 4	Friday 28th February
End of Term	Whole School	Friday 3rd April
Easter Holidays	Whole School	Monday 6th April
School Starts (Summer Term)	Whole School	Monday 20th April