

Monday 2nd December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly a big thank you for your support with our unfortunate closure on Friday afternoon and today. Due to the high level of pupils off and the nature of the illnesses that had been reported, we sought advice from Public Health and followed the advice we were given. Over the weekend, the school has had a 'deep clean' from a specialist company and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back tomorrow. From what we have gathered, many schools in the area have been in the same unfortunate position. Fingers crossed our children and families are fully recovered for the last part of our very busy Christmas term!

It has been an incredibly busy half term so far, starting off with our Year 6 children to Lockerbie and our Year 4 children to Winmarleigh the following week. The children were a credit to us all and had a wonderful time. I would also like to thank the staff attending these visits for giving up their time to take our children away as without them these could not go ahead. Miss Layfield, Mrs Hearn, Mr Fawcett, Mrs Ibbetson, Mrs Osborne, Miss Blott, Mrs Sells, Mr Oakes, Miss Sharp and Mr Mite, you are amazing!

In school, we have had Diversity week, Remembrance Day, Children in Need, the Discos and our 'non uniform for Christmas Fair chocolate' day. Miss Quinlan and a team of children attended the Worth Valley concert, which was an amazing event, heavily represented by children from our Trust. The children, as always have been wonderful and have coped with the excitement in true Oakworth style.

School has been a hub of activity, with each year group having a project that they have been working towards in Creative Curriculum lessons this term. The children have been telling me how much they have been enjoying these lessons, so please do ask them what they have been up to!

We recently hosted the children from Year 5/6 at Oldfield Primary, to join with our Year 5s in the Planetarium, it was a lovely opportunity to combine resources and allow the children to make new friends from across our Trust. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Hopefully you have all received the list of Christmas dates for your diaries, beginning with our Christmas Campaign this week, collecting items to support Age UK, the Salvation Army and Church on the Street this Christmas. Miss Baker has done a super job representing Oakworth and coordinating this as part of the Bronte Academy Trust, so please support her/us and give as generously as you can.

We also look forward to seeing you at the PTA Christmas Fair this Thursday (5th Dec) from 4.30pm until 6pm.

We are very busy at the moment and are excited to celebrate Christmas with you all at one of our Christmas events before the holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to our wonderful staff team, who are working incredibly hard (and often 'out of hours') to ensure Christmas (and school in general!) is special for our children.

And to all of our lovely parents, thank you for all your support, I am very grateful to be part of such a wonderful community.

Let the celebrations commence!

Best wishes,

Miss Beki Vargassoff