

BV/EO

16th December 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Merry Christmas to you all!

As I am sure you are aware, the festive season has been in full swing here at Oakworth! It has been lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas events. We started off with our Christmas Fayre, which was a huge success and managed to raise over £1200! Miss Quinlan and the choir then put on a wonderful 'Carols By Candlelight' and the Reception children showed their dramatic talents with their performances of 'Mary's Knitting'. These performances, I might add, were complete with real life donkeys (and their poo!))! This week, we are looking forward to Nursery's carol concert and to our end of term Christmas celebration at the church, followed by individual class parties. School looks wonderfully Christmassy; the hall is adorned with the amazing class 'hoops' and our tree is decorated with ornaments made by the children. Oakworth has been a fabulous place to be at Christmas.

This half term, during creative curriculum lessons, the teachers have set the children a task, to produce a large scale item or event before the holidays. The children have, as always, been incredible and have risen to the challenge and Oakworth has been a hive of an array of different activities, led by the children. The focus in education at the moment is very much about the broad and balanced offer, less about children's attainment data, and with the children's wellbeing a high priority. We are wholeheartedly embracing this and as a staff have enjoyed exploring this and are excited about this continuing into the New Year. The children have been engaged, excited and positive and have told me how much they have enjoyed their learning and how proud they are of their achievements. I personally cannot wait to see what they get up to in the New Year!

From January, school dinners across Bradford will be increasing as they usually do, this time to £1.90 per day. This will be reflected in ParentPay after the holidays. If your family are experiencing financial hardship and wish to discuss this, please do make an appointment to see myself or Mrs Skwarek, the School Business Manager.

I would like to once again offer my thanks to you all for your support during my first term at Oakworth. It has been lovely to meet most of you and begin to get to know you all and I am so proud to be part of your community.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2020 (can anyone else believe it is 2020!?)

Best wishes and a very Merry Christmas!

Miss Beki Vargassoff