

16th December 2020

Merry Christmas one and all!

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful and special half term we have had! It was our mission this term to ensure that Christmas was extra special for our amazing children, and I think it has indeed been accomplished. There has been an exciting buzz around school this week, and the children have well and truly had the Christmas spirit!

Christmas week:

A huge thank you to Mrs McAndrew and the team who served Christmas dinner, café style to 300 children on Tuesday and it was delicious! The children and staff were decked out in Christmas jumpers and had added their own special touches to the lunchtime too, so it was a truly magnificent affair!

Also on Tuesday, was the end of our Christmas campaign for Martin House Children's Hospice. I was truly humbled at the generosity of our Oakworth family. Over 12 boxes, filled to the brim with items for the brave teenaged residents, were collected and sent to Whitby Lodge. I know this will mean the world to them and it has been an amazing experience for our children. Many of them have commented that they have spent their own money and chosen items themselves, which is truly special, so thank you.

This afternoon was 'Rapunzel – the Panto', a virtual Panto that was enjoyed by all. We have also 'released' our Christmas performance, you will find it on our website. I know the children have loved watching themselves as the stars of the show, I hope you do too!

Mrs Scargill and the children have been busy writing holiday messages for our community, and hanging them on the main front gate for the residents of Oakworth to enjoy over Christmas. The children have also been making Christmas cards in class (please have a look at our Virtual Art Gallery on the website), which have showed off their skill development in art this term.

Finally, we were also really delighted to receive two beautiful cards from the residents of the Oakworth Manor Care Home. Our Year 2 children have written them letters and sent them paper flower and bookmarks for Christmas.

Please don't forget that Friday will be our Christmas party and December birthday party day, and the children are welcome to come in their own clothes.

Website:

The staff have been busy updating the website, so please do have a look at the Year Group pages, to see what they children have been up to this term and what is coming up in the Spring.

Staffing:

We would like to welcome Mrs Sonia Ackeroyd and Mr John Barratt to the Oakworth team. Mrs Ackeroyd will be based in the office with Mrs Horsfield and Mr Barratt will be our new caretaker, as Mr Clark is going to be working across the Bronte Academy Trust as our new Multi Site Supervisor.

In order to spend time looking after her young grandson, Mrs Kath Smith, will be leaving her lunchtime and teaching assistant posts in January. She will however be staying as a member of our Care Club team, which we are delighted about.

Miss Gina Kenney begins her maternity leave on Friday, I know you will all join me in wishing her well for this next chapter. We will miss her, but are very much looking forward to meeting (when it is safe to do so!) her new arrival.

General reminders:

Please do help us to keep our Oakworth family safe and remember the COVID systems we have in place: the one way system, wearing of mask, and staggered pick up/drop off times. The Parent Handbook (on the website) has all the details in that you may need.

Please ensure that children are looking fabulously smart in full uniform in January. It has been lovely to see them all looking so festive this term, but school coloured tights and hairbands need to resume in January please. On PE days, children should come to school dressed in PE kit, which is a plain black hoody/sweatshirt, white t-shirt and black tracksuit bottoms/shorts. The uniform policy is in the Parent Handbook. Please also ensure the children are dressed for inclement weather, as we do try and take them outside in all weathers.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for all your kindness and support during a challenging term and wish you and your families a safe and wonderful Christmas holiday.

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year for our next Oakworth adventure!

Best wishes

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