



The Oaks Primary School

Bringing Learning to Life

Friday 21st December 2018

Special Christmas Newsletter

Christmas Markets

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Markets . We raised £650 for school. Thank you to all of year six and everyone that supported on the night.

Christmas Bingo

Thank you for your support. We hope you enjoyed the event. We raised £498.

If you have any games or toys that are in good condition and you are willing to donate to our After School Club please contact Miss Ralph or Miss Copeland. Thank you.

Wherever possible medical appointments need to be taken out of school time. They count as an absence. These appointments can only be authorised if we see appointment letters. Children need to be in school in order to make good progress. Too many children are missing too much learning due to

Congratulations to Ashworth House Team. They won the interhouse sports competition this week for this half term.

Ashworth and Sharples drew with the number of wins for House Points this term and both are enjoying a non uniform day today. Thank you for your support with this it means a lot to the children.

Can you support us with Reading in School?

Could you spare 30 minutes any day of the week to come in to school at 2.40pm and listen to children read on a 1:1 basis? We have a number of children that need additional support with their reading as they don't have the opportunity to practise at home.

Please contact me via the office or on email grundyj@the-oaks.bolton.sch.uk with the day you are available. Many thanks!

Speaking and Listening

'Communication and Language' scores at The Oaks when children start in Reception are one of our weakest areas. Possibly because we rely on technology more and speak less?

Please enjoy family time together this Christmas Break and enjoy speaking and listening to each other. Please correct children if they are pronouncing words incorrectly or speaking in the wrong tense. For instance 'we was...' instead of 'we were'. Children write the way they talk so **correcting language at an early age is very important**. Words we think are 'cute' or 'sweet' if they are still talking immaturely need to be corrected.

Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates ~ Spring Term 2019

Wednesday 16 th January	Takeover Day for Y6
Monday 21 st January	Reading Information Evening for parents 7pm
Tuesday 22 nd January	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 31 st January	Reports to Parents
Monday 4 th February	Year 1 Trip to LegoLand
Tuesday 5 th February	KS2 Disco 3.15—4.30
Thursday 7 th February	KS1 Disco 3.15.– 4.30
Tuesday 12 th February	Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 15 th February	Finish for half term
Monday 25 th February	Back to school
Monday 4 th March	Governors Committees Meeting
Wednesday 6 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 th & Thursday 14 th March	Parents Evening
Monday 25 th March	Full Governors
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Bingo
Friday 5 th April	School Closes for Easter

Appreciation

Thank you for respecting the wishes of staff and not sending gifts in for Christmas. Thank you to all the families that have taken the time to write emails or cards or pass on messages of thanks and appreciation to staff. It helps us end the year with a lovely warm glow.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all our fantastic staff. We are **VERY** lucky at The Oaks to have such an amazing team of staff that give our children their very best. They go above and beyond to support, the children, families and school community. Their commitment and hard work is the reason The Oaks is as successful and as special as it is.

Well Done Year Five!

Year 5 visited The Old Vicarage Nursing Home on Tuesday this week to sing some Christmas Songs and chat to the residents. They were amazing ambassadors for our school and really brightened the day of the residents that met them. I was extremely proud of

Friends of The Oaks Fundraising Total!

Thank you to our wonderful team of Friends of The Oaks that help to plan, organise and run events in school. All money raised in school is going towards an outdoor area in the quad. We have a Lottery funding grant and we are raising £8000 to put towards this exciting project. So far this term we have raised £3756. The events this term include: Bingo, Disco, Ladies Night, Bag Packing, Lights Switch On, Christmas Markets and Raffle.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support this term, it really does mean a lot.
We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

School opens at 8.50am on Monday 7th January

Thank you for your support, Jo Grundy Headteacher