



The Oaks Primary School
Bringing Learning to Life



Monday 17th December 2018

Weekly Newsletter

After School Club

Bookings online can be made 24 hours in advance. This is the preferred booking method. In emergencies please ring the school office and we will be happy to book children on before 9.15am.

After this time NO bookings can be made. Thank you for your support.

Reminder: Mobile phones, Fit Bits and Smart Watches are not allowed in school. A simple digital watch or analogue watch are suitable for school and support your child with telling the time. Please support this policy in school

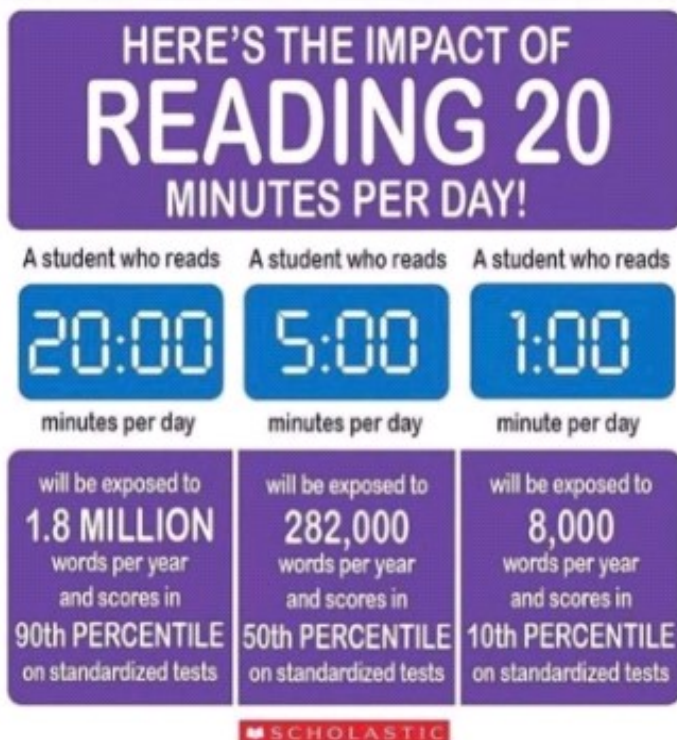
School closes at **3.15pm** on Friday 21st December.
After School Club running as normal.

Reading at home

Please make sure you hear your child read at least four times a week and sign their reading record. Even children in Y5/6 still need support with their reading. Help ensure your child is meeting their age related expectations and read regularly at home.

Non uniform for party day on Tuesday for Rec, Y1 and Y2. Non uniform on Thursday for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 for their party.

Please make sure clothes and footwear are suitable for children to play out in.



Please make sure dinner money debts are paid in full before the end of term. Thank you.

Autumn Diary Dates

Monday 17th December
Tuesday 18th December
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Wednesday 19th December
Thursday 20th December
Friday 21st December

Christmas Markets 3.15-5pm
Party Lunch for those on school meals
KS1 party Afternoon
Y5 Visit to Old Vicarage—Nursing Home.
Christmas Bingo 3.30-5.15pm and 5.30-7.15pm
KS2 party Afternoon
Last Day of term—school closes 3.15pm.

Holidays during school time

Please let me remind you about the important change in Bolton's code of conduct regarding penalty notice fines for irregular attendance at school.

Since the 1st September 2018, the criteria for issuing a penalty notice will be reduced and a fine will be considered where a pupil has had 10 sessions (equivalent of five days - consecutive or otherwise) of unauthorised absence over the period of two consecutive half terms.

In our school we have an issue with families taking an increased amount of absence due to family holidays in term time. Please limit these requests to less than five days. Any requests of five days or more for a family holiday will result in families being referred to the Local Authority for a penalty notice. No funds from penalty notices come into school but school has to be seen to be challenging parents that take holidays during school time. There are 13 weeks a year for holidays, appointments and visits please keep holidays to these times or take a day or two extra attached to a school holiday period if you need to.

The penalty notice currently stands at £60 per parent per child. So for a two parent family with two children it is £240.

More information about penalty notices can be found on Bolton Council's website: <http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/Truancy.aspx>

Thank you for your support

Mrs. Jo Grundy
Headteacher

Mr. Jon Wormald
Chair of Governors

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