Oakwood Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter: 12th November 2021



Newsletter

This Week

On Monday, the children attended a Remembrance Assembly and throughout the week we have learnt about the significance of remembrance, They have grown in their understanding of the sacrifice service men and women have made to ensure we enjoy the peace we live with today. Thank you for all your donations for our poppy appeal.

On Thursday the children took part in a themed lunch and watched a Remembrance service. Thank you to the Rev Sean Fountain for providing this.



It was wonderful to see some children dressed in their outfits from their uniformed organisations such as Brownies, Beavers, Rainbows and more.

Next Week

We look forward to welcoming our local MP Giles Watling. He will be visiting to speak to the children about the role of an MP.

Next week is also Anti Bullying week where the children will attend a special assembly and take part in various activities.

Children in Need

A reminder that next Friday 19th is Children in Need. Children are welcome to attend school wearing anything relating to Pudsey or any brightly coloured clothes/pyjamas.



Donations would be very welcome and all proceeds will go directly to Children in Need. Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan Head Teacher







KEY DATES		
November		
15th	Reception—visit by Freshwater Theatre Company	
15th— 19th	National Anti Bullying Week	
19th	Giles Watling MP Visit to Speak to the Chil- dren	
19th	Children in Need	
25th	Parliamentary Speak Out	
26th	Epilepsy Awareness Day—Wear Purple	
Menu	Next Week—Week 3	

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	95.8%	93.5%
Year 1	94.6%	93.2%
Year 2	94.7%	93.2%

Please be advised we will ask you for medical evidence if your child is absent for 3 or more days. This follows our School Policy. Should you wish to see the policy, it can be viewed on our website.



Reminders

Please can you ensure:

- Water bottles contain only water
- Please do not put water bottles in your child's book bag, ensure they are kept separate
- All clothes, bags, bottles MUST be labelled
- All children need to come to school with a warm coat

Coronavirus Update

We have not had any positive cases of Coronavirus in the school. Please be assured we continue to follow Government Guidelines and will continue to keep you updated on this situation through the school Newsletter. Thank you for your support.

Victorian Christmas Market

There will be a Victorian Christmas Market taking place at the Princess Theatre on Saturday 20th November from 9.30am-3pm. There will be Father Christmas, cards, tombola, stocking fillers and lots more. There will also be various guest appearances. More information can be found at www.cvstendring.org.uk or by calling 01255 425692.

Epilepsy Awareness Day—26th November

November is Epilepsy Awareness Month and we are supporting this cause with a non uniform day on 26th November. Children can wear anything purple to school on the day and we are asking for a £1 donation to support this.



The children will watch a video about epilepsy and will take part in various activities to raise awareness of this illness.

Squid Game

We are still seeing children who are familiar with Squid Game, especially the Red/Green light game. Our children should not have knowledge of these games/video clips and I would encourage you to monitor all online platforms and online activity very closely, to ensure your child is not viewing material that is aimed at a 15+ audience.

Thank you.

School Lunch Menu

After asking the children what lunchtime meals they enjoy and what meals they do not enjoy eating, Mrs Fairhead is currently in the process of changing the school menu to a new 2 week menu.

Last day of term Friday 17th December 2021. Return to school Tuesday 4th January 2022.

School Jumpers/ Cardigans



Due to the colder weather and keeping classrooms ventilated, please ensure your child has a warm school jumper or school cardigan with them everyday.

Thank you.

Extra Information

Reception & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year Starting in September 2022

If you need to apply for a **Reception place or Year 3 place** for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. You can complete your application from **8th November 2021**. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2022**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Reception Year

The Reception children will be taking part in a bear hunt in the woods next week. If your child has any wellies at home, please send them into school for the bear hunt. Thank you.

Nursery Play Equipment

The nursery play equipment is only for use with the nursery children during school hours. Please ensure that any children in your care during school drop off/pick do not use any of the nursery outdoor equipment.

Golden Table

The children selected for Golden Table this week were: Leah—Rabbits, Josh—Cygnets



Well done to all the children.

This year all children will receive a Christmas cracker with their Christmas dinner. If you do not wish your child to receive a cracker, please let the school office know.