



Newsletter

This Week

This week the children attended an assembly where they learnt about the Christmas Story and the birth of Jesus.

This week Reception held their Christmas Performances. They were absolutely fantastic and I would like to thank all parents/carers who attended. I would also like to thank everybody who put in the donation trays at the end of each performance. I will advise on how much money was raised once all Christmas Productions are complete.

On Tuesday Year 2 visited the Princes Theatre to watch the production of Cinderella. The children had an amazing time and their behaviour was impeccable.

On Wednesday the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch and on Thursday the whole school watched a performance of the Pantomime Goldilocks whilst wearing their Christmas jumpers. Thank you for all your donations. Details of how much was raised for Save the Children will follow shortly. I would also like to thank the kitchen for preparing a lovely meal for the children.

Next Week

Next week Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in their Christmas Productions. The Christmas Productions for Year 1 take place on Monday and Tuesday and Year 2 on Wednesday and Thursday (don't forget to buy your tickets). Children are welcome to bring in and change into **party clothes for the performance only** on the day(s) of their performance(s).

Scarlet Fever

Please see overleaf for information.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
December	
12th & 13th	Year 1 Christmas Productions
14th & 15th	Year 2 Christmas Productions
19th	Nursery Christmas Production
20th	Christingle Service Father Christmas and Elves visiting Oakwood
20th	Last Day of School
Menu	W/C December 12th Week 2

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	89.9%	90.8%
Year 1	91.1%	94.2%
Year 2	92.2%	92.9%

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.



Sadly we will be saying farewell to Mrs Tarr, our Deputy Head Teacher at the end of Term. Mrs Tarr has secured a new position for January 2023.

I would like to thank Mrs Tarr for her continued hard work and many contributions to Oakwood and would like to wish her all the best for the future.

Cold Weather



We are expecting extremely cold weather over the next week, so please ensure your child comes to school wearing a warm winter coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Please also make sure all items are clearly labelled so any mislaid items can be returned promptly. If adverse weather results in having to close the school due to snow we will need to contact you. In view of this, please make sure we have your most up to date telephone and contact details. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Bazaar



Our Christmas Bazaar took place yesterday and it was wonderful to see so many of you there. I would like to thank everybody for their kind donations and for your continued support of our events. At present we have raised over £1300. We will advise of the final figure next week. All money raised will be directed back into the school to provide the children with additional learning resources and playground equipment.

I would like to thank the PTA 'Friends of Oakwood' for their incredibly hard work in organising the event and also acknowledge that staff have given up their own time to support and attend the Bazaar. Everybody's hard work is much appreciated.

Reception & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year Starting in September 2023

If you need to apply for a Reception/Year 3 place for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. You can complete your application from **7th November 2022**. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2023**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Last Day of School—Tuesday 20th December. Thursday 5th & Friday 6th January —Non Pupil Days.
Back to school - Monday 9th January.

Clacton Library Events

Clacton Library will be holding the following events during December:

- 12th December 10.00am—10.30am: Christmas stories and fun with Mr Fox and a special festive visitor.
- 15th & 16th December 10am or 1.45pm: Christmas Rhyme Times with a special festive visitor.
- 22nd December—Winter reading challenge.

Packed Lunches



Please note we do not allow children to have sweets in their lunch boxes. Please also provide a lunch box/bag and not a carrier bag.

Scarlet Fever

As you are aware from recent press releases there have been a number of confirmed cases of Step A nationally. I can confirm that we have had one case of scarlet fever confirmed within school and will keep you updated of any changes.

I understand this is causing some anxiety and therefore would remind you of some of the symptoms to look out for. These include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This can be followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body and resembles sand paper. If you think your child has scarlet fever, please contact your GP or NHS 111 and make sure your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed. Your child may return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Please be assured, the wellbeing of your child is our highest priority. If they present with a high temperature we will call you to collect them as per current practice.

Environmental Bulletin



THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS



Unplug any device that is not being used.



Don't leave devices on standby, turn them off when not in use.



Don't position the thermostat near the front door—any cold air entering the home will manipulate the temperature being recorded near the thermostat, forcing the boiler to fire up unnecessarily.