



Newsletter

This Week

This week has been national Anti-Bullying Week where on Monday the children attended a special assembly on the topic. The children have learnt how to stay safe and have learnt what bullying is. They have also learnt how to seek help if they feel they are, or one of their friends is experiencing bullying. Please encourage your child to talk about their school day and ensure they feel they are not subject to any type of bullying.

The Freshwater Theatre Company visited our Reception children year this week and delivered a Story Telling Adventure. The children learnt about Black History Month and listened to the stories Amazing Grace and Handa's Surprise. They also sang the Island Song. All the children were extremely well behaved and displayed fantastic listening skills.

Today was Children in Need day. It was wonderful to see so many of the children supporting the charity and wearing colourful clothing. We will advise of how much money was raised shortly. Thank you for your continued support.



Giles Watling visited the children today to speak to them about his role as an MP and the work he undertakes. Thank you to Mr Watling for taking the time to visit us and speak to the children.

Next Week

We look forward to supporting Epilepsy Awareness with a non uniform day on Friday 26th. Children are welcome to attend school wearing anything purple for a donation of £1. The children will watch a video about epilepsy and will take part in various activities to raise awareness of this illness. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend.


Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
November	
26th	Epilepsy Awareness Day—Wear Purple
December	
3rd	999Cenotaph
3rd	Red Riding Hood Panto
7th	Year 2—Panto at Princes Theatre
8th	Christmas Lunch
10th	Christmas Jumper Day
13th	Non Uniform Day
17th	Christingle Service
17th	Last Day of Term
Menu	Next Week—Week 1

Attendance		
Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	93.5%	87.6%
Year 1	93.2%	92%
Year 2	93.2%	93.7%

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
- All children need to come to school with a warm coat
- All children come to school with a book bag
- You read with your child regularly and complete their reading record.

Coronavirus Update

We have had 2 confirmed cases within 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.

Remembrance Week

We would like to thank everybody who supported Remembrance Week and purchased poppies and other merchandise from the school office. We will advise how much money was raised shortly. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to all our Volunteers. Your hard work and dedication is appreciated.

Head Teacher's Surgery

If you would like to discuss any school related matters with me, I will be holding an open surgery every Thursday afternoon. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.

999Centotaph—3rd December

999Centotaph will unveil the first figure on the Emergency Services Cenotaph. The 8ft statue of an NHS Nurse will represent everybody who has served in the NHS, across the UK. The 999 Cenotaph will be a national symbol of gratitude, sacrifice and remembrance for our NHS and 999 heroes – past and present. The children are invited to dress in red, blue, green or orange clothing to support the emergency services to raise money for the Cenotaph Statue. To take part we would ask for a £1 donation.



Christmas Jumper Day—10th December

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 10th December to support Christmas Jumper Day. We would ask for a £1 donation and all money raised will be given directly to Save the Children. They will also see Santa in his grotto and receive a Christmas gift too. Thank you to the Friends of Oakwood have kindly arranged a paid for this wonderful treat.



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

Colder Weather



Due to the colder weather please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat. As a result of Covid and the necessity to keep classrooms well ventilated, it is also essential children come to school wearing jumpers and warm clothing. Thank you.

Friends of Oakwood (PTA)

Our next meeting will be held on 29th November at 9am. If you would like to attend the meeting please contact Mrs Konis in the School Office.

Extra Information

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has a full PE in school, including jogging bottoms.

Drop off of Children

We have experienced some instances where children have been left unsupervised on the school site by their parent/carer at school drop off time. When you drop your child off, can you please ensure you accompany them to the classroom door in order to hand them over to the classroom staff. Thank you.

Non Uniform Day—Monday 13th December

We are holding a non uniform day to support our Christmas Raffle. We would welcome donations of any gifts that can be entered into our raffle as a prize. If you or anybody you know has a business and would like to donate a voucher as a prize, please contact Mrs Konis in the school office. A flyer giving more details of the Christmas Raffle and how to purchase tickets has been sent out separately. The raffle will be drawn on 17th December.

Breakfast Club Spaces

We currently have spaces in our breakfast club for all year groups. Breakfast club opens at 7.45am and offers a range of toast, cereals and juice for all children. After breakfast the children can play until 8.25am when they are taken to class. The cost is £1.50 per day. To book your place, please contact the school office.



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