



Newsletter

This Week

It was wonderful to see all the children back to school this week after the Christmas break.

This week is Presentation Week and the children have been working really hard on their presentation skills throughout the curriculum.

On Monday I took an assembly focusing on Presentation Week and what it entailed. I also spoke to the children about the importance of being in school every day.

One of the Year 2 toilet blocks has now been refurbished and looks fantastic. The children are very happy with this new area.

I am still liaising with Tendring Council with regard to the broken drain in the alley outside our entrance and also the hole where the bollard has been knocked down. I will keep you updated on any progress.

Next Week

Next week is People Who Help Us week. The children will be learning about different professions and how they help us. During the week a dentist, lifeboat man and librarian will visit to talk to the children about their role. The Fire Service will also visit our Reception Year Children.

Next Wednesday Year 2 children will take part in Space Day. Mike from Science Horizons will visit us and involve the children in various activities where the children will learn about space, planets and creating a living time line about the space race.

All children who achieved 100% attendance last term will be put into a draw with the possibility of winning a child friendly smart watch. All children who attend school every day between now and Easter will also have the opportunity to win an amazing prize.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Maguire-Egan
Head Teacher

KEY DATES	
December	
16th-20th	"People Who Help Us Week"
16th	Dentist to speak about their role
17th	Lifeboat man to speak about their role
18th	Year 2 Space Day
19th	Reception Year—Fire Service Visit
20th	Librarian to speak about their role & Spring Reading Challenge
Menu	W/C January 16th Week 1

Attendance

Year	Last Week	This Week
Reception	83.7%	92.4%
Year 1	86.6%	97%
Year 2	85.8%	95.3%

Reception Year & 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 by **15th January 2023**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Woolly Hat Day

Friday 27th January



All children are invited to wear a woolly hat on this day to support local homelessness.

We would ask for a donation of £1 and all money raised will be given to St James' Church Soup Kitchen.

Xmas Colouring Competition Winners

Staff	1st 2nd 3rd	Mrs Phillips Miss Noakes Mrs Sanderson
Reception	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Esme—Cygnets Taylor—Cygnets Ellie—Cygnets Lilly-Mae—Cygnets
Year 1	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Blue-Belle—Hedgehogs Hope—Rabbits Lexi—Rabbits Talia—Hedgehogs
Year 2	1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Esme—Kingfishers Wyatt—Kingfishers Imogen—Robins Lennon—Kingfishers

Thank you to Santa for picking all our winners. There were various prizes awarded. Congratulations to all winners and thank you to everybody who took part.

Earrings

Please note hooped earrings are not permitted. Only studs may be worn but must be removed for PE.

Labelling

Please ensure all your child's clothes and bags are clearly labelled. Labels make sure the correct item can be returned speedily.

Last day of school—Friday 10th February. Back to school - Monday 20th February.

Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Governor. If you, or anybody you know would be interested in finding out more about this rewarding role, please contact the school office to make an appointment with me.

Dogs

The safety of the children is paramount and we therefore do not permit any dogs to come on site.



Nut Free School

Please remember we do not permit any nuts to come into school. This includes spreads such as Nutella. We have children who have severe nut allergies and can suffer severe medical consequences if exposed.



No Toys

Please ensure your child does not bring in toys from home.

Reducing our Carbon Footprint



Oakwood Infant School is serious about reducing our carbon footprint and I am pleased to announce that on 27th January and 3rd February Chris Blomeley from Community Energy Colchester Ltd will be visiting us. He will speak to teachers and Year 1 & 2 children about ways to improve our planet and will discuss areas including recycling, reclamation, reducing carbon foot print and ways to lower energy use and bills.

Below are this week's tips on how to save money and reduce our carbon footprint.

THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS



Open windows instead of relying on an extractor fan—no electricity used, no cost!



Put lids on pots and pans to reduce cooking time.



Try and match the size of the burner to the right pot or pan—putting a small pan on a huge burner or electric hob will just waste electricity.