



Oakwood Community Pre-School Newsletter 11th December 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

AMAZON FUNDRAISING

Please remember if you are placing any orders with Amazon, we would be very grateful if you could log on via smile.amazon and select our pre-school as your chosen charity. Amazon will then make a donation to us for every qualifying purchase you make, which would be very much appreciated. Thank you and happy shopping!

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

To Ben, one of our parents, for coming in to pre-school on Tuesday to read The Grinch to the children; to keep everyone safe, this visit took place in the garden and the children really enjoyed the story – thank you Ben!

CHRISTMAS DRESS-UP WEEK (next week!)

Don't forget Dressing-Up week from next Monday 14th December where the children can come to pre-school in their Christmas/Dressing Up clothes. If you would like to make a small donation during this week, the funds raised will go towards Christmas presents for the children at the end of term. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE / PERFORMANCE (next week!)

Thank you to all our families who have donated to our Christmas Hamper raffle; we have 15 fantastic prizes to win so make sure you buy your virtual numbers from Caroline on the door at drop-off time by Wednesday morning, 16th December (£1 each)!

The draw will take place on Wednesday 16th December and the winners notified via WhatsApp. Good luck!!

As we are unable to hold our usual Christmas performance due to Covid access restrictions, we will instead be recording the children singing their festive songs next Wednesday and Thursday and uploading these on to WhatsApp for parents to enjoy.

Please note that this will be for family viewing and should not be shared in the public domain.

If you do not wish your child to take part, please let the pre-school office know as soon as possible via email or phone.

Thank you for your support; good luck with the raffle and we hope you enjoy the songs!

FATHER CHRISTMAS VISIT (next week!)

We are really looking forward to our socially distanced visit from Father Christmas next Thursday, 17th December at 10am! If your child is not usually in on a Thursday morning but would like to visit Father Christmas, please arrive at pre-school at 9:50am (1 adult only to stay with your child please). Santa would love to see all our children but don't worry if you can't make it, your child will still receive a present!

CALPOL REMINDER

Please remember not bring children in to pre-school if they have had Calpol as this can mask any change in temperature, a known main symptom of Covid. This is to keep all our children, staff and families safe. Thank you.

FRUIT REQUEST

If you send your child in with grapes or cherry tomatoes, please cut them in half (length ways) or quarters to avoid a choking hazard. Thank you.

IMPORTANT - SCHOOL ADMISSIONS (must be made by 15th January 2021)

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1st September 2021 they can start school in September 2021.

A final reminder that if this applies to you, please ensure you apply for an infant school place for your child by the deadline of: **15th January 2021**. Applications opened on 1st November 2020 so you can apply now.

For more details and to apply for a place for your child, please go to the Hampshire website:

www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

TERM DATES

Our last day of Autumn term will be next Friday, 18th December (at the usual time). We are aware that Green Oaks will be finishing at lunchtime, so if you would like to collect your child from pre-school at the same time, you are very welcome.

Spring term 2021 is as follows:

First day of term: Monday 4th January 2021

Half Term: W/c 15th February 2021 (pre-school closed all week)

Last day of term: Thursday 1st April 2021