



# Oakwood Community Pre-School Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

## AMAZON FUNDRAISING

If you are placing any orders with Amazon (particularly in the run up to Christmas), we would be very grateful if you could log on via [smile.amazon](https://smile.amazon.com) and select our pre-school as your chosen charity. Your account will continue to work as normal, but as long as you log on using [smile.amazon](https://smile.amazon.com) in the future, Amazon will make a donation to us for every purchase you make, which would be very much appreciated. Thank you and happy shopping!

## WELCOME



We have another new member of staff who has just joined our pre-school team; **Shona Logan** will be working in both the Acorn and Oaktree rooms providing additional support for the staff and children. Welcome to Shona!

## CHRISTMAS DRESS-UP WEEK

We will be holding a Dress-Up week from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

Despite the current Covid-19 restrictions and the affect this has had on our local businesses, we would still like to offer activities in the run up to Christmas 2020 as best we can, including our annual raffle.

We would therefore like to ask all parents if they would be able contribute an item to include in a hamper which will be raffled at the end of term; anything from a bottle of wine to a packet of biscuits - please see the attached poster for details. If we receive a large number of donations, we may be able to make up more than one hamper!

If you could bring your donations in to pre-school during the next two weeks that would be really helpful, to allow sufficient time for the hamper(s) to be made up in a Covid safe way. We will be selling raffle numbers @ £1 each on the door (no physical tickets) from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November; the draw will take place on the morning of Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December and the winner will be notified by lunchtime on that day.

Due to pre-school access restrictions, we will also be filming our Christmas Performance this year which will then be available for parents to view (either by email, Tapestry or WhatsApp – tbc). 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 in our performance, please let the pre-school office know as soon as possible via email or phone.*

Thank you for your support and good luck with the raffle!!

## AUTUMN TERM 2020 FEES

As we are approaching the last four weeks of term, we would be very grateful if Autumn Term fees could be paid by Christmas break please. We will be emailing parents a statement of their account next week; if you are currently paying in instalments you are very welcome to continue paying this way. If you need to discuss payment of outstanding fees, please contact the pre-school office and we will be happy to help. Thank you.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who took part and donated to our Children In Need appeal last week; the children had a lovely day in their PJ's and dressing up outfits and we are pleased to report that an amazing **£77** was collected for this very worthy cause.

### IMPORTANT - SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

**If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 they can start school in September 2021.**

A reminder that if this applies to you, please ensure you apply for an infant school place for your child by the deadline of: **15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. Applications opened on 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions)

Reminder postcards will be coming home with your children next week from pre-school.