

OAKWOOD  
INFANT SCHOOL

15TH DECEMBER  
2017

### Key Dates

**20th December**  
Christmas Market

**4th January 2018**  
First day of Spring  
Term

**DON'T  
FORGET!!!!**

SCHOOL  
FINISHES

1.00pm on  
THURSDAY

**Please don't be  
late!**



# Oakwood Infant School

Great oaks from little acorns grow

*didn't*

## The Kissed that Missed!



Well done Year 1 for an AMAZING production of the Kiss that Missed—you really showed what a great Theatre Company you are and that Fairy tale characters are still very much loved by children!

Great news ..... on the 7th December we welcomed baby Magowan into the Oakwood Family! Jonah Magowan arrived right on time and is a very handsome and lovely little boy. All our love and best wishes to Fiona and James as they start their family life together.

## The end is in sight!

I am sure that we are all now counting down to the end of the term.... It is now nearing 8 weeks since half term and it is probably safe to say that most children [and the rest of us] are hanging on by the skin of their teeth [and some have very few teeth ...]. Don't be surprise if your child is excessively tired, emotional, unpredictable or generally off the rails at this time of year – try to keep routines in place and make sure they are having enough sleep. As for you .... try to keep things in perspective, laugh instead of cry and remember it is Christmas—which is supposed to be a time of peace, love and understanding. And if all else fails there are a lot of deals on Prosecco and mince pies at the moment [take your pick!]

A HUGE thank you to everyone who managed to dig deep and add to our 'tinsel-y' buckets after all of our Christmas performances. Your generosity has raised £426 for Guide Dogs for the Blind and I know that Elliott would have been extremely happy by your kindness and support.



## Getting ready for the Oakwood Christmas!

**GREAT news** it is nearly time for our day of Christmas celebrations and I for one have that favourite Christmas jumper ready and waiting... So just what do you need to know and remember next week?

**NO bags or PE kit needed NEXT week at all!!** Just turn up on Monday with your child and a **water bottle**—let's keep things simple!

**NO UNIFORM from Wednesday!** Hooray!!! you can shove everything grey and red in the washing machine on Tuesday and not get it out again until January! All children can come into school on **Wednesday AND Thursday** in non-uniform. Christmas jumpers and reindeer ears are welcome, just make sure everything is practical for getting a bit messy and Christmassy in and running around at playtime.

**Christmas lunch on Wednesday**—anyone who has ordered a Christmas lunch will be getting down with the turkey [or veggie alternative]. If you haven't ordered make sure your child has their festive packed lunch ready.

**Christmas Fun Day**—it's an all day **Christmas Fun Day on Wednesday** with the children taking part in Christmas activities, meeting Father Christmas and even taking part in the children's Christmas Tombola!

**AND FINALLY ... The Christmas Market!** Make sure that you arrive afterschool on Wednesday ready to visit our Oakwood Christmas Market. There will be lots to do [and eat] and it's guaranteed fun for all the family! Here are just some of the things that you will be able to enjoy!

**Chocolate and Wine Tombola**—the chance of winning chocolate , wine or both for just **50p or a £1 a ticket**

**Teddy Tombola** - win back the teddy your love or give a cuddly a new home!  
**All for just 50p!**

**Face Painting and Tattoos**—have a **festive face for £2** or a special **tattoo for 50p!**

**Jam Jar of Treats**—a jar of sweeties just for you all from **£1 upwards**

**Pick a Pocket/Lucky Dip**—see what you get when you **pick a pocket or take a dip for 50p!**

**Christmas games galore**—Ping Pong Christmas Tree, Tin Can Alley, Find Santa, Splat the Pudding—all for **just 50p a go!**

**Glowtastic—Bracelets are 30p or 2 for 50p, Batons £2 each or 2 for £3.50**

**Hot Dog BBQ**—£1.50

**Hot Chocolate/Mulled Wine** -£1

**AND DON'T FORGET** the **AMAZING MONEY MAKERS STALL!** All handcrafted by your children with love ...

*A final plea for more items...*

**Chocolate & Wine Tombola's** - Whether it is a packet of Maltesers, a king-size Toblerone or a bottle of wine we need your final donations by Tuesday. Look out for the boxes outside your child's year group to leave your generous donations

**Jam-Jars of Treats** - We will be selling 'Jam-Jars of Treats' - why not fill a jam jar (or 2 or 3...!) with small party bag style items (toys, sweets, balloons, knick-knacks, etc..) and seal with a lid. These can again be dropped off outside your child's year group.

**Grand Raffle** - Please don't forget to return your tickets to be in with a chance of winning one of our super prizes donated by local companies. Tickets will also be available at the Christmas Market.

We are still looking for volunteers to help during the market, if you are able help support us remembering that many hands make light work we would love to hear from you... please contact [friendsofoakwood@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofoakwood@gmail.com)

*The Oakwood Christmas Market is about the Oakwood Family coming together to feel festive and have fun together. Let's work together to make this year the best Market EVER!*

STOP PRESS! \*\*\*\*\* CHANGE IN PICK UP \*\*\*\*\* MAKE SURE YOU READ!!!!

**After School Care Club:** Pick up on Tuesday and Wednesday will be through the front entrance [due to Santa getting his Grotto ready!]

**The rear of the school will be CLOSED on Wednesday before the start of the Market:**

**Year R** will be collected from the **front of the school on Wednesday**—please wait in the parking area directly in front of the school building.

**Pine Class** will be collected from **Elm Class on Wednesday**

**Ash Class** will be collected from **Beech Class on Wednesday**

**Hazel Class** will be collected from **Willow Class on Wednesday**



## Attachments/home this week:

School Information	School Clubs	Community Events	Other
		Frog Prince Flyer	School Health Flyer

## My child is unwell - should they go to school today?

To help you decide if and when your child should remain off school, a simple guide has been produced for a number of the most common illnesses and this guide has been attached for you as a flyer— a hard copy will also be sent home for you as part of the school attendance pack next week.

### ***And Finally ... a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year***

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Oakwood families and friends a very happy Christmas. As always it has been a pleasure to work with you this term; to give our very best and to make sure that all of our children are happy, safe and getting the best possible start in life that we can give them.

My thanks and admiration to the amazing people who make Oakwood what it is—I know how every member of staff always give their best and never stop thinking about how to make things even better; enjoy a well earned rest!

I truly hope that you all have the Christmas that you hope for—stay safe and we all look forward to welcoming you back in 2018.

Best wishes

*Sue and the Oakwood Team*

