



# Oakfield Schools Federation

25<sup>th</sup> November 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may remember we launched a Christmas jumper swap campaign this year. So far, we have received 12 jumpers at the infant school and 7 in the junior. We are going to keep the campaign going for another week so...If you would like to donate a jumper to our cause; the idea is that on one day, prior to the jumper day, we will display them and parents can come and choose one for their child rather than spend money that as we all know, is not in abundance this year. If we don't receive many more donations we may have think again as to how we distribute the jumpers already donated. Any ideas would be gratefully received.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Chisholm', is written in a cursive style.

Kate Chisholm – Executive Headteacher

New events added are highlighted in yellow		
Date	Event	Time
25/11/22	Jorvik Viking Centre trip – Year 5	
25/11/22	Non-uniform day – Christmas fayre donation day	All day
30/11/22	First round of theatre auditions	3.30 – 4.30
1/12/22	Year 2 Cheerleading festival Year 5/6 Cheerleading Festival	
2/12/22	Year 1 Christmas Trip to Gibside Hall	All Day
5/12/22	Christmas Fayre	15.30
7/12/22	Reception Christmas Visit to Hall Hill Farm	All Day
8/12/22	Year 2 indoor athletics festival	10-12
7-9/12/22	Y6 Residential	
12/12/22	Reception Nativity	14.15
13/12/22	Year 1 Nativity	14.15
14/12/22	Year 2 Nativity	14.15
14/12/22	Casting Auditions for Theatre production	3.30 – 4.30
14-15/12/22	KS2 Pantomime visits	
16/12/22	Christmas Dinner Day	Lunchtime
16/12/22	Christmas Jumper Day (Save The Children Charity)	All Day
19/12/22	Year 2 & Year 3 Christmas party	pm
20/12/22	Reception & Year 4 Christmas party	pm
21/12/22	Year 1 & Year 5 Christmas party	pm
22/12/22	Year 6 Christmas party	am
22/12/22	Nativity and Carols under the veranda – KS2	1.15
22/12/22	Last day of term	
23/12/22	School Closed - PD day	

2022-23 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1	07/09/22 – 21/10/22
Autumn 2	31/10/22 – 22/12/22
Spring 1	09/01/23 – 17/02/23
Spring 2	27/02/23 – 31/03/23
Summer 1	17/04/23 – 26/05/23
Summer 2	5/06/22 – 21/07/23

Year Group	PE Days	
	Indoor	Outdoor
R	Tuesday	Friday
1	Wednesday	Thursday
2	Monday	Friday
3	Wednesday	Friday
4	Tuesday	Thursday
5	Swimming - Tuesday	Monday
6	Monday	Wednesday

## Christmas Raffle

We are once more holding our Christmas raffle for school funds... Again, this year it is a virtual event. Raffle tickets can be bought from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December via **Schools' payment systems at a cost of £1.00 per ticket**. You can purchase as many tickets as you like. Once you have paid for your tickets your raffle ticket numbers will be emailed to you. The draw will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Good Luck!!! Funds go towards buying equipment for school.



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Guiding the futures of our children

*Christmas Raffle*

**Prizes:**

**Christmas Hampers**

*Draw to take place on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 within the schools.*

*£1.00 a ticket*

Promoter: Oakfield Schools Federation,  
Chowdene Bank, Low Fell, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, NE9 6JH  
Registered with Gateshead Council as required under the Gambling Act 2005

## Christmas Parties



The time is quickly approaching for our excitedly anticipated Christmas parties! The dates of the parties are as follows:

- Reception – Tuesday 20th December – pm
- Year 1 – Wednesday 21st December - pm
- Year 2 – Monday 19th December – pm
- Year 3 – Monday 19th December – pm
- Year 4 – Tuesday 20th December – pm
- Year 5 – Wednesday 21st December – pm
- Year 6 – Thursday 22nd December - am

Children should come to school dressed in their party clothes in the morning of their party and can wear them all day.

Please can you pay £1 via the schools' payment systems as a contribution for the children's party food – Thank you for your support in this. Open from 25<sup>th</sup> November and closes Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Musical Theatre Club**

We are highly excited about the huge response we have had for our upcoming theatre club which will be performing 'The Tale of Beauty and the Beast'. As mentioned in the previous letter the club can only have a maximum of 30 performers due to stage size and show capacity. We have had over 60 applications to date! This means the theatre company will be holding

place auditions on Wednesday 30th November from 3.30 – 4.30. If your child has expressed an interest in auditioning, you

will have received an email advising what auditionees need to prepare for the audition. Due to the overwhelming interest, it must be remembered that unfortunately, not every child will get a place in the club on this occasion. The more practise they do for their audition, the better their chance! I wish everyone the best of luck!



### **Healthy Eating**

It has been noticed that children have begun to bring unhealthy snacks to school again for break times. It has also been noticed that some children have begun to bring items in their packed lunches which are not always the healthiest choices. We understand that healthy eating is sometimes a challenge with our young ones, and we do ask that you only bring fruit / cheese / low sugar cereal bars / yoghurt for breaktime snacks. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Infant Nativities**

As you will have seen in the events schedule our children will be doing their nativity performances on:

- **Reception – 12th December at 14.15**
- **Year 1 – 13th December at 14.15**
- **Year 2 – 14th December 14.15**

I understand that it would be lovely to allow the whole family to come and watch our little productions but unfortunately our hall is not large enough to accommodate all. This being the case tickets are limited to **2 per household** (allowing for split families to attend). Unfortunately, we cannot record the performances as this would exclude some children from taking part or mean them having very limited roles. Our children are very excited to perform for you all!

### **Network Meeting**

Please find information for all parents who are adopters, Special Guardians or Kinship carers in Gateshead, that the next Network meeting will take place on **November 30th at the Angel View Inn at 10am**. The focus for the meeting will be **'Trauma and the impact on children'- a Virtual Reality experience**.

You can contact the Virtual School directly at [jeanthompson@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:jeanthompson@gateshead.gov.uk) or on **07962166742**

## Safeguarding and attendance



### Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II

The Call of Duty (CoD) series is a worldwide gaming phenomenon, with millions of copies sold every year. While 2021's release, Vanguard, wasn't quite as well received, this latest entry – Modern Warfare II – is proving to be hugely popular. A sequel to the recent Modern Warfare reboot (and not to be confused with the original Modern Warfare 2, from back in 2009), the game is an online shooter which features – unsurprisingly – extreme violence, rendered in realistic graphics. Amid the explosions and potential political nature of the plot, there's much for parents to be aware of.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as offensive chat/messaging, in-game purchases and addiction.

Thank you for continuing to support us in our attendance.

School / Year	Autumn 2							
	Attendance	Minutes late						
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
Junior Overall	96.0	3 hr 48 min	97.6	3 hr 7 min	96.6	2 hr 52 min	96.3	6 hr 51 min
Infant Overall	96.6	1 hr 54 min	94.6	2 hr 18 min	95.0	2 hr 51 min	93.4	1 hr 51 min
6	95.8	39 min	98.6	1 hr 43 min	97.4	6 min	96.7	1 hr 21 min
5	95.8	59 min	95.7	54 min	94.8	29 min	96.9	1 hr 13 min
4	95.4	1hr 53 min	98.7	24 min	97.8	2 hr 14 min	95.0	1 hr 44 min
3	97.0	17 min	97.3	6 min	96.3	3 min	96.6	2 hr 33 min
2	96.5	24 min	96.4	55 min	94.4	3 min	94.9	45 min
1	95.0	25 min	90.6	46 min	94.0	18 min	94.1	31 min
R	96.8	1 hr 5 min	97.1	37 min	96.5	2 hr 30 min	91.7	35 min

Thank you again for taking the time to read our newsletter and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Miss Chisholm – Executive Head Teacher  
Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head  
Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head