



Oakfield Schools Federation

9th December 2022

Dear Parents at Christmas,
A letter from a teacher,

I know at this time of year there is a pressure to create a perfect, magical Christmas. I know that you want to give your children the magic of Father Christmas and ensure he brings the best gifts. Sometimes that means a little stress for you. I'm writing to tell you a secret....

I am writing to tell you that every January when your child comes back to school they tell me all about their Christmas holidays. They tell me about the day that everyone stayed indoors and watched T.V. They tell me about the walk in the freezing cold to get to MacDonalDs. They tell me about staying at Grandma's and then being excited when you came back from work.

They tell me about how you let them snuggle in your bed and how you played cards with them and took them swimming one day and forgot the towel. They tell me about a visit to a friend on New Years Eve and how they stayed up until midnight.

They tell me how they loved staying in their PJ's some days and having a trip out on another day.

They mention their gifts, but for them, Christmas is you and your love and time and routines and feeling safe.

You are their favourite thing

Merry Christmas!



New events added are highlighted in yellow		
Date	Event	Time
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 (collecting for Save The Children Charity UK)	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

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

Parking on Chowdene Bank

Can we please remind parents to park in the Gold Medal car park or Thomas Wilson car park to reduce the congestion on Chowdene Bank. There have been a number of cases of people parking on the yellow lines and on both sides of the road which means that emergency vehicles may be delayed. Please be considerate to help keep all our families safe when arriving at or leaving school.

Christmas Parties

A quick reminder of the Christmas party organisation:

- 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.



Infant Nativities



A quick reminder of the nativity performances next week:

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

You should have been allocated your tickets. Don't forget 2 per household. There will be a raffle at each performance. Younger siblings are welcome to attend but please be considerate and take them out to settle if they get loud.

Christmas Fair Success!

Thank you for attending our Xmas fayre. We hope that you enjoyed it, it was lovely to see so many of our families and former pupils attending. We will let parents know the total raised next week.

Winners

Guess the number of reindeer poop- Lily M Y3

Guess the name of the Snowman- Ava Rec

Guess the weight of the cake- Imogen Rec

Raffle winners

1st Toby Y2

2nd Ollie Rec

3rd Leo E. Y3

4th Oscar M Rec

5th Reuben Rec

6th Max R Y1

7th Joshua T Y5

8th Charlie G Y3

9th Charlie R Y3

10th Max R Y1



Please claim your hamper prizes next week from your child's relevant school.

Little Wandle Phonics afternoon for parents (Infant School)

On Thursday 19th January we will be holding 2 events for parents to show you how we are teaching phonics and to share information about the methodology. We will be holding 2 events: one at 2.45pm and one at 4.00pm. Further information to follow.



Year 6 residential

After touching base with Mr Thompson and the residential team this morning I can confirm that the year 6 have had a spectacular time in Lockerbie this week! They have all experienced things they have never tried before and really learned a great deal about what they are capable of. We will have more in depth look at their time in next weeks newsletter. Well done Year 6! We are immensely proud of you!

Microsoft Forms

- Musical Theatre Club Form to be completed by **Thursday 15th December noon**
- Musical Theatre Audition Form Information closes **Tuesday 13th December noon**

Safeguarding and attendance

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HiPAL

12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

SETTING AND SENDING THE PICS

NEED FOR VALIDATION

EMPHASISE CAUTION

AVOID OVER-SHARING

MEET OUR EXPERT

TALK ABOUT SEXTING

BUILD RESILIENCE

CONSIDER MENTAL WELLBEING

NO AGE GATES OR MODERATION

INTRUSIVE FEATURES

LARGE GROUP CHATS

National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

HIPAL

HiPal is a trending social media app which turns phones into walkie-talkies, allowing people to have voice conversations with friends or strangers. There are two account options: one for users aged under 12 and one for those aged 12 or above. The former has fewer features and limits interaction with strangers, enabling use of the walkie-talkie feature or photo sharing with friends and family only. The 12+ accounts offer more options, including adding strangers as friends, sharing photos and videos publicly, send private messages and holding voice chats with strangers as well as friends.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as contact with strangers, dangerous challenges and intrusive features.

Thank you for continuing to support us in our attendance.

School / Year	Autumn 2											
	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late	Attendance	Minutes late
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 5		Week 6	
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	96.8	7 hr 3 min	95.5	5 hr 29 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	92.3	4 hr 59 min	92.6	4 hr 4 min
6	95.8	39 min	98.6	1 hr 43 min	97.4	6 min	96.7	1 hr 21 min	94.9	48 min	96.9	2 hr 10 min
5	95.8	59 min	95.7	54 min	94.8	29 min	96.9	1 hr 13 min	98.0	51 min	93.8	1 hr 50 min
4	95.4	1hr 53 min	98.7	24 min	97.8	2 hr 14 min	95.0	1 hr 44 min	97.4	2 hr 10 min	94.6	26 min
3	97.0	17 min	97.3	6 min	96.3	3 min	96.6	2 hr 33 min	96.9	3 hr 14 min	96.8	1 hr 3 min
2	96.5	24 min	96.4	55 min	94.4	3 min	94.9	45 min	92.4	15 min	88.7	3 hr 10 min
1	95.0	25 min	90.6	46 min	94.0	18 min	94.1	31 min	95.8	4 hr 11 min	94.1	23 min
R	96.8	1 hr 5 min	97.1	37 min	96.5	2 hr 30 min	91.7	35 min	89.0	33 min	94.5	31 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