

OAKDALE INFANTS NEWSLETTER

29th November 2011

Dear Parents and Carers

We are fast approaching a very busy time of year for us at Oakdale as we draw nearer to Christmas. Please find attached a timetable of events between now and the end of term.

Strike Action on Wednesday 30th November 2011

A reminder, that due to strike action **the school will be closed for all pupils on Wednesday 30th November**. School will re-open at normal time on Thursday 1st December.

Retirement of Mrs Susan Borland

Our Deputy Headteacher Mrs Susan Borland will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Borland has worked at Oakdale Infants School for over 20 years and has given so much to the school with all her hard work, support and commitment. We will all miss her greatly. Mrs Borland has contributed so much to the success of the school, particularly in developing very effective systems for assessment, safeguarding and ensuring mathematics is a strength in the school.

She has been an excellent member of our Senior Leadership Team and classroom teacher. We wish Mrs Borland a very happy and long retirement. I know she has lots of exciting plans and I am sure she will keep in touch with us here at Oakdale.

PTFA Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Christmas Fayre on Saturday and to everyone who gave so generously of their time to make the event a success. Santa was very busy throughout the afternoon.



Christmas Post Box

Every year we have a school Christmas Post Box. This is situated in the corridor near the office area. Christmas cards can be posted to friends, family and school staff within the school community. The Christmas Post Box will be open from **Monday 5th December**. Please make sure all cards are clearly labelled with names and classes. Cards can be posted up until the morning of Friday 16th December.

Christmas Dinner

School Christmas Dinner this year will be on **Tuesday 13th December**. Please return the slip attached to the Christmas dinner letter as soon as possible so that the caterers have a clear idea of numbers.



Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to all of you who gave so generously. We shall let you know in due course how much the school raised for this worthwhile cause.

Turkey Earthquake Appeal

A very big thank you for your generous donations of books, pencils toys etc. for the school in Turkey. Your donations have been collected and are now on their way to where they are desperately needed.

Dinner Money Arrears

Could we please request that you send dinner money in to school prior to your child having a meal and that any arrears are cleared promptly.



Christmas Wrap

Don't forget to return your slips for the Christmas Wrap by Monday 5th December. The children will be taking part in the Christmas Wrap on Friday 9th December.

Groupcall

As you know we use Groupcall to alert you in an emergency. Please can you ensure that we have your current mobile number and that other contact details are correct.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 30th November School closed – strike action

Concerts

Tuesday 6th December Reception and Nursery am Classes 9.30am
Year 1 Classes 2.00pm

Wednesday 7th December Year 2 Classes 9.30am
Reception and Nursery pm Classes 2.00pm

Thursday 8th December Year 1 Classes 9.30am
Year 2 Classes 2.00pm

Friday 9th December PTFA Christmas Wrap

Tuesday 13th December Christmas Dinner (see form attached)

Thursday 15th December Party Day (details to follow)

Friday 16th December Last day of term school finishes 3.20pm

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Hunwicks
Headteacher

