



Oak View Primary and Nursery School

Dear Parents

We have had a very busy term implementing and managing educational change. The children are enjoying the new curriculum; our Year 3 classes had a fantastic day learning about Pre-Historic Britain delivered by Celtic Harmony. This was a great opportunity for the children to understand the historical period through active participation. In the new year the governors will be inviting parents to an informal evening of learning about the changes in education and how Oak View have planned to meet these. An active parent-school partnership is important to share ideas and to give feedback as the school continues to drive standards.

I would like to thank parents who continue to support us by attending events and helping the school in a variety of activities organised during the year. The Parent Committee arranged the new seating for attendance at our Christmas productions which ensured one could have the choice of having a cup of coffee before watching the shows. I am sure you will agree the events ran smoothly. Again, thank you to the committee for the school disco and fun activities that the children took part in last Friday

Christmas can be an enjoyable time spent with family and friends; however, it can also be a very lonely time for many. I do hope all of you have a warming enjoyable celebration with family and friends and we wish you good health and happiness.

And finally, well done to our KS2 children for their delightful performance at our Carol Concert yesterday afternoon. What a joyous occasion it was, the children sang from the heart.

Thank you and Happy Christmas

Autumn Term News

This has been a very busy term for pupils who have been keen to represent the school in a variety of ways:

In Year 6 we have new library monitors who are available to help children to enjoy and borrow non-fiction books during lunchtimes.

Years 2-6 also listened to speeches in assembly prepared by some pupils from Year 6 who wanted their peers to vote them into the position of School Captain. Many congratulations to Megan Pratt and James Reed – our new School Captains, and Kimberley Hudson and Liam Underwood – our new Sports Captains.

We have also participated in a wide range of sports events:

Our football team played very well in the October tournament hosted by Onslow St Audrey's. They went through to the semi-finals and narrowly lost in a penalty shoot-out. William Grove was Man of the Match. Excellent all round performances by Tyler Garnett and Harvey Field have resulted in their selection for the new Hatfield District team; we are very proud of them. All of our football squad attended a Gifted and Talented event working with coaches from the local Football Academy. They were muddy and wet, but loved the experience!

Year 5 all ran in a Fun Run at Onslow. Pupils who finished in the top 10 were invited to represent the Onslow Family at the Stanborough Park cross country event. The course is both long and challenging and Connor, Alfred, Oskar, Elivjo, William, Millie and Shona impressed us all by completing the course in competitive times.

Year 6 entered two teams into the Onslow Family basketball competition. Both groups played brilliantly and one team won the event! An Oak View team then went forward to the Welwyn and Hatfield finals. The standard of play was very high and our squad performed well against some talented opponents.

Oak View entered the Saracens tag rugby tournament held at Welwyn Rugby Club. There were hundreds of participants! In the first round of the competition each school had to play 5 matches. All of our players were outstanding and the team won every game. They were thrilled to go through to the quarter finals and were even more excited when they won again and went through to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, after extra time, the first school to score automatically went through to the final and it wasn't us. It was, however, an amazing day and the squad were very happy to come 3rd out of 30 teams.

Well done to all the children in Reception who put on a great Christmas Performance. All the practice and hard work paid off!

As we come to the end of Autumn Term the children have made great progress in their phonics and writing. Some children are able to read and blend CVC words and some children are starting to write independently. May I remind parents that reading with your child and completing homework is vital in the consolidation of learning made at school. Thank you for supporting your children at home, this is certainly showing in their progress. We continue to practice counting and recognising numbers in our maths. While you are out and about please go on a number hunt, get the children to search for numbers and practice counting.

As the weather gets colder and the children start to wear hats and gloves please ensure that every item is named so that it can be returned to the correct person if lost.

Jesus' Christmas Party

We were really proud of the way the children participated with such enthusiasm in the KS1 Production. They worked extremely hard to learn all the musical songs and the dialogue. It was pleasing to see the way they supported each other to do their best in front of a sell-out audience. Thank you again for your help with the costumes, it really is appreciated and certainly added to the children's enjoyment.

DIARY DATES

(new dates/alterations in bold)

Autumn 2014

- 18 Dec - 2 pm—KS2 Carol Concert
- 19 Dec - 1.30 pm—School Closes for the Christmas Break

Spring 2015

- 5 Jan - Inset Day 4
- 6 Jan - Children return to school
- 20 Jan - Miss Prentice out of school— training course
- 27 Jan - Miss Northen, Miss Peet and Miss Saeedi out of school—training course
- 10 Feb - Y6, Y5 and Y4 to The Joy of Reading at University of Herts**
- 16 Feb - Half Term Week
- 25 Feb - Miss Northen, Miss Peet and Miss Saeedi out of school—training course
- 11 Mar - Choir performing at Wembley Arena—Voice in a Million
- 16 Mar - Shakespeare Week
- 20 Mar - am—Y4 Shakespeare Performance
- 23 Mar - Parent Teacher Consultations
- 24 Mar - Year 5 visit to Kew Gardens
- 24 Mar - Parent Teacher Consultations
- 2 Apr - 1.30 pm School finishes for the Easter break

Summer 2015

- 20 Apr - Children return to school
- 4 May - School closed Bank Holiday
- 19 May - Celebrating Children Week
- 25 May - Half Term
- 25 May - Y6 Residential Trip
- 17 June - Sports Day
- 26 June - School closed—Occasional Day
- 9 July - Secondary Transition Day
- 13 July - Reports Home to Parents
- 21 July - 1.30 pm School finishes for the Summer break

COLLECTIONS

We are very pleased to advise that we have raised the following amounts for these two very worthy causes:

Poppy Appeal—£178.88

Water Aid—£272.00

Thank you for your generosity