

Oak Farm Infant School

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SCHOOL PHOTOS – NURSERY AND RETAKES

The school photographer from Tempest will be in to take individual photos for Nursery, individual photos for infants absent previously and sibling photo retakes on Wednesday 7th November for Oak Farm Infants. Tempest will also be in on Thursday 22nd November for any sibling retakes for Juniors away on 7th November.

TOPIC – AND SEAL

We hope your child is enjoying learning about our new half term topic **There's No Place Like Home**. Plans are on the school website & DB Primary and teachers are always happy to share further details if you would like more information.

Our SEAL (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning) topic this half term is based on **Relationships** and focuses specifically on feelings. It explores feelings within the context of our important relationships including family and friends.

The theme aims to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in three key social and emotional aspects of learning: self-awareness, managing feelings and empathy.

ARMISTICE DAY - SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2018

We will be collecting for Armistice Day by selling poppies at the front office until next Friday. Children will also have the opportunity to buy poppies in class next week. We will be observing a two minutes silence on Friday 9th November so that our children can show respect and think about how fortunate we are to live in a country at peace.

FLU VACCINATION TUESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2018

A letter and leaflet will be sent out soon by ParentMail for the flu vaccination for all Infant children on Tuesday 11th December. We will also send out paper copies of the permission form for the vaccination which will need to be returned by Friday 7th December so that the nursing team can have the permissions in place before the vaccination as they will not give a vaccination without a fully completed permission form. In general, for your information:

- The vaccine is not an injection, it is a nasal spray and is given as a spray into each nostril
- The vaccine **contains gelatine** that comes from pork as one of its additives.
- If any parents have any queries or questions regarding the vaccine please contact **the immunisation team on 01895 485740**.

SAMARITAN SHOE BOXES

You will have received leaflets in your children's bookbags for the Samaritan Shoebox gifts. Thank you to the families that have been bringing in boxes to be sent abroad to children that are in areas of conflict and need. We will be showing the children an example of how the shoe box can be made up in assembly.

We would like to send these off to the collection centre on **Friday 16th November** so there is still time to make a box up if you have not done so already.

If you would like another envelope please call in at the office to pick one up.



ST ANDREW'S DAY - FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2018

For each of the four Saints Days we encourage children to wear clothes from uniformed organisations e.g. Rainbows, Beavers etc.

As Friday 30th November is St Andrew's Day, we ask the children to wear such uniforms or if they are not in an association they can wear **some blue and white with their school uniform**.

FOOF NON UNIFORM DAY— FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2018

The Nursery, Infants and Juniors will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 23rd November 2018 and ask that children bring in £1 which will be used to purchase items for the Christmas bazaar. We thank you for supporting FoOF fundraising events.

FOOF CHRISTMAS BAZAAR FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2018 3.30PM-5.30PM

Our Christmas Bazaar which is organised by our parent teacher association Friends of Oak Farm (FoOF) is on Friday 30th November from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

If you would like to have a stall at the bazaar please email FoOF on foof1934@gmail.com.

A letter was sent out earlier this term with a slip to return if you would like to help at the bazaar before, during and after the event. Or you can email the team and let them know the times you are available to help. We appreciate all offers of help to run this very popular event.

A second letter will be sent out today with a slip to return with payment if you would like fast track tickets for the bazaar. Please return these slips to the front office in a sealed envelope marked "FoOF fast track tickets" by midday on Wednesday 28th November.

We look forward to seeing you all at the bazaar and thank you for all your support.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY FOR YEARS 1 AND 2 FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2018 9.00AM

Please note the amended date for the birthday assembly for children in Years 1 & 2 with a birthday in December will be on **Friday 7th December at 9.00am**. Please enter the school hall from your child's classroom.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

The children will be practising soon for their Christmas productions.

Year 1 and Year 2 will take part in a joint performance on Wednesday 12th December at 2.00pm, Thursday 13th December at 9.15am and Friday 14th December at 9.15am.

Reception Christmas performances will take place on Tuesday 18th December at 2.45pm and Wednesday 19th December at 9.15am.

This will be a ticketed event as the capacity in the school hall has to accommodate for the stage, school children and the audience.

FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER 2018 – SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Friday 14th December we would like to support Save the Children and have a fun day, in exchange for a £1.00 donation. We ask that each child decorates an old jumper in a fun and creative way and wears it to school.

Any decoration will be great and below is link from the Save the Children, with some helpful ideas:

<http://blogs.savethechildren.org.uk/2012/12/how-do-you-make-two-christmas-jumpers-for-less-than-10/>

SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERT - WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2018 2.00PM

The children in Y2 will be baking mince pies and will entertain senior citizens in a short concert at 2:00pm. If you know anyone who may appreciate hearing the children sing please invite them and inform our office they are coming. We do need to know numbers for the refreshments. This is an ideal opportunity for grandparents or neighbours to attend and enjoy the spirit of Christmas.

APPLICATIONS FOR RECEPTION CHILDREN SEPTEMBER 2019 AND JUNIORS SEPTEMBER 2019

Parents of children with a date of birth between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 need to apply for a place in Reception for September 2019. If you know of families who need a Reception place in September 2019, please let them know that we are holding Open Mornings to show parents all the great things that happen at Oak Farm. Further details are available from the school office.

If your child is currently in Year 2 at Oak Farm Infant school and you would like a tour around Oak Farm Junior school, please ask at the school office to arrange this for you.

Please remember to submit applications for Reception September 2019 and Juniors September 2019 by **Tuesday 15th January 2019**. The applications must be submitted online via the London Borough of Hillingdon's webpage at :

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

CHANGE OF AFTER SCHOOL PROVIDER FROM 8TH JANUARY 2019

An information leaflet will be sent out by ParentMail today about SCL our new after-school club provider. They will be arranging a date in the near future to meet with any parents who wish to use the service. We will let you know when the SCL booking system is up and running. In the meantime there are contact details on the leaflet being emailed out. Both the Infant and Junior schools look forward to working with SCL to ensure our children have an enjoyable experience at the after school club.

Events for Your Diary – Autumn Term 2018

NOVEMBER

Friday 23rd	FoOF Non-uniform day
Friday 30th	St Andrew's Day - children can wear some blue or an organisational uniform such as Brownies or Cub Scouts 3.30pm-5.00pm FoOF Christmas Bazaar

DECEMBER

Friday 7th(amended)	9.00 am - December birthday assembly, Years 1 and 2
Tuesday 11th	Flu vaccinations for all Infant children, letters for permission to follow
Wednesday 12th	2.00 pm - Years 1 and 2, Christmas performance
Thursday 13th	9.15 am - Years 1 and 2, Christmas performance
Friday 14th	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 14th	9.15 am - Years 1 and 2, Christmas performance
Tuesday 18th	2.45pm - Reception children's Christmas performance
Wednesday 19th	9.15am - Reception children's Christmas Performance 2.00pm - Senior citizen's concert
Thursday 20th	1.00pm - Christmas parties in each class
Friday 21st	2.30 pm - END OF AUTUMN TERM

JANUARY 2019

Monday 7th	Staff Training Day, school closed for all children
Tuesday 8th	First day of Spring term
	SCL New after school childcare provider from this date
Friday 11th	9.00 am - January birthday assembly, Years 1 and 2