

Dak Hill Academy Newsletter

December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe the Autumn Term is nearly over and the festive holidays are approaching us very fast!

The children have had a fantastic term filled with exciting learning opportunities and lots of fun; we are very proud of them all! There has also been a wealth of enrichment opportunities and school trips that everyone has enjoyed. Thank you to all of the parents who have offered to help - we greatly appreciate your support.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and warm holiday period.

Please do keep in touch with us via the School Office email address:

office@oakhill-aspirations.org

Miss Taylor Associate Principal



Autumn 2022

DECEMBER

Fri 2nd Robin Hood Pantomime Weds 7th Christmas Lunch Day

Thurs 8th Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day

Flu Vaccinations - whole school

Mon 12th Y3 Christmas Performance at

St Dunstans Church

Tues 13th Y4 Christmas Performance at

St Dunstans Church

Wed 14th Y5 Christmas Performance at

St Dunstans Church

Thurs 15th Y6 Christmas Performance at

St Dunstans Church

LAST DAY OF TERM – Friday 16th December 2022 School finishes at 1:15pm

> Christmas Holidays: Mon 19th Dec 2022- Tues 3rd Jan 2023

School reopens on: Weds 4th January 2023

Please be aware that the school day starts at 8:50 and all children should be in class. Children are able to enter the building at 8:40 every day except Monday. On Monday children should enter at 8:50 and go straight to class.

cineworld





Year 4 and Year 5 had very exciting trips to Cineworld Cinema this half term to see Clifford the Big Red Dog and The Railway Children Returns! The children from both year groups practiced their road safety skills walking to the cinema and were extremely well behaved throughout the day - we had a fantastic time! Thank you to all parent helpers for volunteering, we wouldn't have been able to go without you!



School finishes at **1:15pm** on the last day of term (Friday 16th December 2022)





On Friday 11th November 2022, Remembrance Day, Mrs Rice and Mrs Cooper accompanied our Aspirations Ambassadors to lay a wreath at the Feltham War Memorial on behalf of Oak Hill.

The children read a poem to show their respect on this Remembrance Day and represented the school fantastically.





A few weeks ago, the children spent the week learning about positive traits that people should have and how that helps to build positive friendships with each other. The children really enjoyed the assembly ran by Mrs Penycate, as they watched Andy and the Odd Socks Gang new song which was called 'Change'. Also during that week, some children came to school dressed in odd socks to help raise awareness of individuality and uniqueness. Thank you for your support.





What a fantastic trip to Butser Ancient Farm Year 3 had on Friday 4th November 2022! Our pupils explored and learnt more about the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic Age; they were so impressed by the way of life in that era! During the day, they had the amazing opportunity to participate in a range of workshops such as archaeological excavations, wattling, jewellery making and carving on chalk using flint as tools. They have been true heroes and we are so proud of them!

A big thank you goes out to all the parents and carers who kindly gave their time to accompany us on this trip.



Primary
Cross
Country
Competition



A huge well done to all the children who took part in the Sports Impact Cross Country Competition on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at Osterley Park.

Despite the wet grass and muddy puddles, the children all did amazingly, showing great resilience and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Real sports heroes! Thank you to Miss Monks who organised the event and to Mrs King for driving the children to the competition.





On Friday 18th November, some of the OHA children really enjoyed coming into school with their comfy pyjamas and slippers on to help raise money for a worthy cause-Children in Need! The school has raised over £500, so thank you so much to those of you that donated.

OAK HILL ACADEMY OPEN DAYS







We held our Open Days for Year 2 parents this month. All of the visitors spoke very highly about our wonderful school after their school tour. They were all particularly impressed with the Aspirations Ambassadors who showed them round the school; the children were absolutely fantastic and represented Oak Hill with expertise and pride. Thank you to the children for showcasing everything Oak Hill has to offer!



Acorns2Oaks Breakfast & After School Club

Please note that <u>all</u> bookings, whether for breakfast or after school <u>MUST</u> be made at least 24hrs in advance via email to;

acorns2oaks@oakhill-aspirations.org

Any queries or issues can be made by contacting Mrs Gaish: **Acorns to Oaks mobile: 07444 548303**

Childcare vouchers are accepted from all providers and payments can be made via the Tax Free Childcare Service.

Any feedback or comments regarding Acorns should be addressed to Mrs R Thomson at sbm@oakhill-aspirations.org



ACORNS <u>LAST</u> session this term is: **Breakfast Club** on **Friday 16th December 2022** (last day of term).

We <u>REOPEN</u> on:

Wednesday 4th January 2023.





On Wednesday 16th November 2022, we held a Parent Reading Workshop.

The event was a positive success showing parents how to support their children with their reading and comprehension skills.

Watch this space for the next Parent Workshop...

Just a reminder...

- ⇒ Children should be bringing in hooded coats. As the weather is now getting colder, your child needs to bring in their coat everyday
- ⇒ Parents should be contacting the school by 9:30am on any day their child is absent, advising the reason. If medical evidence is provided to the school the absence will be authorised
- ⇒ School meals must be ordered by 9:30am, if your child is arriving after this time please ensure you have contacted the office to arrange or you will need to provide a packed lunch
- ⇒ We are a <u>NUT FREE SCHOOL</u> as we have pupils with severe nut allergy. Please do not let your child bring in any nuts
- ⇒ All children need to come to school wearing all black school shoes, a tie and a blazer every day
- ⇒ Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school every Monday to leave in their lockers for the week. The Oak Hill PE kit consists of plain black shorts, leggings or joggers, a white polo t-shirt or Oak Hill branded house colour PE top and plain black zip up hoodie. Children will not be permitted to change into a tracksuit/sports kit which is coloured or patterned
- ⇒ All pupils with long hair must have their hair tied back for school everyday



Athletics Sports Hall Competition



A big well done to all the children who represented Oak Hill at the Athletics Sports Hall competition at Reach Academy on Thursday 24th November 2022.

All the children showed great sportsmanship and tried really hard in their athletic event. We wait to hear and find out if we made it through the finals. Fingers crossed!

Thank you to Miss Monks for organising and to Miss Cooper for helping out with the trip.

Well done team!



If you have some free time after Christmas, and you are a parent or grandparent, you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability.

The course will run in Whitton 9.45am-2.30pm, on Tuesdays from 31 January to 21 March (not half-term 14 Feb). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161. Registered charity no: 1108975.



Boccia Ball Competition



A huge well done to our children at Oak Hill who came second place in the Boccia Competition on Thursday 17th November 2022 at Reach Academy.

The children absolutely loved it and showed great sportsmanship! Thank you to Mrs Yattou and Mrs Cockerell for taking and looking after the children for the morning. Well done guys!

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