



# *Oughton Primary & Nursery School*

## *December 2015*

### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

I would just like to take this opportunity to wish all of our children, Parents and staff a very happy Christmas.

### **Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fayre**

Thank you for supporting these two events. The PTA raised a lot of money for the school from this event - over £350. I would like to thank all of the members of the PTA who worked so hard to make this event such a success. Many Parents gave positive feedback about the Christmas Fayre. Thank you to the PTA who have helped Father Christmas with his presents this year.

Well done to Beech class for their winning tree - Anglo Saxon Weaving.



I would like to thank our very special guest, Father Christmas who visited us, giving up his time to come and talk to our children. We all know how busy he is at the moment and he even spared time to write a letter to us, which was read out in an assembly.

### **Reception and Nursery Nativity**

Well done to the Reception and Nursery Children who performed Whoops-a-Daisy Angel. I was very impressed with the children and I am sure there were some very proud Parents.

### **KS 1 Christmas Play**

If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2, please join us to watch their Christmas Production on Wednesday 16th Dec at 2pm or Thursday 17th Dec at 9:30am. We are looking forward to this.

### **KS 2 Carol Concert**

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6, please join us for a Carol Concert on Thursday 17th Dec at 2.40pm.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We are joining in with the National Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for Save the Children. If your child has a Christmas Jumper or a top they could decorate, please feel free to wear them on Friday 18th Dec. Donations of £1 or £2 will be gratefully received.

Phew....that is a lot of performances! You never know, maybe the staff will be next!!!

Yours sincerely

**Lisa Clayton Headteacher**

### **Diary Dates**

**Please ensure you look at the school calendar for full dates across the year.**

Wed 16th Dec: Year 5 WOW day - children to dress up in Mexican clothing.

Wed 16th Dec: KS 1 Performance at 2pm

Thurs 17th Dec KS 1 Performance at 9:30am.

Thurs 17th December KS 2 Carol Concert at 2.40pm.

Fri 18th Dec Christmas Jumper Day and last day of term - finish at 2pm.

The teaching staff are back for training on Mon 4th January. Children will return to school on **Tues 5th Jan 2016.**

Wed 20th Jan - Year 1 Let's Celebrate 2.45pm

Tues 2nd Feb - Year 2 Let's Celebrate 2.45pm

Wed 10th Feb - Parent/Teacher Consultations 4-6pm

Thu 11th Feb - Parent/Teacher Consultations 6-8pm

15th - 19th Feb Half Term

22nd Feb - Children return to school.

### **Oughton is 50!**

Did you know that Oughton is 50 this academic year? There will be lots of fun celebrations throughout the year starting with a 1960's themed week on 11th -15th Jan and a chance for children to dress up in 60s clothes on 15th Jan.

### School Improvement Update

We have been undertaking further training in Speech and Language, as part of the Talk of the Town project. We would like to invite Parents in for a workshop to find out more and ways that you can help your child's speech and language development further.

Please join us on Wednesday 13th January at 2:45pm-3:15pm and find out more about this project.



### Pet News

I am sorry to announce that last week Penny, our baby rabbit died suddenly. We think she may have had a heart condition as the other baby rabbits died in the same way. It was a sad time for us. Please visit Martin and Lavender, our rabbits plus Nibbles and Priscilla, our guinea pigs in front of Year 4 and 5 classrooms.

### Snow News



To remind you of our procedures:

- If the school needs to shut due to Health and Safety, **Three Counties Radio** will be informed, the **School website** and **Herts Direct website** will show this and a text and email will be sent out in the morning as early as possible via **ParentMail**.
- If the conditions are deemed icy or severe snow and the school is open, the front entrance may be used and children can be dropped off at this entrance. Reception children will use their normal entrance.
- Please ensure that your child has a coat, wellington boots (in the event of snow) hat, scarf and gloves. Please ensure all clothing is labeled. If your child walks to school in boots, please ensure that they have their black shoes ready to change into.
- We aim not to close mid school day and would only do so in an emergency.

We aim to be open at all times and will only shut if we do not have enough staff or if there is a problem with our heating.

### Dinner Money KS 2

I am still concerned that we are having to chase Parents for dinner money each week, which is costing a lot of money in phone calls and time for Office staff.

**Dinners must be paid in advance.**

### Governor Update

Governors have been busy visiting their link classes this half term. Some Governors have also been attending School Improvement Meetings, looking at the attainment of children across the school.



### ICT Corner

Please be aware of Parental controls on computers and iPads if Father Christmas brings any devices this year. Please be aware that there are many unsuitable websites for children, including aspects of YouTube. Please keep your children safe and watch their usage. We are planning a Parental Workshop next term to highlight to you all some serious dangers. We have had a serious incident out of school involving children, but luckily staff and Parents worked together with the Police.



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