



Oak Meadow Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd December 2023 - Issue 14

We wish all of our children and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



A Christmas Message from Mr. Lane...

I write to you for the final time in 2023 as we commence the Christmas holiday and reflect upon the successes of this term. I am extremely proud of every Oak Meadow child for the way they have progressed since September, all of their achievements and their exceptional behaviour and attitude showing a continual desire to always be the best they can be. I would like to thank all of our staff and volunteers who have contributed to the personal development of every child in the way they work collaboratively, always willing to go the extra mile to provide additional enrichment opportunities and ensure outstanding provision at our school. I would also like to extend thanks to all of you for your unwavering support and commitment to our school and the wonderful school community we have built. Long may this continue in 2024!

Last Friday's Christmas Fair was the perfect demonstration of how everyone working together can contribute towards making a significant difference for our school. Thank you to the Friends of Oak Meadow for all of their hard work in the preparations and implementation of the event that raised a total of **£1,043.13** for the children that will be used for future school projects. I have included photographs of the winning Christmas Cakes for each Year group at the end of the newsletter and I am extremely grateful for all of the donations received beforehand. The names of the children who won the Christmas Cake entries are: Riley (Rec), Seth (Y1), Ella (Y2), Sebastian (Y3), Amelia (Y4), Lola (Y5) and Grace (Y6). In addition to this, I would like to congratulate all children for their magnificent Christmas performances in recent weeks. Both Reception and Year 1 children left everyone bursting with pride following their wonderful productions and Years 2-6 were fantastic in each of their carol concert performances.

In other news, the ballot for two new parent governors closed today and following the democratic process I am pleased to announce you have elected Karleen Salmon-Denson and Hardev Singh into the roles to commence in the spring term. I am also pleased to share with you that the cost of a school dinner has reduced to £2.40 from £2.50 from the spring term.

You will receive today your child's autumn term summary report detailing their academic attainment and progress that has been assessed by their teacher this term. It will also include an attendance summary for the term as we strive to meet the national expectation of at least 96% for every child. If you have any questions regarding the report, please speak with your child's class teacher when all children return for the spring term at 8:35am on Tuesday 9th January (Monday 8th January is a school INSET day for staff).

I will send a welcome back letter on the first day when we return detailing upcoming dates for the spring term to help you in making plans for school events. The new year will provide more chances for us to innovate and grow together – we never stand still at Oak Meadow! For now though, please enjoy a wonderful, peaceful and relaxing festive break. I hope the coming days are full of magic for the children, you, and your loved ones - delight in every moment. Take care and have a lovely two weeks... see you in 2024!

From tiny acorns mighty oaks grow...



Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for making sure your child is in school every day and on time. Remember that our minimum attendance target for all children is **96%**.



Our combined whole school attendance for this week was **92.6%**

Make sure your child is an **Oak Meadow attendance HERO** (Here, Every day, Ready and On Time) by arriving between 8:35 and 8:45am each morning. Every minute counts over the school year:

5 minutes late each day = 3 days lost!

10 minutes late each day = 6.5 days lost!

15 minutes late each day = 10 days lost!

20 minutes late each day = 13 days lost!

30 minutes late each day = 19 days lost!

Class Attendance for this week

Reception and Key Stage 1

RB	88%
RT	95.3%
1CB	94.7%
1HB	96.6%
2BT	93%
2H	98.6%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 2H – well done!



Key Stage 2

3C	95.5%
3J	88%
4F	94.2%
4T	94.2%
5BC	93.1%
5H	87.3%
6H	96%
6W	82.6%

Attendance HERO bear winners are class 6H – well done!



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Christmas Cake Design Winners (Thank you to everyone who sent in an entry):



Communication

Our doors are always open whenever you need us and the main office number is 01902 558517.

The school email address is oakmeadowprimarieschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Also remember to check the school website and follow us on Twitter [@oakmeadow12](https://twitter.com/oakmeadow12)



Safeguarding Information

If you have any concerns about a child, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leaders (DSL):

- Mr. Arnold (Executive Headteacher);
- Mr. Lane (Head of School);
- Mrs. Parker-Thornton (Home/ School Liaison Officer);
- Miss. Tomlinson (SENDCo).

