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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the new half-term. I am writing this letter to make you aware of the key events and calendar dates as we approach the festive season. Working together with our amazing Friends of Oak Meadow and super school council, we aim to make Christmas 2022 a memorable experience for every child, full of fun and excitement. This year will see the return of our Christmas Fair with a difference as, with your support and donations, we aim to host a community event where pre-loved children's toys, games and clothes will be on sale. These items can be purchased for a nominal price for you to send on to Santa in order to be wrapped and delivered for the big day!

Below is a table detailing key dates and events in chronological order starting next week. We hope this supports you and your child(ren) as we look forward to Christmas this year at Oak Meadow:

Date	Event	Details	Donation
Week commencing 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Oak Meadow Community Christmas Fair – donations of pre-loved children's toys, games, clothes and any new toiletries welcome and much appreciated from <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November up until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.</b>	The main drive behind this year's Christmas Fair will be the collection of pre-loved children's toys, games and clothes. From Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November, we would like you to send in any unwanted toys, games or clothes in good, reusable condition that we will sort and make available for sale (for a nominal price) at the Oak Meadow Community Christmas Fair on Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December along with any new toiletries. Please bring donations to the main school office in order for our elves to sort ready for the Christmas Fair!	Pre-loved children's toys, games and clothes in good, reusable condition and/ or new toiletry sets.
Week commencing 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas dinner experience 2022.	Children can purchase as many tickets as they would like to from house captains each day to enter a prize draw for the Christmas dining experience. Mr. Arnold and a 'naughty helper' will serve the 10 lucky winners! (Draw to be held on 12/12/22 with Christmas dinner taking place on 14/12/22).	20p per ticket purchased.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform day. Bring a bottle to school and a voluntary donation of 50p for Children In Need.	Children will be allowed to wear non-uniform for the day in exchange for a voluntary 'bottle' donation and a 50p donation for this year's Children in Need appeal. All bottles will be available on the bottle stall at the Oak Meadow Community Christmas event.	A full bottle and 50p for Children in Need.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	A 'naughty' visitor returns...	Mr. Arnold has received a letter recently from Santa about how much a certain elf enjoys spending the festive period at our school. Make sure you subscribe to our twitter feed <a href="#">@oakmeadow12</a> to see the mischievous videos.	N/A.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	The Christmas Jumper Day.	In line with the national event, children will be able to wear a Christmas jumper to school for the day in exchange for a voluntary donation to 'Save the Children'.	A suggested voluntary donation of 50p per child.



Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December (all donations taken to the school stage for 9am)	Christmas Cake competition	Children (and their families!) are invited to enter our Christmas Cake competition. Prizes will be on offer for the winning entries with all cakes then sold later in the day at our Oak Meadow Community Christmas Fair.	A Christmas themed cake.
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa is back in residence at Oak Meadow!	During the school day, Santa will return to his Oak Meadow Christmas Grotto (for the first time in 3 years!) where children from all year groups will visit him across the day. There will be no need for him to check his list as we know how wonderful every Oak Meadow child is - each and every one of them will receive a Christmas gift.	A voluntary donation of £1 per child to help Santa cover his overheads!
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December (3:30- 5:30pm)	Oak Meadow Community Christmas Fair.	We look forward to welcoming you to this year's Oak Meadow Community Christmas Fair. Children will have made products to sell and designed games to enjoy in classrooms while the school hall will host a plethora of stalls selling the pre-loved children's toys, games and clothes that have been donated along with toiletries, bottles, cakes, food and drink. Santa has also agreed to stay in his Grotto for the evening where a picture with him and gift will be available for £1.50.	Free entry – costs dependent on each stall. A visit to Santa - £1.50 per child.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle at Oak Meadow.	Children will spend the morning in their classes completing Christingle activities with support from Wednesfield Methodist Church before sharing their learning together in a school Christingle and Carols during the afternoon.	N/A – an in- school event for children.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas parties	Children from Reception to Year 4 will be allowed to attend school in their own clothes for the day ready for their Year group parties during the afternoon. Children have an option to bring a few food items to share with their class for the afternoon in a buffet (no perishable items as food will remain in the classrooms during the morning and will not be refrigerated).	An option to bring in a few food items to share with their class.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5 and 6 Christmas discos (Year 3:20-5:20)	This event will be for all Year 5 and 6 children as they enjoy their disco evening following on from the success of the discos for Years R-4 in October. Year 5 and 6 will also attend school in their own clothes for the school day to support not having to change. (The Friends of Oak Meadow will provide decorations and goody bags).	N/A

**In addition to the events listed above, children have also designed their own personalised Christmas card. Shortly, you will receive your child's printed card and order form giving you the chance to purchase prints to send to family and friends this year. Orders are to be placed direct with Class Funding online using the directions on the proof sent home. To guarantee delivery before we break for Christmas, please ensure that all orders are placed with Class Funding before Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

All funds generated with your support from each event (with the exception of the 50p donations to Children in Need and Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children) will go directly into our school fund. This means that all





proceeds raised will be spent directly on the children as we aim to enrich the curriculum and provide opportunities to develop and enhance learning experiences.

I hope that this letter supports you in preparing for the weeks ahead. Dates and details can be subject to alteration but we will endeavour to inform you as quickly as possible if anything changes. If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or make contact with the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Lane (Deputy Headteacher).

From tiny acorns **mighty oaks** grow...

