

Oyster Park Primary School
Newsletter 12: 9th December 2016



Christmas Fair

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December, it was a great success raising over £1500. Thank you to our PTA for organising the event, it was wonderful to have so many of our children, parents and grandparents join us in our festive fun. Thank you to all the staff and children who worked hard manning the stalls and in the days leading up to the fair making games and Christmas goodies to sell. Whilst the aim of the Christmas Fair was a fundraising event, there was also a wonderful whole school community feel to the evening. We would also like to thank Amanda Wetton from ISS catering who volunteered her time to enable us to be able to serve hot food.



Christmas Inspire Workshops

Lots of parents have attended our Christmas 'Inspire' workshops and we have had some lovely feedback about how much parents have enjoyed spending time with their child in this way. As these have been so successful, we are already planning some more 'Inspire' workshops for next term!

Year 1 Christmas Inspire Workshops

On Monday Year 1 welcomed their parents and carers to a brilliant Christmas Inspire Workshop morning. The children and their adults enjoyed getting involved in lots of different Christmas crafts. They wrote letters to Santa, painted and decorated Christmas trees and made jointed snowmen. They even had the chance to make reindeer food for Christmas Eve and decorated biscuits so that they looked like Christmas baubles. The children and the adults really enjoyed themselves and a fun morning was had by all.



Year 2 Christmas Inspire Workshops



On Tuesday it was Year 2s turn to welcome their parents and carers to a fabulous Christmas Inspire Workshop. The children had a fantastic time making Christmas paper chains, painting and stamping various Christmas shapes. It was lovely to see so many Mums, Dads and Grandparents enjoying themselves too! It was a lovely morning and the children are looking forward to bringing all their work from the session home.

Year 3 Christmas Inspire Workshop

Thank you to the many parents who came to the Year 3 Christmas Inspire workshop. It was lovely to see so many children and parents enjoying working together doing Christmas craft activities such as decorating biscuits, wooden tree decorations, sweet boxes and using the family handprint to create their own Christmas wreaths. It was a fun morning had by all a great way to spread the festive joy.



Upper Foundation Christmas Performance

The children and staff in Upper Foundation have been working hard practising for their Christmas performance of the nativity. On Wednesday the children retold the story of Mary and Joseph and their long journey to Bethlehem on a donkey. Everyone had important roles: there were workers, shepherds, stars, angels, animals, wise men, and of course, Mary and Joseph. We even had some talented children playing instruments in time to the music, with children singing songs and doing actions. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as children enjoyed doing it!



Upper Foundation Stage visit Santa

The children in Upper Foundation climbed aboard the Santa Express train at Kirklees railway this week. The train journey was wonderful, full of excited children eager to meet Santa Claus himself. When the children arrived Santa was waiting in his cosy grotto with sacks full of presents. The children told him how good they have been this year and how hard they have been working at school and each of them received a special gift. It was a truly magical experience.



Nursery Performance

Nursery children delighted us all this week with their performance of the Nativity and Christmas songs. They looked lovely in their costumes and sang beautifully. Well Done to children and staff for working so hard and for such enjoyable performances.



Year 4 Christmas Inspire Workshop

On Thursday Year 4 had a fantastic Christmas inspire morning. The children worked together with their adults to create calendars, cards for their chosen family members and decorated delicious festive biscuits. It was wonderful to see lots of parents and lovely to hear how much they enjoyed spending the morning in school.



Year 5 Christmas Inspire Workshop

This morning's Year 5 Christmas inspire workshop was a lovely end to the first week of our Christmas celebrations. The children in Year 5 really enjoyed working with their adults on a variety of Christmas activities such as the design your own Christmas cards, lollipop tree decorations, biscuit decorating, paper plate wreaths and 3D Christmas trees.



Railway Safety with Leeds United Football club

Leeds United Football club have teamed up with Network Rail to raise awareness of being safe near railways. On Wednesday, a representative from the club visited school to deliver a railway safety assembly to children in Years 5 and 6. During the assembly they highlighted the dangers of railways and explained to the children how to keep safe near railway tracks. There were some interesting facts that amazed us, for example, it takes a train about 18 to 20 lengths of a football field to actually come to a stop. The children also discovered what the consequences of railway offences are with fines up to £1000.



Mud!

The children are really enjoying our new lunchtime clubs but a number of them are joining in with the Elite sports activities on the field without changing into PE kit and footwear. At this time of year, the field is too muddy to play on in school uniforms. Please make sure your child has their PE kit and footwear in school every day so that they can take part in sporting activities on the field.

Head lice

Within most schools at any one time, there will be a small number of children infected with head lice. Infection levels remain fairly constant so we need your help to combat the bugs! Please check your child's hair regularly. To help you with treatment, you can find all useful information on the following websites:

- [NHS Choices - Headlice](#)
- [Patient.co.uk - Headlice and Nits](#)



Christmas Activities



Date	Event
Monday 12 th December	Year 6 Christmas Inspire Workshop 9.30am (9.00 refreshments)
Tuesday 13 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am and 2.00pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Carol Concert at Holy Cross 10:30am and 2:00pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas dinner
Thursday 15 th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance 9.30am and 1.45pm
Friday 16 th December	Christmas Party Day including party buffet lunch for all children

Who to	What the letter was about	When sent
Whole School	Christmas Dinner and party lunch	Wednesday
Year 5 & 6	Airedale Academy Pantomime	Wednesday

Term Dates 2016-2017

Date	Event
Friday 16 th December 2016	School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 3 rd January 2017	School re-opens
Friday 10 th February 2017	School closes for half term
Monday 20 th February 2017	School re-opens
Friday 7 th April 2017	School closes for Easter
Monday 24 th April 2017	School re-opens
Monday 1 st May 2017	Closed for May Bank Holiday
Friday 26 th May 2017	School closes for half term
Monday 5 th June 2017	School re-opens
Tuesday 25 th July 2017	School closes for Summer

We have 2 closure dates (INSET) for staff training yet to be allocated for 2016/2017

Let's Celebrate!



Class	Attendance National average is 96%	Star of the Week	WOW Work
Morning Nursery Miss Cockerham	77%	Liam Dickinson Riley Anholm	Nursery AM
Afternoon Nursery Miss Cockerham	95%	Leonie Cowell Jakub Mizgier	Nursery PM
RW Miss Woods	94%	Jacob Clutterbuck Harry Webster	Lara Hargreaves
RC Mrs Coomber	92%	Miley Harrison Declan Kelly	Harley Dyson
1T Miss Tonks	92%	Fern Chappell Evie Ashman	Jayden Ward
1MH Mrs Marshall/ Mrs Hyde	87%	Abbie Creswell Ethan Thorp	Victoria Makovozs
2B Miss Brannon	95%	Levi Emmassi Abigail Kelly	Kinga Gawryszczak
2TW Miss Taylor-White	94%	Zak Wilkinson Millie Fox	Elly Sidney
3A Miss Ambler	93%	Jakub Markoski Kacey Durham	Caydon Barnes
3T Miss Tomlinson	90%	Evie Waterton Rylee Harling	Brooke Hartley
4F Mr Forsyth	94%	Wiktorija Dabrowska Ruby Mountain	Fraya Orr
4C Miss Craven	96%	Liam Fox Lily-Mae Handford	Ella McLauchlan
5S Mrs Smithson	90%	Stevie-Lea Woodhouse Jack Parker	Paige Whitehead
5G Miss Golding	96%	Sienna Heath Harrison Smith	Owen Bainbridge
5L Miss Lochman	97%	Kenzie Eastman	Logan Westerman
6BK Miss King/ Miss Bennett	95%	Porsha Scofield Ryan Parker	Megan Owens
6H Mrs Hill	91%	Tyler Roberts Callum Wright	Callum Wright