

Friday 16th December—EYFS performance of 'The Wiggly Nativity' : 2.30pm

Friday 16th December—Break up for Christmas holidays at 3.30pm—Christmas mufti day!

Tuesday 3rd January 2023—Teacher Training Day—School closed to pupils

Wednesday 4th January 2023—School reopens to pupils : 8.45am

Monday 9th January—EYFS walk to Wellingborough Museum

Monday 9th January—Gymnastics competition at Matrix Gymnastics

Tuesday 10th January—School nurses in for EYFS & Year 6 health screening

Monday 16th January—Football county competition for Y5/6 football team

Wednesday 8th February—Healthy Eating Workshop for parents at 2.45pm

Friday 10th February—Children break up for half term.

Monday 20th February—Children return from half term holidays.



A note from Mrs Byron

As we come to the end of term I want to take time to thank parents for all of your support this year. September saw the change to our school day here at Oakway with the children starting school at 8.45am and not finishing until 3.30pm. Parents have supported us by ensuring the pupils are at school on time and ready to learn. We have also continued with the children wearing PE kits on their PE days which ensures that valuable teaching time is not lost by getting changed. Can we remind parents that children should be wearing either plain navy or Oakway joggers on PE days and not mufti. Oakway joggers are available from the office for just £5 a pair so represent excellent value. If you need support with uniform— please speak to the welfare team.

In the past week I have enjoyed hearing lots of the children showcase their musical talents from the choir taking part in the HAT Christmas concert, Year 2 and Birch class' musical showcase, and the Year 4 Brass concert. It is lovely to hear the children nurturing their talents and for many learning new skills. I look forward to watching the Reception children's production of a Wiggly Nativity tomorrow afternoon.



As well as the musical talents across school, this term has seen our Year 5/6 footballers win their matches and get through to the County finals in January. Well done to all the children who took part in this! We look forward to hearing how they get on in the finals next term.

Finally, as we break up tomorrow afternoon we say goodbye to Miss Letch and Miss Mataria who both are moving onto new ventures. We wish them every success in their new roles.

I hope you have a great holiday and look forward to seeing the children again on Wednesday 4th January.



Clubs for next term

Bookings are now being taken by LM Academy for their breakfast and after school clubs for next term. These should be made directly via their website at <https://lmacademy.org.uk/>

Children who are being invited to Homework club in Term 3 will be notified via Parentmail later this week. If you do not receive an invite unfortunately your child will NOT be able to attend. This also applies for Science club so please only send your child if you get a new invite.

Due to a high demand, all places in Geo-Rangers are now taken!

Christmas Lunch



Last Friday saw the children enjoy their Christmas dinner on Christmas jumper day!

A total of £466 was raised for Save the Children and also for the children to have a party tomorrow afternoon in class. Thank you to the catering team for feeding the children across the whole Trust!

Don't forget to order your hot lunches for next term over the holidays via SchoolGrid.



The children in Early years have been learning all about plants. They learnt all about the different types of plants including how some grow from seeds and others from bulbs. They all got to take it in turns to dig the hole for the plants and then to water them. They also learnt how they'll need to care for the plants moving forwards!

We look forward to seeing the plants flourish and the first signs of Spring next term!



Keep safe online this Christmas

For many families this Christmas children may be receiving new electronic devices. Attached is the latest edition of the Hatton Academies Trust Online Safety newsletter packed full of useful information. In addition to this we wanted to share the following links which give useful information regarding how to keep your child safe online:

Advice by age:

Younger children need different advice and guidance than older children. Older children need different advice and guidance than teens. It can be really difficult keeping up with everything that is online and what risks and issues may affect children of different ages, so on these pages there is some age-related advice and guidance for parents and carers:

Pre-school - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>
 6 - 10 year olds - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>
 11 - 13 year olds - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/11-13/>
 14 plus - <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/14plus/>

Setting up devices:

It can be difficult knowing all the different settings that are available on different devices to help protect children, this includes allowing or disallowing chat, friends, spending money, content filters and much more. On these pages you will find the details, as well as non-technical instructions, which will help you understand what is available to you and how to set up your child's devices.

[Gaming consoles and devices](#)

[Smartphones](#)

[Broadband and mobile networks](#)

[Entertainment and search engines](#) -

Safety/privacy settings on social media:

With many children and young people using social media it is important to understand what features are available to you to help protect your children. This is also important because for the most part, all privacy settings are default off when a new account is created, but also because some social media providers change their features quite frequently, e.g. TikTok. Take a look at this link to see what is available to you and how to set up your child's social media. We would also advise doing this with your child so that you can discuss the features together.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/>

WANTED—Old Jeans!

Year 5 would like your old jeans or denim please to use for their DT project next term.

If you have any old jeans or denim that you would like to donate to school, please send them via the school office who will pass them on.

Any sizes will be great!

Amazing Games Guide for Parents

As we head towards the Xmas holidays children will be asking for new games, but this can be a confusing minefield for parents. Internet Matters have put a lovely guide together which will help parents make decisions, including age-specific games in which families can play together. You can find the guide [HERE](#).

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