

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School

*'Jesus said, 'I have come that you may
have life in all its fullness'
(John 10:10)*

FAITH – VALUES – ACTION



Newsletter Friday 16th December 2022

Merry Christmas

On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Teachers will return on Tuesday 3rd January for an INSET Day, with the children returning on Wednesday 4th January 2023!

Smart Trees Trip

Tuesday 13th December 2022

First, we arrived at Smart Trees and we went through a maze of Christmas trees where we had to find baubles with clues on. The clues spelt out Santa's favourite song. Afterward, we had our delicious snack and then we saw the big, furry reindeer. They had big antlers! Then it was time for the best bit; we went to see Santa in his grotto and we got presents! After that, we went on a tractor; it was a bumpy ride! Next, we went back to school, had hot chocolate, and opened our presents. I got the game Ludo!

Lila, Year 2

We got off the big bus, then we went in the Christmas trees to find the baubles. We had a snack and then went to see Father Christmas. He gave us presents and I got Snakes and Letters! My favourite

part of the day was seeing Father Christmas and going through the grotto.

Tallulah, Year 1





Carol Service

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Carol Service last night. The weather may have been cold, but the singing and readings definitely warmed the soul, along with the mulled wine and minced pies.



FOOHS Donation

We wanted to say a massive thank you to FOOHS who have enabled us to buy a huge amount of new resources for Rowan's outdoor area. These new resources will make such a difference to the children's social, emotional and learning skills in all areas. These are just a few of the new items which have arrived this week. Many more to come!



PCSO Visit to Elm Class

On Tuesday we welcomed PCSO Teresa Hiorns to Elm Class for a session on personal safety. This included, information and discussion on:

How to stay safe

Where it is safe to play

Safe routes

What to do when lost

The importance of knowing a parent's phone number by heart

How to stay safe in certain situations

Trust Circles

It was a very useful session.



Mascots

Good Luck to Betsy and Fraser who are going to be mascots for Birmingham City against Reading this evening. The game is on Sky Sports, so you may catch a glimpse of the pair leading the players out. Have a great evening and I hope you enjoy the experience.

(Although as a Head Teacher Villa fan, good luck Reading haha)

Scarlet Fever and Strep A Advice

Advice for parents and carers

Symptoms of scarlet fever and when to see a GP

Scarlet fever is a contagious bacterial infection that mostly affects young children. It is easily treated with antibiotics. The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck).

A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts

on the chest and tummy, then spreads. The rash makes your skin feel rough, like sandpaper. On white skin the rash looks pink or red. It may be harder to see on brown and black skin, but you can still feel it. A white coating also appears on the tongue. This peels, leaving the tongue red, swollen and covered in little bumps (called "strawberry tongue"). The rash does not appear on the face, but the cheeks can look red. The redness may be harder to see on brown and black skin.

Contact a GP if your child:

- Has scarlet fever symptoms
- Does not get better in a week (after seeing a GP)
- Has scarlet fever and chickenpox at the same time
- Is ill again, weeks after scarlet fever got better – this can be a sign of a complication, such as rheumatic fever
- Is feeling unwell and has been in contact with someone who has scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is very easily spread. Check with a GP before you go in. They may suggest a phone consultation.

What to do if you feel your child seems seriously unwell

As a parent, if you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement. Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38°C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39°C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. By teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up or spreading infections

Reception Places

Just a reminder that applications for Reception places close on 15th January 2023. We are currently showing parents around the school. If you know parents who are considering schools for their children, then please do urge them to come in and see us.

FOOHS

If you'll be doing any shopping on Amazon over the festive period, we'd be thrilled if you could do it through this link: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1060953-0>

Using your normal Amazon login details, Amazon Smile has the same products, the same prices and the same services as the Amazon you know, and they donate a percentage of eligible sales to FOOHS as a registered charity.

Friends of Oak Hill School also are delighted to be the chosen organisation for Alderton's charity football match this year. With your help, we can support the school to ensure it has all of the

resources it needs to offer our children a brilliant education and the means to have fun, make friends and feel safe in our beautiful village.

Please buy your entry for the annual Alderton Charity Football Prize Draw!

Each entry gives you one chance to win....

4 Premier League tickets to watch Manchester Utd vs Southampton at Old Trafford on 11th March 2023!

Entries are £20 each (and if purchased online will incur an additional 50p processing fee). To pay in cash in person please contact James Starkey on 07485 152 722.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friends-ofoakhillschool/807609>

Remember to invite your friends and family to join in with our fundraising efforts!

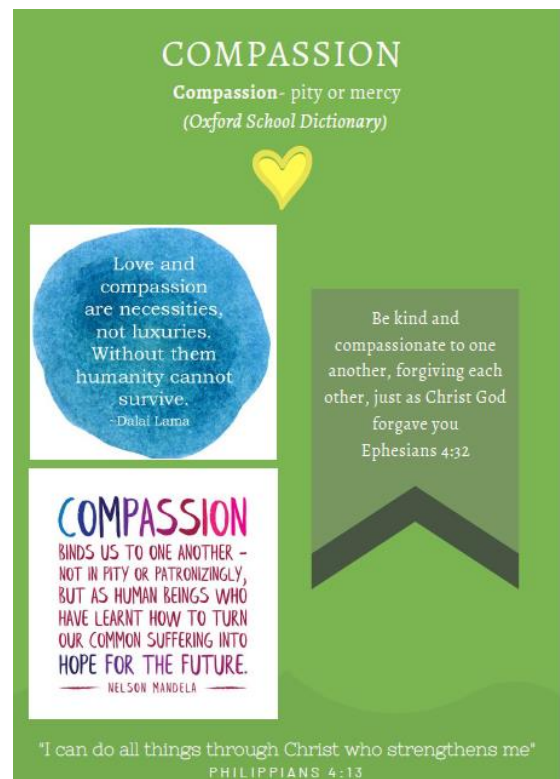


Half Termly Christian Value

Online Safety

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as disabling in-app purchasing, take note of age ratings and watching out for imitators.



House Points

House point totals for this week:

Ashdown 71

Sherwood 82

Dean 108

Class Attendance

Rowan Class 90%

Elm Class 95%

Redwood Class 83%

Stars of the Week

Rowan Class:

Star of the Week - Edie for showing good manners whilst on our trip

Value of the Week - Tallulah for a fantastic independent write up about our trip

Elm Class:

Star of the Week - Edward for producing a superb comparison of Canada and Brazil

Value of the Week - AJ for his excellent and consistent approach to all learning activities

Redwood Class:

Star of the Week - Betsy for always looking to help other in every situation

Value of the Week - Charlie for showing courage and determination during our carol service

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

4th Term Starts

5th Height and Weight Measurements

20th Year 3/4 Swimming

27th Year 3/4 Swimming

February

2nd Introduction to Parliament

3rd Year 3/4 Swimming

7th Safer Internet Day

10th Year 3/4 Swimming

17th Year 3/4 Swimming

End of Term

January

3rd INSET Day