

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## **Welcome Back**

Happy New Year!! Welcome back to the Spring Term. It is so lovely to be back and see the children again. We have had a cracking first few days and I know the teachers have planned some exciting learning for the children this term.

## **Help Needed**

We have taken delivery, courtesy of FOOHS, of a magnificent new sandpit with lid for our EYFS/KS1 area. Unfortunately, it comes in pieces. Is there anyone who would be available to put it all together for us? Free coffee/tea and biscuits available to support! Please see Miss Gunter if you are able to help

## **Whole School Oracy Competition**

As a school we are going to be taking part in the 'Look Who's Talking!' Oracy Competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary Schools.

What is involved?

Every pupil will have the opportunity to speak for two minutes in front of their class in the Class Heats, from which three 'Star Speakers' will be chosen. The Star Speakers from each class will then take part in Whole-School Heats, from which

one representative will be chosen from each class.

Partnership Heats will then take place, enabling these finalists to compete against their peers within our locality, before the three finalists from the partnership attend the 'Look Who's Talking!' Gloucestershire Finals at Gloucester Guild Hall and compete against six other school partnerships, in front of a judging panel, where an overall 'Super Star Speaker' from each phase will be chosen. These winners will take to the stage to open the 'Look Who's Talking!' GAPH Conference on 9th June 2023 and win £200 for their school, to use to further improve oracy.

What should they talk about?

The children can talk about anything that they choose for their two-minute slot. They cannot use any technology, but can bring any props that they wish to.

Please see Class Dojo for class deadlines.

## **Advice for Parents and Carers on Common Winter Bugs and Viruses**

With lots of common winter bugs and viruses circulating at the moment, the NHS in Gloucestershire, including the Paediatric Consultant Team, has developed advice for parents and carers

of children to help care for them at home or know when health advice may be needed.

There is understandable concern amongst the public following reports of children and young people with Strep A or Scarlet Fever going on to develop serious illness. However, health leaders are reassuring people that Scarlet Fever is usually a very mild illness that can be easily treated with antibiotics, and it is very rare for children to go on to develop the more serious illness known as invasive group A strep (iGAS).

Please do read and bookmark the advice and share with friends and family: <https://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/news/s-carlet-fever-advice-for-parents-and-carers/>

### **Absences**

Due to Government guidelines a reason needs to be given when reporting your child's absence. Please provide a reason when you contact the school.

Thank you

### **Bunting Making**

A thank you from Starlight!

Back in October the children at school and Alderton Acorns decorated bunting to be sent off to various children's wards to help spread some Christmas cheer. We received a lovely thank you email and a certificate to put up in school.



### **Mental Health and Wellbeing – 30-Day Wellbeing Challenge**

On Tuesday 10th January, the school will be starting a 30-Day Wellbeing Challenge based on the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing'. Having good mental wellbeing helps us feel calmer, enables us to regulate (comfort) ourselves when we feel upset, cope with losses and keep good relations with other people. It also improves our ability to learn and deal with everyday stresses. On Monday, the children will be bringing home a letter explaining this in more detail and the 30-Day Wellbeing Challenge booklet. The challenge will run from 10 January – 9 February 2023. At the end of the 30 days, certificates will be presented depending on how many days the children completed.

### **Reception Places**

Just a reminder that applications for Reception places close on 15<sup>th</sup> 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

We are delighted that Alderton's charity football event on 27<sup>th</sup> December raised just over £2,000 for the Friends of Oak Hill School! The proceeds will be used to support all year groups across the school, from resources such as books and equipment through to education visits and transport to activities.

The school's staff, governors, and the FOOHS team would like to say a massive THANK YOU SO MUCH to everybody who supported this year's fundraiser. Village resident, Dr Tim Hardwick won the prize draw for Manchester Utd football match tickets, while Florence the Pig was won by Milly McCotter and Peter the Pig went to Simon Staddon.

A special mention goes to FOOHS Co-Chair Kate Starkey for overseeing our contribution to the event. Thanks Kate!

## Online Safety

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

In the guide, you'll find tips such as double-checking your news sources, taking breaks from being online and not sharing personal information.



## Well Done!

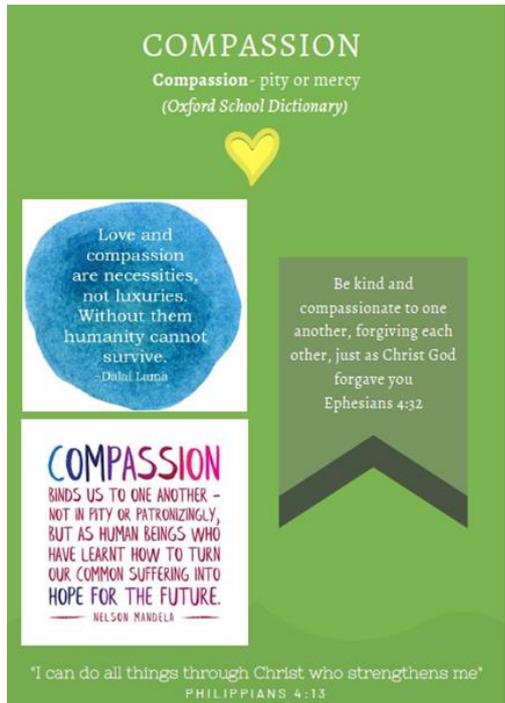
Well done to Logan who was awarded the trophy for the most improved student at Haidong Gumdo.



Congratulations to Henry, Martha and Alana who have received certificates and

medals in the pool. Henry for his gold swimming award, Martha for her Challenge 2 Award and Alana received a third place medal for her synchronised swimming.

### Half Termly Christian Value



In English, we have continued with our Biography work on Florence Joyner. We have now written our overarching ideas making sure we include 'because' in our sentences, as well as writing about the positive and negative experiences in her life.

Reception have been focussing on the number 5 this week in Maths and playing lots of fun games as well as learning new nursery rhymes such as Five Little Speckled Frogs and Five Currant Buns. They completed some amazing writing on Wednesday all about their Christmas and what they received from Father Christmas.

In RE, we are looking again at the religion of Islam. We learnt about Allah's 99 names and studied some amazing artwork representing each of his names. We then recreated these using wax crayons and brushes.

We have had lots of new resources arriving for our outdoor area and have enjoyed using this for the first time this week.

### Church Service in Alderton

Service this Sunday are:

9.00am HC	Wormington	Epiphany
10.30 am HC	Alderton	Epiphany

### Rowan Class

Despite only being in for three days this week, Rowan Class have been very busy! In Maths, we have been finishing our unit on Addition and Subtraction. Year 1 have been subtracting on a number line and Year 2 have been learning to exchange when crossing 10 during subtraction. They have used the tens and ones to help them to work through some tricky questions!





this week. We also had an indoor snowball fight; there was even a snow angel being made at one point. It was lots of fun.

We started our new topic Frozen Kingdoms, which is a geography based topic. This week the children revised line of longitude and latitude identifying the various parts of Earth, adding on the Arctic and Antarctic Circles. The children also wrote a list of questions they would like to answer throughout the topic.

In PE, we started a dance unit, Dancing Through the Decades. The children had lots of fun learning 60s style dances.



### **Elm Class**

Elm Class have welcomed all learning activities enthusiastically in this New Year which hopefully bodes well for the remainder of 2023. Our writing is based upon the adventures of April in Bear Island this term, an excellent book by Hannah Gold and the children will be completing reading comprehensions in year groups each week. Our mathematics continues to focus upon multiplication and division in both year groups, whilst we return to life for Hindu's in the UK in RE.



### **Redwood Class**

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas break. We have started lots of new and exciting topics this week. Our writing unit is all based on The Snowman by Raymond Briggs. The children have been using their recent experience of snow and the animated film to help inspire their writing



Value of the Week - Paige for adopting a conscientious attitude towards all learning tasks

**Redwood Class:**

Star of the Week – Charlie for having a great attitude to towards all his learning during the first week back

Value of the Week - Summer-Belle- for supporting her friend during science



**Diary Dates**

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

**January**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 Swimming
- 27<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 Swimming
- 31<sup>st</sup> Life Education Visit

**February**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Introduction to Parliament Year 5/6
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 3/4 Swimming
- 7<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 Swimming
- 17<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 Swimming
- End of Term

**House Points**

House point totals for this week:

- Ashdown 71
- Sherwood 82
- Dean 108

**Stars of the Week**

**Rowan Class:**

Star of the Week - Dima, for some amazing writing this week!

Value of the Week - Lyla B, for always being kind and helpful to others

**Elm Class:**

Star of the Week - Archie for working at an improved pace in class