

Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 3rd December 2021

Christmas

Christmas has arrived! The House Captains did a marvellous job decorating the tree, then the Vice Captains tweaked a bauble or two. It's a wonderful sight to see when you first walk into school and it smells amazing.



Nativity

Plans and rehearsals are full steam ahead for the school's performance of "It's a Cracker". As I write this I can hear the KS2 children rehearsing the songs and the singing sounds lovely. As you are aware we have put in place heightened measures to support us in making this possible. Please LFT yourselves on the day of the performances and if you are displaying any symptoms please consider a PCR early on. With Tuesday's changes, masks are now mandatory in churches, unless exempt, so please make sure you have your mask with you. We will be putting CO2 monitors in the church and will monitoring them during the performances. This may

mean that we open the doors to increase the ventilation levels, so please wrap up warm. Hand gel will be available on entry.

Tickets will be sent home on Monday. Please bring them with you for the performance.

On Tuesday, KS2 children will need to be dropped off at the village hill in Dumbleton first thing in the morning, where Miss Garrett and Miss Attwood will meet them. This will be our base for the day. The children will need their reading books, packed lunch and water bottles. We will have the packed lunches that have been ordered.

During the performances, the children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper. But they must wear school uniforms. If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, they can wear a school jumper and we will add some tinsel!

If they are going to be wearing a Christmas jumper, then please can they bring this in a bag and wear a normal jumper to school. For the evening performance, the children can come to church in school uniform and a Christmas jumper.

A big 'thank you very much' to AJ's dad who will be setting up the staging for us on Monday!

Severn Trent

This week we have had a virtual assembly from Severn Trent. The whole school enjoyed a talk from the water company where they learnt how our water is treated and cleaned and how we can reduce water waste. The lesson

was very interactive and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.



Covid

Here are the steps you can take to help prevent your child from catching and spreading COVID-19:

Get vaccinated. This remains the best way to protect yourself and your family from the serious effects of COVID-19. If you or your child are eligible for a Covid jab, please do not delay in taking up the offer.

Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces including public transport.

Continue with twice-weekly testing for people with no symptoms (everyone aged 11 years and over) .

If your child has symptoms of Covid or has tested positive using a lateral flow device get a

PCR test and keep them at home until you receive your results. If your child or anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 they must stay at home and isolate for ten days. This means not going to work, school or any other public places. Close contacts of a positive case will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and will be advised to take a PCR test.

Milk Price Change

From 01/01/22, Cool Milk will increase the price of a portion of milk for children aged 5 or over from 23p to 24p. Under-5 children will continue to receive milk free-of-charge.

The new price is driven by recent increases in the prices paid to dairy partners and ever-increasing overheads. Food prices have increased nationwide as farmers and distributors strive to maintain a sustainable business whilst confronted by significant increases in the cost of their feed, fuel, packaging supplies and general operating overheads.

FOOHs

Amazon Smile

We are now registered with Amazon smile. This means purchases made at Amazon using the app, lead to donations to our school fund, Friends of Oak Hill School!

Please use this link to get started!

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1060953-0>

Don't forget to also use Easy Fundraising, using this app does the same but with different companies!

Every little bit helps!

Sonia (FOOHS)

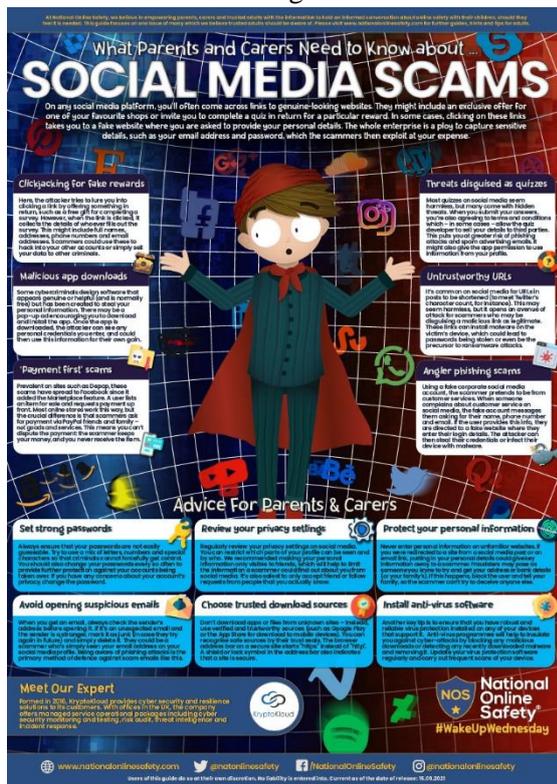
Please support FOOHS and remember to use it for all your Christmas shopping needs. Its support to school is incredibly vital to us.

Lunchtime Supervisor Post

We have unfortunately had no applicants for the lunchtime supervisor role. If you know of anyone who may be interested then please do pass on the school's details,

Internet Safety

As part of our support to parents, we will be sharing information on a regular basis about some of the challenges that our children face in the modern internet age.



Reportable experiences may include:

- Staring
- Cat calling/wolf-whistling
- Inappropriate gestures
- Inappropriate comments/comments on physical appearance
- Invading personal space
- Verbal abuse
- Drink spiking
- Being followed/spied on
- Being brought/sent unwanted gifts
- Online harassment/stalking
- Threatening violence or sending threatening objects
- Unwanted repeated social contact
- Other stalking behaviour
- Sexual comments made in public
- Inappropriate touching without consent
- Being sent inappropriate images
- Indecent exposure
- Up skirting
- Serious sexual assault/rape

To find out more and to download the Flare App visit:

[Flare App | Gloucestershire Constabulary](https://www.glos.gov.uk/flare-app)

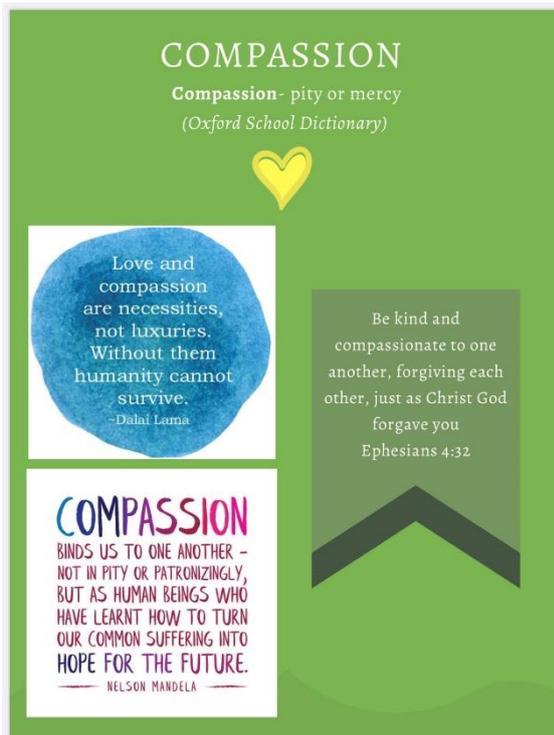
Flare App

Flare is a Safer Gloucestershire app, created for women and girls, to anonymously share their experiences of how and where they've felt unsafe.

The app helps local trusted agencies understand how and where women and girls feel unsafe and take action.

It's anonymous, quick, free to use and can connect to support and advice in Gloucestershire.

Half Termly Christian Value



Church Service in Alderton

Please find attached my Reflection on our Gospel Reading for Sunday 12th December, 2021.

Our Services are:

9.00am Wormington – HC

4.00pm ALDERTON - Lessons & Carols by 'Christingle' candlelight

On Sunday December 12th at 4pm there is the combined Candlelit Carol Service and Christingle in Alderton Church. Please do join us to sing some carols in our lovely church where the collection will be for the Children's Society.

On Wednesday December 22nd at 4pm - please come and enjoy some outdoor carol singing in Alderton Churchyard. We would love the children to set up the Nativity scene for the blessing of the crib so do bring them along.

Maple Class

Christmas has arrived in our classroom this week, with the children busy making, writing and sending Christmas cards to each other. We have a special Christmas post office in our role play area, where the children have been weighing and delivering Christmas parcels and sorting all of the post. Lots of Christmas presents have been sent this week!

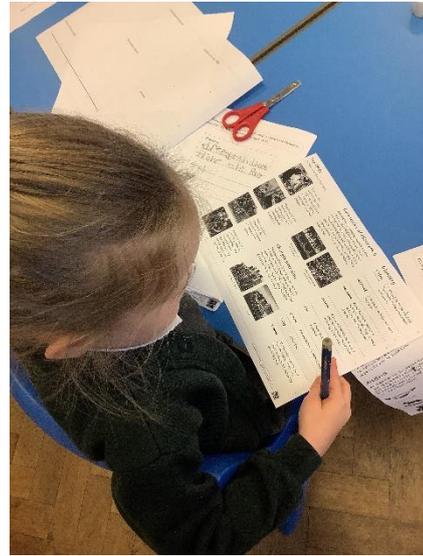
The children have continued to practise reading their 'tricky words' and I am very proud of them for persevering with this. We have been exploring number sentences for addition to 4 and 5 in Maths, with some great mathematical vocabulary being used.

The children have also been very busy practising our singing, dancing and acting for their first Christmas Nativity at Oak Hill. They have learned all of the songs so well and are very excited to be able to perform it next week.





Partridge'. We have also been finishing our topic of Childhood by completing our 'innovate' journal. Now that we are experts on the topic of childhood, we created knowledge organisers for other children who are about to study this topic. We wanted to help learn and remember important information about this topic!



Willow Class

This week has been full of Nativity rehearsals and the children have been working so hard to learn songs without words and lines without scripts as well as remembering when they need to come on and off stage! They have been amazing and we are looking forward to sharing our Nativity with you next week. We are also very grateful to Mrs Galpin who has been busy making props including a Christmas turkey, Christmas pudding, tree and an Inn Keeper's door! Please see our photos below for a little sneak peek!!

This week in our reading lessons we have been focusing on the skill of inference and finishing our class text 'Wilfred Gordon McDonald



Hawthorn Class

We have had a super week in Year 3 and 4. This week we have had a focus on History and Geography, as well as covering VIPERS, English and PE!

On Tuesday, the children discovered what Celtic Warriors looked like and the reasons behind why they had specific weapons and wore certain clothes. The children were given a picture of a warrior and in pairs they had to describe to their partner what they could see. We also learnt about hillforts and homes in the Iron Age and how they had a significant impact on keeping them safe during war.

On Wednesday, the children started to complete their Innovate Journal for History which brings together all the information we have learnt about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and they have been keen to explore the three ages in detail. Next term our topic focus will be 'Rocks and Relics'.

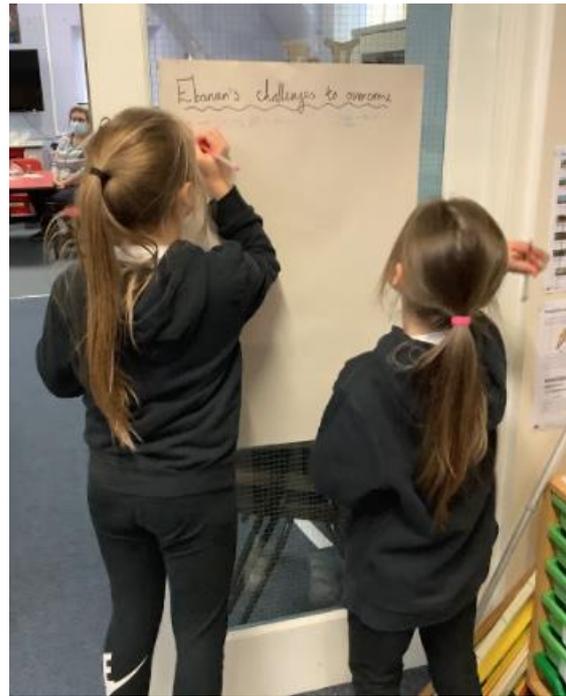
In Geography, we listened to a podcast and discovered what is meant by the term 'carbon footprint'. The children had many exciting ideas on how we can help protect the environment. Definitely some future David Attenborough's in Hawthorn Class! In addition, the children looked at land use in the UK, weather and the local environment.

As part of our English focus this week we have been planning our own versions of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. The



children watched this year's Aldi advert – “A Christmas Carrot by Charles Chickens” and another version of the traditional tale as inspiration. Next week they will be writing up their stories.

The children worked hard in PE this week. In dance, the children created a dance based on a range of sports activities including kayaking, canoeing and windsurfing.





In Computing this week, the children have created their storyboards ready to film their videos which we will then edit next week. Then in History, we have been completing the Innovate Journal. The children are comparing and understanding the significance of the Shang Dynasty to the dynasties that followed.



Juniper Class

This week the children have been very busy casting, tasting and filming! In Art this week the children used plaster of paris and the clay mould to cast their Taotie art pieces. They all worked incredibly hard on these and I can't wait to see the final pieces.

In French, the children finished their Au Cafe topic with a little taste of France. The children were able to sample lots of delicious French pastries and tea au citron. The children have definitely grown in confidence speaking in French over this half term.

In English this week, the children have had a SPaG focus. We have focused on modal verbs and determiners, then during our reading VIPERS lessons, the children have been using inference to explain what has been happening. Then they finished the week using 'The Night Before, the Night Before Christmas' applying their inference skills. Next week we will be exploring vocabulary.

In Maths, the children have been comparing and ordering fractions. They have also explored how to simplify fractions. We then finished the week with a Think It Through Friday.





House Points

Weekly Totals

Diamond – 186

Emerald – 140

Ruby – 138

Sapphire – 164

House Points for This Half Term

Diamond – 2043

Emerald – 1826

Sapphire – 1777

Ruby – 1629

Stars of the Week

Maple Class:

Star of the Week: Megan, for fantastic work in maths, using excellent mathematical vocabulary.

Value of the Week: Louie, for always being a kind, considerate and cheerful friend to all.

Willow Class:

Star of the week - Mark, for having the confidence to sing a solo in the Nativity this year

Value of the week - Arwen, for persevering with learning all your lines for the Nativity

Hawthorn Class:

Star of the Week: Summer-Belle - For creating a fabulous drawing of a Celtic Warrior

Value of the Week: Archie - For always being kind and compassionate towards others.

Juniper Class:

Star of the week- Freddie increased pride in his work

Value of the week- Elliott, perseverance in improving his presentation

Well done to Abbie and Finn who have both earned their pen licenses this week too!

Diary Dates

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

December

14th School Nativity 2pm and 6pm

16th KS1 Trip

17th End of Term

January

4th INSET Day for Staff

5th Term Starts

21st Swimming Year 3/4

28th Swimming Year 3/4