

Friday 6th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderful week at Oatlands with one of the highlights being Year 2's fabulous performance of 'Lights, Camels, Action!', the Nativity with a touch of 'Strictly Come Dancing'. The cast of 90 blew us away with their confidence and brilliant singing and dancing. A huge thank you to our Year 2 team and to all of the parents and grandparents who joined us and were such good sports joining in with the dancing at the end!

This afternoon children from the Year 2 choir will be going to spread some Christmas cheer at Signature Living. This is a great experience for the children and I know the residents will enjoy the singing of our talented choir. They have two further visits to local residential homes next week. Thank you to Mr. Copey for organising this.

Over the past four weeks we have been showing prospective parents around Oatlands. Today was the last of the tours and I felt so proud of the all of our staff and children. There was a lovely atmosphere this morning and the children were all so busy writing in years 1 and 2 and Reception were busy in Santa's workshop making lists and wrapping presents. It is hard to believe that we are already thinking about our new Reception cohort!

We are looking forward to our Reception Nativity on Tuesday and Thursday next week. They have been busy practicing this morning.

We hope you have a great weekend.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates until the End of Term

Reception Christmas shows

Tuesday 10 th December	9.30-10.15-Reception Christmas show
Thursday 12 th	9.30-10.15 Reception Christmas show

Christmas Parties

Tuesday 17 th	PM-Reception Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th	PM-Year 1 Christmas Party
Thursday 19 th	PM- Year 2 Christmas Party

All Other Events

Wednesday 11 th	Whole school Christmas lunch
Wednesday 11 th	7.00-9.00 PTA wreath making workshop
Thursday 12 th	PM-Y2 Choir at Cambell House
Friday 13 th	Whole school- Christmas jumper day
Friday 13 th	PM-Choir singing at Sutton Lodge
Thursday 17 th	5.45-7.30 Year 1 Carols at St Mary's Church

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

1.00pm End of Term- School finishes

Inset Day- School Closed

8.50am- Back to School!

Scooter and bike parking

I am delighted that children are cycling and scooting to school. In order to free up more space for bikes in the main playground, please park free standing scooters against the wall rather than in bike racks. Thank you

Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children – Friday 13th December

We're taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December!

By pulling on our Christmassy knits and donating, we'll be supporting children in the UK and around the world to keep safe, healthy, and learning. We'll be helping them fight for the future they deserve. Children can come to school dressed in their own clothes with a Christmas jumper if they have one. It's likely to be a cold day so NO football kits or princess dresses. Please remember to send your children with sensible shoes for the playground.

Just click **HERE** to donate £2 (or more if you're feeling generous...) and it will go straight to Save the Children. The money we raise could go towards some amazing things like:

£2 could pay for a pair of shoes to keep a baby in Afghanistan warm through winter
£5 could pay for a maths pack to make sure a child in the UK is ready for school
£40 could give a family who've escaped war in Ukraine enough food for a month

Please donate now and help us reach our target!

https://24-stc-cjd-home.blackbaud-sites.com/fundraising/CJD240025224?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_source=link&utm_campaign=ssb-link

When the Adults Change- Free virtual session

When the Adults Change are holding a virtual session of our Behaviour Book Club next week on **Wednesday, December 11th - 8:00pm - 9:00pm**. This is free and open to all parents, carers and family members to join. The session will focus on Supporting Behaviour at Home: Where to Start. Please see the flyer on our school Letters and Handouts page for more information.

Twelve Fifteen Vacancy

Twelve Fifteen our catering supplier are recruiting for a Catering Assistant to work at Oatlands School. Please see the flyer attached for more information.

Safeguarding Notice

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing in the school or community, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL). DSL- Tanya Mooney, Head Teacher. DSL- Phil Copsey, Deputy Head Teacher or DSL-Kelly Grindle, Oscar Manager and Nurture Lead.

Updates to the Website