

Friday 13th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Reception children put on the most beautiful performance of the Nativity. We were so impressed with how they remembered their lines and projected their voices. They sang beautifully and looked wonderful in their costumes. There was such a magical atmosphere in the hall and we were all so proud of them. It is amazing to think that they have only been in school for one term. The show was a testimony to our amazing Reception staff who I think you will agree have given the children the best start to their school life at Oatlands. Thank you!

Choir have been out and about again this week bringing Christmas cheer to the local community. This week they sang to the residents of Sutton Lodge and Cambell House. They thoroughly enjoyed hearing them sing and Mr Copsey was so impressed with both the children's singing and their behaviour. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the children.

The PTA put on an amazing wreath making workshop on Wednesday evening. The hall was filled with foliage and decorations with approximately 50 people taking part. It was lovely to be a part of this festive event and the finished wreaths looked amazing! Such a creative group. A huge thank you to Mrs Longton for organising this event and for taking away all the debris at the end! Thank you everyone who helped to clean up at the hall ahead of the Reception Nativity. We couldn't have done it without you.

Today we held our termly Star Mathematician assembly and three children from each class were awarded special certificates for their achievements. Their photographs are on display in school for all to see.

School Council did a super job sorting out the Christmas post this afternoon. There were 100s of Christmas cards to sort into classes and deliver.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and manage to have a bit of a rest ready for the final week of this busy term.

Tanya Mooney

Key Dates until the End of Term

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

Thursday 17 th	5.45-7.30 Year 1 Carols at St Mary's Church
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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!

Important- New Government Attendance Changes

Please see the separate email regarding a summary of Government changes to the school Attendance Policy.

Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children – Today!

Today we took part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.

Your generous donations will 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.

There is still time to donate. 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

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

PTA Nativity Lending Library

We hope that the nativity costume lending library was a useful service. Please remember to clean and return any costumes borrowed this year so that we can store and re-lend them next year. The PTA are also accepting new donations of nativity costumes and clean, good quality school uniform - please drop off at school reception.

PTA Wreath-making evening

Thank you to everyone who joined this week's wreath-making evening (and a big thank you to Tash for organising and everyone else who helped set-up and tidy up!) We are thrilled to announce that the evening made a profit of £1,100 which will be used by the school for valuable resources.

Y2: Mulled wine and mince pie donations

The PTA would appreciate any donations of mulled wine, mince pies and biscuits from Y2 parents on Monday 16th December (AM or PM) and Tuesday 17th (AM only). These will be used at the Y1 Carol Concert.

PTA Bake Sale hosted by Reception

2024/25's first bake sale will be hosted by Reception classes on Friday 20th December immediately after school and will be open to all year groups. Cash preferred and please bring exact change if possible. We will have a couple of machines for card payments but cash will be significantly quicker.

Reception parents - please bring your donations of home-baked or shop-bought cakes, biscuits and other treats to school at drop-off on Friday 20th December - there will be boxes outside reception classrooms. No nuts and nothing that needs to be refrigerated please. Also, please make sure any Tupperware is named if you would like it to be returned to you.

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.