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Term 2
6th December 2021

CHRISTMAS FAYRE ARRANGEMENTS-THIS WED (8TH)

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday.

Please can we ask that all adults wear a mask for this event. This year all the stalls will be spread out across the Academy to allow for social distancing.

The event will run from 3.20-4.20. **You can pick your children up from 3:00pm on Wed 8th Dec** to allow time for the stalls to be set up/ you and your family to get to the correct entrance.

Entrance:

Parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2- please enter via your classroom doors. The stalls will either be under the canopy or in the classrooms.

Parents of children in Years 3,4,5,6- please enter via the main entrance or the hall doors. Your stalls will be located in the hall.

COVID PRECAUTIONS– UPDATE

We are doing all we can to keep the school safe and to be able to go ahead with all of our Christmas plans e.g. Christmas performances, Christmas fayre etc. As a result of this you may see some amendments to our usual arrangements for performances or the fayre. Please understand we are doing this because we desperately want to be able to give the children a full Christmas experience this year, and you as parents too, because the children have missed out on so much in previous years. Thank you for your understanding and commitment.

FATHER CHRISTMAS VISITS OABL!

Santa's Grotto will be open one day in the final week of term during school time. All children will be able to visit and will receive a very exciting gift! We will make sure a photo is taken of your child during this visit and given to you. Please note– Bristol Children's Charity are not able to support us this year (they have a 2 year limit) with our gifts as they have previously. The gifts will still be very exciting but may be a little different to the previous two years.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY This term always gets very busy! We will try our best to keep you informed of upcoming dates and events via the newsletter and our school calendar on the website. To help with dates we will release and send home a December calendar as in previous years. We will also put a screen shot of important upcoming dates each week here:

Monday 6th Dec	Tuesday 7th Dec	Wed 8th Dec	Thurs 9th Dec	Friday 10th Dec
Y1/2 Dodgeball Club	Y3/4 Dodgeball Club	**EYFS Sing Along 9:30** **Christmas Fayre 3:20pm** **School pick up from 3pm** Y5/6 Dodgeball Club		**Christmas Bauble competition due in**
Monday 13th Dec	**Tuesday 14th Dec**	**Wed 15th Dec**	**Thursday 16th Dec**	**Friday 17th Dec**
Y1/2 Dodgeball Club	**KS1 Christmas Show 9:30** Y3/4 Dodgeball Club	**KS2 Christmas Show am+ pm TBC** Y5/6 Dodgeball Club	**Christmas Lunch for chn**	**Christmas Jumper Day** **Santa's Surprise pm (may be another day this week)**

NURSERY, RECEPTION AND Y2 LEARN ALL ABOUT CHRISTMAS!

In the run up to Christmas, the team from St Peter's Church have been helping us to deepen our understanding of The Nativity Story. On Wednesday morning the children from Nursery and Reception walked to the church to take part in an interactive Nativity service. We loved dressing up as characters from the story!

Then, in the afternoon Year 2 took part in a 'Christmas in a Box' workshop and learned about The Nativity story from a new perspective creating beautiful keepsake boxes to treasure.

We would like to thank the team from St Peter's Church for these fantastic experiences, and all those parents who gave up their time to support us on the Church visit!

EYFS (NURSERY AND RECEPTION) NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

Our EYFS Nativity Performance is this Wednesday 8th December at 9.30am.

We can't wait to welcome you in and show you the wonderful performance Nursery and Reception have been working on.

Please can we ask all adults to wear a mask whilst in school and wash your hands on entry. We will make sure the hall is well ventilated. Where possible, please adhere to social distancing rules around the school site. Please ensure you have your tickets as we have limited numbers allowed in the hall. We are looking forward to sharing our performance with you!

LITTLE EXPLORERS NURSERY– JANUARY INTAKE

We have a few places left for our January intake in our Little Explorers Nursery- hurry!

Pop in for an application form and we can arrange a tour of our outstanding nursery. Your child can start Nursery with us the term after they turn 3 years old.

FARESHARE FOOD/ FOOD PANTRY

We are now calling our FARESHARE food delivery- Food Pantry. Food from Fareshare will be available to be collected from 3:00pm every Thursday from the Hub Room.

OASIS 9 HABITS– JOYFUL

Our December habit is Joyful.

We will be focusing on the following behaviour indicators:

-Looks out for those who are feeling sad or left out, and works hard to include them and help them feel happier.

-Always thinks about and remembers to say thank you.

Star of the Week!

A HUGE well done to this week's winners. You've worked really hard and have shown an exceptional attitude to learning!

R	Albufazl	For showing such great compassion to his friends and being joyful in all of his learning.
1	Nathan and Pola	For using a great part/ whole model to solve problems in maths! They helped Father Christmas get sweets for the elves! Yum yum!
2	Gracie	For showing a good understanding of money and representing the school when reading with our visitors last week. It is no wonder you have moved up a book band level this week!
3	Phoebe	For being joyful for the friends that went on the trip and compassionate for the children that didn't. Phoebe is always such a positive and helpful member of Y3– well done Phoebe.
4	Mohammed	For showing great compassion to his friends when returning from the cinema and for always giving 100% in everything we are learning about.
5	Leela	For fantastic writing in English and using relative clauses. We really enjoyed hearing this read out in assembly, Leela– thank you!
6	Amelia Rhylee	For welcoming our visitor last week and being a shining star for our school! For being such a good friend and always being such a joyful member of Y6!
Staff	Miss Neal	For always going the extra mile for OABL. The children have nominated Miss Neal for bringing the rabbits in to their lives, always being so committed and always being so kind. We feel the same! Miss Neal went the extra mile with our inspectors last week even though she had no voice– thank you for all that you do Miss Neal!

WEEK 12 ATTENDANCE

29th Nov– 3rd Dec 2021

Reception	91.0%
Year 1	89.6%
Year 2	91.3%
Year 3	90.8%
Year 4	95.3%
Year 5	91.7%
Year 6	97.0%
Whole School	92.6%

ABSENCE FOR LEAVE REQUESTS

If you need to request leave for an appointment or other occasion, please make sure you are applying in good time (2 weeks notice minimum) via the office. Once you have filled out the form a text message will be sent to you letting you know if your leave has been approved. We know that your child may occasionally need approved leave and we are very happy to support you with this. When we are looking into whether the leave will be authorised or unauthorised we take the child's attendance to date into account.

Y1-6 ATENDANCE WAS @ 92.6

Although some classes improved, overall attendance was down last week. Let's get attendance as high as we can for next week– the children have been promised double prizes for raffle prizes next week if we can get it above 96%! We didn't quite make that so we will try again next week! 96% is our target for attendance this year. Let's try and beat our record this term of 97.7%! Please come to school every day– don't miss out on all the learning and fun!

Oasis Academy Bank Leaze

6th December 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Wow! What a week we had a last week at OABL!

We had been expecting an Ofsted inspection for some time as part of their routine visits (OABL was last inspected in June 2016) so when the call came on Tuesday morning the whole school sprang into action to welcome our visitor.

One inspector came for 2 days on Wednesday and Thursday of last week under a 'Section 8' inspection. This is a visit for previously graded 'Good' schools to check they are still providing a 'Good' standard of education.

We are so very proud of how your children welcomed the inspector and were all so keen to tell her about OABL and all the learning they do here.

The staff were also absolutely amazing. The teamwork shown at OABL every single day is second to none, this was especially true last week as everyone did their best to help OABL shine.

We also wanted to thank you as parents too- thank you to those who registered their opinions on Parentview, thank you to those parents who spoke with the inspector last week, and thank you to all of you for all that you do for the school and your children day in day out too!

We are awaiting the results of the inspection, which can take up to 3 weeks. We will share these with you as soon as we get them.

Yours sincerely

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