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NEWS UPDATE November 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you are all keeping safe and well, and our few families who currently have Covid, all make a speedy recovery. We had one positive case last week and a further one this week (in different year groups) - you would have already been contacted if your child had been in close contact. Thank you to all our families for your vigilance in taking lateral flow tests and following up with PCR tests – this ensures we keep our whole community safe.

In school, we have been very fortunate to have had the last two weeks' back as a whole school, following our Outbreak before half term and our cautious return to school, keeping all year groups separate for a further two weeks.

These last two weeks have been wonderful to see the children back together again in the playground and having lunches back in the hall which has been so good for their wellbeing. It is feeling like a normal school again, although we must not be complacent, as we know that schools around us are experiencing high numbers of positive cases, so it is still very important to ensure good ventilation in all areas of school, increased hygiene and the wearing of face masks for staff and any adults on site.

We are currently planning to keep our usual Christmas traditions such as our Year 3 Play, Decoration Day, our St Johns Church Service and Christmas Lunch but looking at the rising numbers in our locality and wanting to ensure we all remain safe, it is unlikely that we will be able to invite parents to join with us in school. This is heart-breaking, especially as we were hoping to share these events with you face-to-face, but we must ensure that families can be together at Christmas and not put anyone at risk. We will, however, find a way to share some of these events with you and hope you understand that we will focus on making the remainder of this term as normal as we possibly can for our children.

Stay safe,

Mrs H. West, Headteacher



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Children In Need 2021

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who joined in with our 'spotty' clothing day on Friday 19th November in support of Children in Need. We raised an amazing £297.32.



Dates for your diary

Please find below a list of important dates in the school diary for your attention.

- Bag2School Collection – Friday 26th November
- Reverse Advent – 1st through to 16th December
- Christmas Decoration Day – Friday 3rd December
- The PTA does Elfridges – Friday 10th December
- Year 3 Christmas Production – Monday 13th December
- Christmas Lunch – Thursday 16th December
- St John's Church Service – Thursday 16th December
- Christmas Jumper Day in support of Daisy's Dream – Friday 17th December
- Last day of term – Friday 17th December – early finish 1.30pm
- Inset Day – Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Return to School – Wednesday 5th January 2022

'Reverse Advent' Event

Further to our letter dated 22nd November announcing our 'Reverse Advent' event in support of Crowthorne Foodbank, please find below the timetable of donations for each class. If you would like, however, to bring them in from 1st December we will be able to store them at school.



Date	Group	Suggested Items
Wednesday 1 st December	Year 6 staff	Tinned meat pies
Thursday 2 nd December	Year 5 staff	Tinned ham and salmon
Friday 3 rd December	Year 4 staff	Popcorn
Monday 6 th December	Year 3 staff	Soft drinks
Tuesday 7 th December	6A	Steamed puddings/ custard
Wednesday 8 th December	6B	Steamed puddings/ custard
Thursday 9 th December	5N	Sharing crisps/ tinned snacks e.g. twiglets
Friday 10 th December	5H	Sharing crisps/ tinned snacks e.g. twiglets
Monday 13 th December	4L	Mini chocolate logs/ festive cakes
Tuesday 14 th December	4D	Mini chocolate logs/ festive cakes



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Wednesday 15 th December	3JG	Chocolate pouches/ boxes
Thursday 16 th December	3M	Chocolate pouches/ boxes

Thank you in advance for your support.

Separate Year Group Arrangements

To help keep our children, staff and families safe and well for the Christmas break, we will be operating a separate Year Group arrangement for the last two weeks of term (Monday 6th through to Friday 17th December). Year Groups will have separate break and lunch times.

Crowthorne Late Night Shopping Event

Be sure to put Friday 3rd December in your diaries for Crowthorne's late night shopping and carols event which is taking place between 5pm and 9pm. Expect a night of festivities including a brass band, Father Christmas and carol singers not to mention a selection of shops and market stalls.

Christmas Menu

IFG Cucina have already uploaded their Christmas Lunch Menu details to the online ordering system. Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 16th December so the Roast Dinner on Wednesday 15th December has been changed. If you have already ordered meals for the week beginning 13th December, you will need to review them.

If you experience any problems doing this, please contact IFG Cucina directly by emailing primary@impactfood.co.uk or by calling 0204 542 7211 (office hours – Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm).

Christmas Jumper Day – Non-Uniform Day in support of Daisy's Dream

On Friday 17th December, the last day of term, children will be invited to wear their festive tops in aid of the charity, Daisy's Dream. This charity supports children and families who have suffered a bereavement.

Everyone will be asked to wear their silliest, sparkliest or cosiest Christmas woollies and make a minimum donation of £1.00. If your child doesn't have a festive sweater already, a plain jumper decorated with tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflakes would be lovely.

If you would like to know more about Daisy's Dream, or are concerned about a child impacted by bereavement or serious illness, you can visit www.daisysdream.org.uk for more information about how to get in touch.



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Win a bundle of books for our school

The digital Winter edition of Raring2go! Ascot, Bracknell & Wokingham is now available via the link below. It's full of ideas for families to have fun, getting out and about, making things and generally enjoying the Winter season. And by going to Page 25 of this digital Winter edition you could help win a bundle of books for Oaklands Junior School.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/ascotbracknellandwokingham/winter/>

Secondary Schools

From time to time the local secondary schools provide us with information on events that are taking place. Any such information can be found on our website using the link below.

<https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/secondary-school-information/>

Local Community Information / Activities & Events

We have a dedicated page on our website providing information on local activities and events that is updated on a regular basis.

<https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/local-community-information-activities-events/>

The Circle Trust consultation on proposed Admissions Arrangements 2023/24 for The Emmbrook School

The Circle Trust is consulting on changes to the 2023 – 2024 admission arrangements for The Emmbrook School.

The consultation document can be found on our website via <https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/secondary-school-information/> and sets out the proposed change. A full set of the proposed admission arrangements can be viewed on [The Circle Trust website](#) or [The Emmbrook School website](#).

The consultation takes place between **1 November 2021 and 13 December 2021** and comments regarding the proposed changes can be emailed to: consultation.education@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Public Health Information regarding Illnesses

Do you have a child who's unwell and are wondering if they should be in school?



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Check out our handy guide below to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

Symptoms and severity of illness will vary from person to person. If your child is unwell and you have concerns about their symptoms you should speak to your GP.

If you are pregnant and have been exposed to any of these illnesses you should seek prompt advice from your antenatal carer.

Do I need to keep my child off school? is available to download in English and translations at [Do I need to keep my child off school? \(English and translations\) | HSC Public Health Agency \(hscni.net\)](#)

For information on COVID-19 symptoms and advice see <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-information-public>

Staff Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor (Maternity Cover from 4th January 2022)

Please see details on our website under Staff Vacancies.

7.5 hours per week, Monday – Friday, term time only. £10.41 per hour.

Application form on our website.

Deadline: Tuesday 30th November midday.

Interview: Thursday 2nd December

Do you want to help the environment?

Mr Lee has found a space for the planter that he wants to build using the eco-bricks that his 'Eco-club' made last year. However, he is terrible at DIY and needs help!

Are you willing and/or able to assist him in building a planter using the plastic eco-bricks as bricks?

If you are able to help with some sand, cement and/or a cement mixer to assist him build it, he would be VERY grateful!

Please contact Mr Lee via the office or speak to him on the playground.

Morrisons 'Good to Grow' Scheme

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Good to Grow scheme to earn free gardening equipment for our school. As part of this we have ordered a bug hotel which should encourage wildlife on our grounds.



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Oaklands Junior School Governing Body

The Governing Body is ambitious for all children and infused with a passion for education and a commitment to continuous school improvement that enables outstanding outcomes. We oversee financial performance, challenge, support, and focus on the strategic direction of Oaklands Junior school.

If you want to raise a concern, please speak with your class teacher in the first instance. We welcome your feedback if you wish to contact the Governors, please email Charlotte Kieran, Chair of Governors.

Raising a concern,

[Parents-Carers-and-Visitors-Conduct-Policy-Including-Raising-a-Concern](#)

Governing Body team,

<https://oaklandsjunior-school.org.uk/governors/governorprofiles/>