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OAKHILL NEWS

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Dear Parents,

Many of you will have seen the new arrival of furniture. We now have our reading library at the heart of the school which has already inspired book change and will develop the profile of reading over the coming weeks and months.

Thank you to parents who were able to take time to come to Parent Voice this week. It was good to share thoughts and observations and also to talk through our next steps in working together to continue to move the school forward.

We have been really happy to receive positive feedback with regard to the expectations and children's attitudes to learning behaviours as well as the children and parents being more actively involved in this process. As a result, children are becoming more independent and resilient to challenge and questioning their learning.

Through discussion the next areas that we will be focusing on are:

- how we will celebrate children's behaviour, work, learning attitudes and effort
- consistency of homework across the school, including how we learn spellings
- ensuring mixed age standards are comparable across classes

We will look forward to meeting again in the New Year. The date will be confirmed in due course but will be arranged for a different time during the day.

Mr I Rumbelow
Executive Head Teacher

Mrs P Cohen
Deputy Head Teacher

Upcoming Events

This week

28.11.17 Cross Country Club
3:15 – 4:15pm

29.11.17 Choir 12:15 – 12:45pm

1.12.17 Advent Fair
2:30 pm School Hall
Note change of time for this year

Next week

05.12.17 Choir at Wells Cathedral
See separate information later in newsletter for all details

06.12.17 Worship in Church
2:45 – 3:10pm
Parents welcome

08.12.17 KS1 Gymnastics 3:15-4pm
KS2 Gymnastics 4-4:45pm

Looking ahead

13.12.17 KS1 Nativity 2pm

14.12.17 Christmas Lunch
KS1 Nativity 6pm

18.12.17 KS2 Celebration 6pm

20.12.17 Christmas Disco 6 – 8pm

08.01.18 Start of Term 3



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Whole School Enquiry: Why is light so important?



Children across the school are enjoying the enquiry theme 'Why is light so important?'. There is a range of stimulus, resources and activities taking place in each class to develop enquiry and investigation skills. Children are also using the light theme to explore language and writing, using texts such as *The Dark* ~ Lemony Snicket and *Northern Lights* ~ Philip Pullman.



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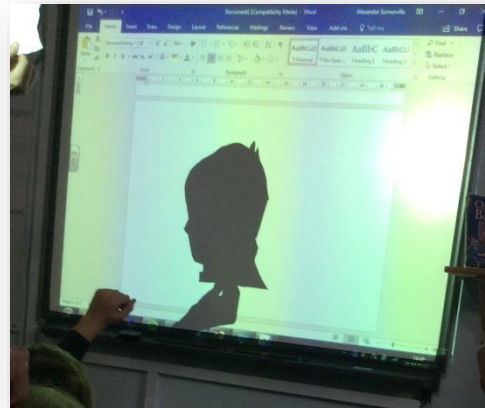
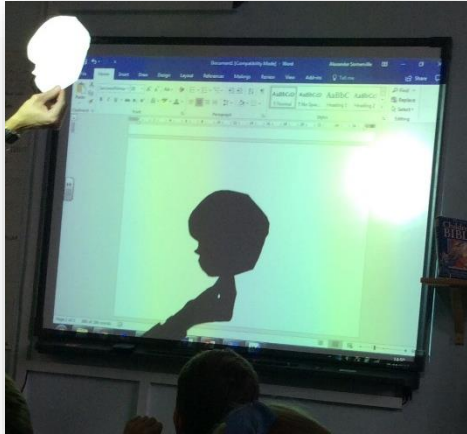
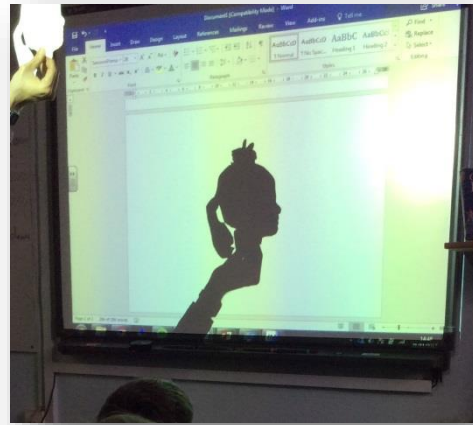
have explored the workings of a periscope. They investigated the mirror reflection, designed and made prototypes.



Bears have investigated the nature of white light.



Raccoons have used a profile photo and a printing technique with tracing paper to create shadow profiles. After we had cut them out we displayed them using the projector as shadows and the children had to guess who it was. It was amazing how recognisable we were without details such as eyes and ears.



Swallows and Glow-Worms

During last week's Muddy Monday afternoon, and as part of our whole school topic, the children had the opportunity to have their own bonfire. They helped to prepare the firepit and enjoyed using their senses to watch the flames and listen to the noises the fire made. This was also a perfect opportunity to discuss the importance of fire safety.



Oakhill Key Stage 1 Nativity



We are making a change this year to allow more children to have leading roles. EYFS and Year 1 will be performing the nativity play, 'It's a Baby'. Our Year 2 children will join them to sing and then celebrate the meaning of Christmas by telling everyone a Christmas story.

Children will be coming home with a note detailing their costume. We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child has everything they need by the given date, 7th Dec.

Advent Fair

Friday 1st December 2pm

We hope many of you will be able to come into school for our Advent Fair next week. The children will run their class stalls and we would be grateful for any contributions towards a Bottle Tombola, a Chocolate Tombola, Lucky Dip and wrapped sweets for prizes.

We will hold a raffle and teas and cakes will be available. Any donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be very welcome. Children will be able to visit Father Christmas in his grotto.



The Advent Fair will begin at **2:30pm**. Children can be collected from their classroom at this time and visit the fair with their parents and carers.



Let's Celebrate Christmas! Choir at Wells Cathedral

The Choir will be taking part in the massed choir event, 'Let's Celebrate Christmas' at **Wells Cathedral on Tuesday 5th December**. We will be attending the rehearsal during the afternoon and then returning for the evening concert. As last year we would be very grateful for parents who can transport the children to the cathedral at 12:15pm for the rehearsal and then bring them back to school at 3pm. We will have an early lunch (usual arrangements) and children will need to bring a Santa hat. If you have any spare hats, please send them in with your child please. Children will need to be brought to the cathedral at 6:30pm, in uniform with their Santa hat. The concert begins at 7pm and will finish at 8pm.

We hope many of you will be able to join us.



KS 2 Christmas Celebration

Key Stage 2 children will soon begin to think about their Christmas Celebration. It will be an hour of Christmas songs, poems and dance.

It will take place in the school hall at 6:30pm on Monday 18th December.



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Community News

Calling all parents

We would really appreciate some help to collect a stage from Horsington Church School. The stage comes in unit blocks and will need to be transported in a van. It can be collected on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th or Wednesday 6th December and needs to be returned on Friday 15th December. If you have a van and could offer to do one or both journeys, we would be most grateful. Please let the school office know by Friday 1st December.

Message from the School Kitchen

Please don't forget to hand in your child's menu choice for Christmas Lunch by Thursday 7th December.

Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 14th December.



Oakhill PTA

Our Parent Teacher Association is always looking out to involve more parents. As a parent of a child at the school, you are all members of the PTA. As such, anyone who is able to offer their time to help at the Advent Fair would be very welcome. Volunteers to help with setting up the grotto in the morning and during the fair itself are needed. Please let Jess Elliott (chair), Bob Foster (vice-chair) or the school office know if you can help. Also you may like to visit our Facebook page, **Oakhill Church School PTA**.