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# OAKHILL NEWS

**December 8<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to welcome parents and grandparents into the school for our Advent Fair. The children were a real credit to the school and due praise was given during assembly on Monday. Children in KS2 planned, prepared and organised themselves and their stalls with much independence and ran them with confidence and excitement. Thank you to the PTA who organised and ran Father Christmas' Grotto. We raised a total of £690. We also received many compliments and positive comments about the school environment – thank you.

We hope you found the Oakhill Update useful. This was a suggestion emailed in prior to the Parent Voice meeting which was discussed. Parents who were in attendance felt this would be worthwhile to trial as it is a handy reminder for the week ahead.

The children and staff have been working hard to improve and maintain standards. We have recently submitted our most recent data for reading, writing and maths to the Trust. Having analysed the outcomes, we are pleased with the progress children are making towards their end of year targets. You will appreciate that when measuring progress this can be different for every child due to their start point, from baseline in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) for Reception children, end of EYFS for Year 1 and 2 and end of Year 2 (KS1) for all other year groups. Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and your children.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the various Christmas events over the next two weeks.

Mr I Rumbelow

Executive Head Teacher

Mrs P Cohen

Deputy Head Teacher

## Upcoming Events

### This week

- 12.12.17 'Light Showcase'  
Doors open 2:30pm
- 13.12.17 KS1 Nativity 2pm
- 14.12.17 Christmas Lunch  
KS1 Nativity 6pm
- 15.12.17 Christmas Jumper Day  
£1 donation for Save the Children

### Next week

- 18.12.17 KS2 Celebration **6pm**
- 19.12.17 Santa Dash 2:15pm
- 20.12.17 Christingle Challenge  
Christmas Disco 6 – 8pm £2.50
- 21.12.17 Last day of Term 2

### Looking ahead

- 08.01.18 Start of Term 3
- 09.02.18 End of Term 3
- 12.02.18 HALF TERM WEEK
- 19.02.18 Start of Term 4
- 12.03.18 INSET DAY
- 23.03.18 End of Term 4



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## Let's Celebrate Christmas! Oakhill Choir at Wells Cathedral



The Choir took part in the 'Let's Celebrate Christmas' concert on Tuesday. They worked hard during the rehearsal in the afternoon and performed brilliantly during the evening performance. I felt very proud of all our children who took part and the experience made Christmas feel just that bit closer! A big thank you to Mrs Hunt, Mrs Powell, Mrs Miles, Mrs Baxendale, Mrs Ridge, Mrs Lewis and Granny Hockey for providing transport for the children. It was much appreciated!

Mrs Cohen



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# Oakhill Church School Advent Fair





Providing a broad and balanced curriculum is an important part of our school. We strive to give children opportunities to explore, enquire and investigate in a variety of subject areas. They have continued to find the Light topic exciting amongst other aspects of learning.



**Swallows** have been investigating light in their dark room.



**Glow-Worms** have been making clay Diva lamps. They first learned the technique to create a coiled pot and then added reflective sequins to decorate.







**Bears** have been using body strength and agility to create interesting counter-balances in gymnastics.

**A message from Bears:** As a consequence of finding out about life in South Sudan, we will be selling cakes on 12th December, during the Showcase afternoon. This is to raise funds for victims of the famine in South Sudan. We will be happy to give you more information about the situation in Sudan when you come to buy a cake!  
Thank you, Martha S, Abigail, Ruby, Amelia, Florence.

#### **Salamanders and Bears**

have unwrapped new tables for their classrooms. A delivery of chairs has arrived today!



Children across the school have worked with Mrs Phillips to design and create a Christmas tree. All children have contributed with their handprint. The tree is displayed in the Baptist Church in Shepton Mallet as part of their Christmas Tree Festival.

Thank you Mrs Phillips for running this art and DT project.



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## Whole School Enquiry: Why is light so important?



We know that this is a very busy time of year and you will be coming into school for the Christmas performances. However, the children have been inspired and excited by our topic this term and children wanted to share their learning with you. Therefore, we have decided to put on another showcase this term to celebrate their work. We hope you will be able to join us for our Light Showcase on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Doors will open at **2:30pm** and children will be ready to share and show the work they have done during our Light Enquiry this term.

### Oakhill Key Stage 1 Nativity



Thank you to all parents for bringing nativity costumes to school this week. The children looked wonderful during a try on today and had their photograph taken – look out for them in the Shepton Journal!

The nativity performances are on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Children will come home on Wednesday in their costumes and will need to return ready and dressed for Thursday's performance at 5:45pm.

There is an allocation of 2 seats per child for each performance. If grandparents or other family members would like to see it too, they are welcome to come for the dress rehearsal at 10am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### Key Stage 2 Christmas Celebration

Key Stage 2 children will be performing songs, poems and readings for their Christmas Celebration on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This event will take place in the school hall at 6pm for approximately 45 minutes.



Please can children be at school from 5:45pm, in school uniform with their Christmas hats or hair accessories (nothing too large that will obscure other children please!)



# School Community News

## Thank You!

A big thank you to Miss Bally for transporting the stage today from Horsington and in advance for returning it next week. We are very grateful for your time and support.

## Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for an After-School Club Supervisor:

- 5 hours per week
- Thursday and Friday
- 3pm – 5:30pm

Please see the school website for further information and an application form.

## Message from the School Kitchen

**Christmas Lunch is on  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**



This is also the last day to pay for school lunches for Term 3 (08.01.18 – 09.02.18).

KS2 meals cost £2.50 per day - £62.50 if paying for the first half term (25 days)

Break time milkshakes or juice cost 35p per day - £8.75 for the half term.

### **Please note – Menu Change!**

The kitchen will be serving one of the children's favourite meals, Fish and Chips, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Please order and pay if your child would like this option by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.



## **Christingle Service 4pm 10th December**

Join us at  
All Saints Church, Oakhill  
as we make our Christingle and  
celebrate the Reason for the season.



**Fun  
for all  
the  
family**

## Our Christingle Challenge

Can you make a Christingle of your own?

We have learnt about the Christingle in worship this week and have found out what it means. Now it's your chance to make one.

You may wish to use different things, but the key is to represent the true meaning of Christmas; God's love for the whole world shown in the birth of Jesus as a guiding light to all.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December all pupils will have the opportunity to show their Christingle if they bring it in to school, as we celebrate in worship in the school hall.

Reverend Richard



The orange  
represents the world.



The red ribbon  
indicates God's love wrapped  
around the world and the blood  
Christ shed on the cross.



The dried fruits and sweets  
are symbols of God's creations.  
For many people, they also  
represent the four seasons.



The lit candle  
symbolises Jesus, the light  
of the world, who brings hope to  
people living in darkness.



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## Oakhill PTA

The PTA would like to thank the teachers, pupils, parents, carers and Santa for their support towards the Advent Fair. It was a festive success! For all those children who met with Santa, the funny little elf took some photographs to capture the moment and we would like to pass these memories on. Please get in touch if you would like us to send you your images

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## Events Coming Up

Put on your best Christmas smile as The Christmas Disco is on Wednesday 20th December with the talented "Rocky" bringing Christmas cheer, doors open at 6pm, yummy Hotdogs and a licenced Bar will be available.

Something to look forward to in the New Year... On Friday 23rd February 2018 at 6pm Binagar Memorial Hall, the amazing Rocktopus will be entertaining the whole family - tickets are now available from:

Ticket

Source: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/424575>



# Christmas DISCO



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
6.00 – 8.00pm, School Hall.

**HOT DOGS!**

**Soft Drinks**

**DJ!**

**Dancing**



**Paying Bar**

Adults – if you are unable to come along, please ensure you have arranged for someone to be responsible for your children



**Binagar Memorial Hall (BA3 4TR)**  
**Friday 23rd February 5:30- 8:00**

Learn the moves  
Sing the songs  
Join The Band!

An exciting  
entertaining event  
for the whole family

Refreshments  
available

Child ticket: £4 Adult ticket: £4 Family ticket: £14 (2 x adults 2 x children)

Buy tickets online by visiting:  
[www.rocktopusmusic.com/binagar](http://www.rocktopusmusic.com/binagar)

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