

Oakhurst Community First & Nursery School 'From Little Acorns Mighty Oaks Grow'

20th November 2020

Dear Parents and carers,

Water bottles

Please can we remind you that the children are required to bring in a water bottle each day. We ask that unless that there are medical reasons which we are aware of, they should only be bringing in water rather than juice. As well as this being better for the children, we are finding juice is attracting wasps into the classrooms.

Goodbye to Rebecca Griffin

It is with great sadness that I need to inform you that Rebecca Griffin will be leaving us at the end of next week (27th November) due to the family relocating. We will be very disappointed to lose her and I'm sure many of you will agree she is such a positive and cheerful member of our school team. From December Kayleigh Hollis will continue as Nursery teacher and will be supported by Emma Land full time, Gemma Kroon for the morning sessions and Donna Turner for the afternoon sessions.

Fundraising

Hopefully you will have seen the ParentMail sent out last week with all of the Christmas events we have planned. In addition to this we have signed up with **AmazonSmile**. If you are planning on doing any of your Christmas shopping on Amazon then please use this link https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1006175-0 and AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% to our PTFA at no extra cost to you. Below are two links to instructions as to how to add AmazonSmile to your home screen to make the shopping experience even easier. AmazonSmile cannot be registered with in



the Amazon App itself. (iPhone link for home screen shortcut: https://support.apple.com/en-

gb/guide/shortcuts/apd84c576f8c/ios Android link for home screen shortcut:

https://www.howtogeek.com/196087/how-to-add-websites-to-the-home-screen-on-any-smartphone-or-tablet/)



We continue to also be registered with **easyfundraising**. You will have received a link via ParentMail to register with easyfundraising and when you shop online at over 4300 retailers a percentage of your spend will be donated to our PTFA.

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Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please speak to myself as Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the school, Ros Monaghan or Denise Hunter as Deputy Designated Safeguarding leads.

Denise Hunter is also our Anti-bullying champion and Kayleigh Hollis is our E-safety champion.

For any further information regarding Safeguarding please go to the safeguarding page on our website.

https://www.oakhurstfirst.com/safeguarding

Anti-bullying week

This week has been Anti-bullying week and we have focused our week on what makes positive friendships. Please speak to your child about some of the things they have done in school this week with regards to this. We have completed this week with our Friendship Friday dress up day and asked for donations for our local foodbank. We have been absolutely overwhelmed with your generosity and your donations were very gratefully received by the local foodbank.

Thank you all so much for your support.



Christmas card competition

I am delighted to inform you that James Madden in Year 4 was the winner of West Moors Parish Council's Christmas card competition and Ellie-Mae Vickers in Year 1 was the runner up. We are very proud of these two children and everybody else who put time and effort into designing a card.



Winner James Madden Year 4 for his Christmas scene



Runner up No 1 Elie Mae Vickers Year 1 for her Christmas Elf

Reading workshop

For obvious reasons we are not currently able to hold any face to face meetings, workshops of coffee morning events in school for parents at the moment. However we would like to invite you to a virtual reading workshop via Zoom to help you understand how reading is taught in school and how you can help your child at home. Your class teachers will be sending out further information regarding this.

Virtual open events for prospective parents/carers

If you know anybody who is looking for a school place for their child next academic year, please encourage them to take a look at the virtual tour on our school website. https://www.oakhurstfirst.com/

We are holding a Zoom questions and answers session for prospective parents at 5pm on Monday 30th November. We are sending information for this out to parents of children from our Nursery and other preschools in the local area. If anybody would like any further information on this, please contact the school office.

Kind regards

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