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Dear Parents

The end of term is fast approaching with still some events to look forward to; the Garden Room Nativity, our Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Loughton and Christmas Lunch to name but a few!

I was very proud of the Year 5 and 6 boys and girls who took part at the 'Light Up Loughton' event last Thursday. Thank you Mrs Rathbone for organising the choir, they sang beautifully and behaved very well. It was lovely that Oaklands School took part in a local community event.

Staffing

At the end of this term we say goodbye to two members of our teaching staff. Mrs Shelley Chernoff has been at Oaklands for 9 years both as a Year 2 teacher and more recently as our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator. We have valued her expertise and small group and 1:1 specialist teaching. She is leaving to start up a new venture with her daughter. We have appointed Mrs Vicki Huggins as SENDCo from Jan 2015. Mrs Huggins is both very experienced and well-qualified and we look forward to her heading up the SEND Department. She will be ably assisted by Mrs Margaret Donoghue, who will take on the role of Deputy SENDCo and Mrs Carol Todd, who transferred to the Department in Sept 2014.

Mrs Lynne Wilson also leaves us to pursue a secretarial role. Mrs Wilson, with much patience and a great sense of humour, has supported a large number of children in various classes. Mr Colley and the children in Year 3 will be supported by both Mrs Sana Ahmed and Mrs Karen Myers in the Spring Term.

I'd like to thank both Mrs Chernoff and Mrs Wilson for their commitment to Oaklands School and the numerous children they have taught and supported. We shall miss you, but wish you luck in your new ventures.

Two of our lunch time staff are also leaving as they too have other exciting opportunities. Thank you Ms Debbie Flack and Mrs Joanne Newton for looking after the children at lunchtime. We wish you all the very best for the future. We are currently recruiting for these positions.

I would also like to thank Ms Diann Freeman who has been helping out in Lower Kindergarten. I'm pleased to say she is not leaving us but continuing her valuable work in Breakfast Club and as a Lunchtime Assistant. Mrs Janet Michaels, an experienced Early Years Practitioner and a familiar face at Oaklands as she works in our Teatime Club, is joining us on a full time basis from January 2015. She will be helping in Lower Kindergarten in the mornings and in Transition Woodpeckers in the afternoons.

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Event Reminders

Lower Kindergarten

We look forward to meeting our new children and their families joining Lower Kindergarten in January 2015 at the 'Welcome Meetings' this week.

Carol Service

We also look forward to seeing the families of those pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 at the Carol Service on Wednesday 3 December at 2pm in St Mary's Church, Loughton. The staff have worked hard to prepare the children for what promises to be a lovely occasion. The singing has sounded beautiful in rehearsals!

Christmas Parties

The children at Oaklands are very lucky to have such a supportive OPA who have organised various parties and presents from Father Christmas. Remember that these are non-uniform occasions and the children can come to school on their 'Party Day' in party clothes, but please ensure they are wearing sensible shoes and have a coat as they will be going outside to play! Please check the dates list for your child's party date.

Reports

All children will receive an Autumn Term report which will be sent to your portal on Monday 8 December. Please try your login in advance. If you experience any difficulties, please contact support@oaktreeschools.co.uk

'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day'

This will be held on the last day of term Thursday 11 December and everyone is invited to wear a 'Christmas Jumper' that day. Please support 'Save the Children' by bringing in a donation.

Parking

I found this very thought provoking poem, written by a Police Constable, and would like to share this with you.

Today could be someone's last day at school

*I often wonder, when will it end,
The death of a child, the loss of a friend?
The car is so handy, it saves so much time,
But to stop by the School is almost a crime.*

*The yellow lines are bright and clear,
And must remain, for the ones we hold dear.
Drive if you must, but park somewhere else,
Then walk the last bit, it's good for your health.*

*I've tried in the past to get this message across.
I will not give up, lest a life should be lost.
The children are small, the cars block their view.
They don't see the danger when they run up to you.
The parents are many, the offenders are few.
That child could be YOURS: am I getting through?
So do the right thing, abide by the rules*

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Coffee Mornings

Date	Year Group	Time/Place
Friday 5 December	Year 1	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Tuesday 13 January	Year 2	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Tuesday 20 January	Year 3	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Tuesday 27 January	Year 4	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Tuesday 3 February	Year 5	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Tuesday 10 February	Year 6	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Thursday 12 February	Lower Kindergarten (am children)	8.45am – 9.45am in the Studio
Thursday 12 February	Lower Kindergarten (pm children)	1.00pm – 1.30pm in the Studio

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 2 December	Years 1–6 pupils Carol Service rehearsal at St Mary’s Church New Lower Kindergarten afternoon pupils tea party at 3.30pm
Wednesday 3 December	Garden Room Rabbits/Foxes/Moles parents pupils’ nativity performance 10.30am Years 1–6 parents & pupils Carol Service at St Mary’s Church, Loughton at 2pm
Thursday 4 December	All pupils Christmas Lunch
Friday 5 December	Garden Room Badgers/Hedgehogs/Squirrels parents pupils’ nativity performance 10.30am Years 3–5 pupils OPA Christmas Party from 4.15pm to 6.15pm
Monday 8 December	No clubs this week Invited Years 4–6 pupils London North Swimming Championships from 9am to 1pm Years 1 & 2 pupils Christmas Party from 2pm to 3pm
Tuesday 9 December	Years 3 – 6 pupils ‘Sleeping Beauty’ trip at Millfield Theatre from 12noon to 4.30pm Years 1 & 2 pupils watching ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ at 2pm in the hall
Wednesday 10 December	Lower Kindergarten and Garden Room pupils Christmas Party at 9.15am Transition pupils Christmas Party at 2pm
Thursday 11 December	Last day of Autumn Term Christmas Jumper Day for ‘Save the Children’
Tuesday 6 January	First day of Spring Term
Tuesday 13 January	Year 1 Lego workshop tbc
Wednesday 14 January	KS2 Swimming starts
Tuesday 20 January	Forest School Swimming Gala at 4pm to 6pm
Friday 23 January	Year 4 Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre trip

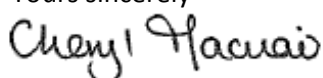
End of Term

Please remember that the Autumn Term finishes at lunchtime on Thursday 11 December. There are no afternoon sessions.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. I look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 6 January 2015.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



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Headmistress



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