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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 4 children and their siblings who took part in the 'Light Up Loughton' event last Thursday. They all sang beautifully and behaved very well. It was lovely that Oaklands School took part in such a local community event.

### Staffing

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Miss Robertson, who is taking up a teaching assistant post at a school in Chigwell. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her good luck in her new venture.

### Carol Service

We look forward to seeing the families of those pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 at the Carol Service on Wednesday 2 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 pantos, 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.

### Parking

It seems that I always have to add a paragraph about parking in almost every letter I send and unfortunately this one is no exception. More complaints have been brought to my attention recently, regarding inconsiderate parents who seem to insist on blocking resident's driveways which are in use at all times. **I regret that, yet again, I have to remind you to be more mindful of the local residents and not park across driveways at any time.** Please find a suitable place to park and then walk to the school. It is not acceptable to get as near to the school gate as possible and park across people's driveways if no other space is available.

### Reports

All children will receive an Autumn Term report which will be sent to your portal on Monday 7 December. Further details on how to access these will follow next week.

### 'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day'

Everyone is invited to wear a 'Christmas Jumper' on Thursday 10 December in aid of 'Chigwell Riding Trust for Special Needs'. Please give donations to your child's class teacher and we thank you for your generosity in supporting this local charity.

## Coffee Mornings

Matthew Hagger and I will be continuing our annual informal coffee mornings on Tuesday mornings starting again on Tuesday 12 January. Please check the table below for your class times:

Class	Date	Time	Place
Year 1	Tuesday 12 January	8.45am to 9.30am	Studio
Transition	Tuesday 19 January	8.45am to 9.30am	Studio
Garden Room	Tuesday 26 January	8.45am to 9.30am	Studio
Lower Kindergarten	Tuesday 2 February	8.45am to 9.30am	Studio

## End of Term

Please remember that the Autumn Term finishes at lunchtime on Thursday 10 December. There are no afternoon sessions.

## Dates

The following list provides an update of events planned for the term:

Thursday 3 December	Whole School Christmas lunch
Friday 4 December	GR Nativity to Parents at 10.30am Y3 – Y5 OPA Christmas Party 4.15pm – 6.15pm
Monday 7 December	No Clubs this week KS1 – Y1 + Y2 Christmas Party 2pm – 3pm
Tuesday 8 December	LK Assembly to Parents at 11am in the Studio Y3 -Y6 'Cinderella' Pantomime Millfield Theatre 12pm –4.30pm Y1 + Y2 Watching 'Little Red Riding Hood' in School Hall 2pm
Wednesday 9 December	KS2 Christian Drama Christingle tbc LK + GR Christmas Party 10am – 10.45am Transition Christmas Party 2pm – 2.45pm Football Match at Ashton Playing Fields – 3pm
Thursday 10 December	End of Autumn Term Christmas Jumper Day for Chigwell Riding Trust LK – Transition 12pm Finish Y1 12.10pm Finish Y2 12.15pm Finish Y3 – Y6 12.30pm Finish

## TUESDAY 5 JANUARY – START OF SPRING TERM 2016

Monday 11 January	Y1 Lego Workshop 9am – 12pm in classroom
Wednesday 13 January	Y3 + Y5 Swimming starts tbc
Thursday 14 January	ISA Football (boys)
Tuesday 19 January	Forest under 11's Swimming Championships 3pm – 6pm
Thursday 28 January	Y5 + Y6 Young Voices at the O2 Arena
Thursday 11 February	Transition to St Alban's Abbey 9.15am – 2.45pm
Friday 12 February	Music Workshop tbc

## MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 19 HALF TERM

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 5 January 2016.

Yours sincerely

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