

## **JANUARY 2025 - NEWSLETTER**

### **Happy New Year and Welcome back to 2025**

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas time and spent some lovely family time together making special memories.

We had a wonderful end to the Autumn term. It was fabulous to see our children involved in their Christmas concerts, Christingles, parties, Christmas activities and of course the trip to the pantomime. Thank you so much to all parents/carers for your support with all of our Christmas activities.

It is lovely to see the children back in school. Thank you for ensuring that they look so smart in their school uniform. Just a reminder to please make sure that everything is labelled with full names to avoid any missing items, including coats. We had a large amount of lost property left during the Autumn term and we do appreciate how much these items cost.

### **Contact Details:**

Please remember to update any new contact details / phone numbers with our admin office.

### **Wraparound reminder**

Oakfield Primary are looking into having a wraparound (Before and After school club) facility, before Christmas we asked if as many parents could complete the questionnaire, up to now we have had 50 responses - thank you. We would welcome as much feedback as possible, please click the link provided below:

<https://forms.gle/HKZC6Zw1TKRTtHkJ7>

### **Dojo & ParentPay**

Please make sure that you are signed up to school Class Dojo so that we can keep you fully informed with all school developments. Please check the school page in addition to your Childs class page for whole school messages.

**ParentPay** - Could all parents please make sure that you are signed up to ParentPay, all letters & consent forms will now be sent through Parentpay, if you need ParentPay login details please contact the office, thank you.

### **After School Clubs**

After School Clubs will start week commencing 20.01.25 - more information will follow when clubs are confirmed.

**A reminder of FSM** - This will transfer to your secondary provider.

### **Free School Meals**

Please, please apply if your child may be entitled to free school meals. Part of the school budget is based on the number of children we have who receive free school meals. Any extra money we receive can be spent on resources, workshops and extra staff which will benefit all the children in the school. Your child does not have to take up the free meals if they do not want to and may continue bringing packed lunches but we do need you to apply for them.

If you and/ or your partner currently work less than 24 hours between you, you may be entitled to free school meals because you will not be entitled to Working Family Tax Credit.

Parents who receive:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Employment Support (IR)
- Child Tax Credit Allowance with NO Working Family Tax Credit and an Annual Income below £16190
- Pension Credit (Guaranteed)
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 are eligible for free school meals.
- If you think that you may now be able to claim free school meals, please ring 01724 297217.

## Dates

### **2025 Spring Term**

**School re-opens:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**School closes:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**HALF TERM – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

**School re-opens:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**School closes:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**HALF TERM – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

**School re-opens:** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025

**MAY DAY – School closed Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**School closes:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

**HALF TERM – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**School re-opens:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

**School closes:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025