

# Oakwood Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back!

It has been great to see the energy and enthusiasm that the children are bringing into school following their winter break. The pupils' love of learning is a great foundation for their success at school and links to a school focus for this year: metacognition. We are excited to be planning an online parent workshop on metacognition for later this term – more details coming soon! Meanwhile, for an introduction to what metacognition is, visit [here](#).

Have a great weekend.

The Oakwood Team

### Learning around Oakwood: Acorns 2

This week Acorns 2 have been thinking about things they would like to achieve this year - we have been setting ourselves goals. Together we have then come up with ideas of how we can achieve these. We created a list of ideas to help us:

- Keep practising
- Don't give up
- Find the things that can help us
- Use instructions
- Help each other
- Find new ways to try things
- Ask for help
- Be positive



We are very excited to embark on the challenges we have set ourselves, using our own ideas to help us achieve our goals. We are looking forward to an exciting time ahead!



### Recommended reading...

At Oakwood, we really value reading and see it as the gateway to knowledge. We hope you and your children enjoy this week's selection of books!

Please do visit your local library to select from a fantastic range of books. [Locations and opening times are here.](#)

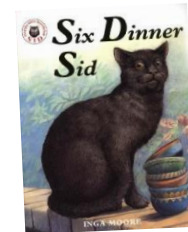
#### Reception

*The Snail and the Whale*  
Author: Julia Donaldson  
Illustrator: Axel Sheffler



#### Key Stage 1

*Six Dinner Sid*  
By Inga Moore



#### Lower Key Stage 2

*Firebird* by Saviour Pirotta



#### Upper Key Stage 2

*Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell



### Important dates for your diary...

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Deadline for September 2022 Reception applications
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 4:15pm	Y6 Parents Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 9:00am	Y1 Parents Meeting - Helping your child with reading & writing (Zoom)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2:45pm	Y1 Parents Meeting - Helping your child with reading & writing (Zoom)

Our school website address: [www.oakwood.herts.sch.uk](http://www.oakwood.herts.sch.uk)  
School contact details: [admin@oakwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oakwood.herts.sch.uk)  
01727 753930

## Celebration Assembly

Every week, a celebration assembly will be held to mark children's successes, efforts and achievement individually and as a class. During these uncertain times, classes have been celebrating their successes within their own classrooms or in phase assemblies. We will continue to review the situation and when we feel it is safe to do so we will have assemblies as key stages and eventually as a whole school.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the areas we celebrate during this assembly.



Each class celebrates a **'Person of the Week'** for demonstrating values which are highly cherished in our school.

In every class, a few children are chosen to receive a special mention. This certificate is to indicate that a member of staff has noticed that child for a particular reason that week, whether that is for persevering in their learning, doing additional home learning, helping a friend, learning a new skill, being a responsible monitor and many more.



The following awards are given each week to a whole class:



The **'Golden Dustpan and Brush'** celebrates the tidiest classroom.

The **'Golden Clock'** celebrates the class with the best attendance and punctuality.



The **'Golden Knife and Fork'** celebrates the best manners in the hall at lunchtime

If your child receives one of the above celebrations, please do speak to them and the teacher about it. We truly value our children here at Oakwood and their contributions to the Oakwood community.

## Work of the week!

Every week an exemplary piece of work is chosen to be 'Work of the Week' and is displayed in the school dining hall. When restrictions have eased, we would encourage you to come and have a look.

**Work of the week will begin next week and will be shared in the next newsletter.**

## Learning around Oakwood: Cherry

Cherry class have been working hard to create beautiful winter tree **silhouettes**. We began by ensuring that we are all confident in understanding the term 'silhouette' (a black shape of an object, like a shadow): we also looked at silhouettes of everyday items and had fun naming them.

Next, we created a background wash for our pictures. We looked at blending different colours and at how to use our paintbrushes correctly for the desired effect. When our colourful backgrounds were dry, we sketched on outlines of winter trees - which we then filled in with black paint to create the silhouettes.

Lastly, we used our fingers to add on touches of white paint and silver glitter to represent ice and snow. We are all very proud of our finished pictures!



**Please remember if you have any queries or questions, do make an appointment to come and speak to a member of staff. We are always very happy to meet with you. Don't let a little worry become a big one!**