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Family Newsletter

Dear parents can carers,

This letter is to give you some reminders and updates. If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please don't hesitate to contact the school office for more information.

Covid and Christmas

It has been brought to my attention that children are visiting other family's households after school and over the weekend for sociable visits. I am also aware that a lot of families are going to the park after school as well. Please can I remind you all that this is breaking the government restrictions and we may have no other option but to report this. Mixing households could cause all the children in your or another child's bubble to isolate over the Christmas period as well as putting vulnerable families at risk. We are working extremely hard to ensure that everyone can have a lovely Christmas in the current climate and it would be awful if this couldn't happen due to broken guidelines. Please stick to the rules.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to everyone who has already donated food and other goods to the Worth Valley food bank. Please keep the donations coming. We will be delivering them to the food bank on the last week of term.

Christmas Cards

Unfortunately, this year we can't have our usual tradition of sending Christmas cards due to infection transmission. However, the children will be making cards in their classroom using approved covid safety guidance and they will be able to give these to their friends. We will be doing lots of Christmassy activities and trimming up the classrooms so it won't be all bar humbug don't worry!

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Nature Area News

We are in the process of finding additional funding to improve our nature area and develop security. We are also looking to put an outdoor classroom there as well to help the children develop their outdoor skills even further.

Wearing Masks

Thank you to all parents and carers for wearing masks when dropping off and collecting children. We appreciate that this can be inconvenient but we feel it adds another layer of safety.

Explorers Before and After School Club

Please can we remind you that you must book your child into Explorers via the school office and not just turn up with them. We have a strict 25 children limit due to Covid. We don't want to have to put you in the embarrassing situation of having to turn you away if we are full and you haven't booked in. You can book your child in at any opportunity and at any time. Likewise, if you don't want the place please make sure you cancel it (there is no charge for this). – office@oxenhope.bradford.sch.uk

Friends Fundraising and Activities

Friends are working hard to create fun fundraising activities for your family and the school. Please look at the website and Facebook for more information. At the moment we have the 100 club, Secret Santa (closing date- 27.11.20) and a Christmas Raffle in the mix. Keep an eye out on parent pay so you can get involved.

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Uniform

Unfortunately, we have started to see a slippage in the quality of uniform some children are wearing to school. Please can I remind you of these points:

- Hair bobbles/bands – these need to be simple in style and not over embellished or oversized and need to be in school colours – red, white, black or grey
- Shoes – these need to be black school shoes and should be practical enough to cope with the Oxenhope weather. Trainers are not allowed unless for PE or because of a prior arrangement with the class teacher or Mrs Jones. Please think about the sturdiness of the shoes as the children will go outside even if it is raining and we don't want them to have cold wet feet so the ballet-pump style is not the best.
- PE kit – this should be black or grey leggings, joggers, shorts or a skirt, a white t-shirt and a black hoodie – preferably a logoed one available from term time wear.

Photographs

Please can we remind you that you need to return your nativity consent form to school if your child is in Reception, year 1 and year 2. If you are happy for your child to have their photograph taken and for it to be on Facebook, the website, the newspaper and on displays and you don't think you have given permission please let the office know.

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be taking part in save the children's **Christmas Jumper Day on the 18th of December 2020**. Please can children wear a Christmas Jumper (this can be a bought one or a decorated jumper) and pay £1 on parent pay.

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