



*'As individuals we let our 'light' shine, but **we shine brighter together.***

It's been a fabulously busy few weeks with lots of visitors and events happening. The weeks ahead promise to be even more so...

The run-up to Christmas is one of my favourite times of the school year, with all of the magic it brings. Ruby and Sapphire have started practising their Nativity performance, 'Christmas Recipe' and we are all looking forward to the festive events in the coming weeks.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Nuttall (currently on maternity leave) and her husband on the birth of baby Elijah. We can't wait to meet him!

Stay warm,

Miss Prichard

Upcoming Events

Thursday 4th December

FoOS Wreath Making,
7:30pm, School Hall

Friday 5th

FoOS Christmas Bazaar
4:30– 6:30pm, School

Staffing Update

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs. Hayman, our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) this week. Mrs. Hayman has been a big part of Oaksey life, both in this role, as a TA and supply teacher, as a member of FoOS and as a parent. Her involvement with the school started ten years ago. We would like to thank her for all that she has done and know that she will be back to visit us often.

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Thomas will be taking on the ELSA role in addition to her current one.

Miss Holden in Sapphire Class will also be leaving us for pastures new from January. We wish her all the very best for her new teaching role closer to home and would like to thank her for years of dedicated service to our school.

Mrs. Williams will be joining the team full time from January and we are looking forward to seeing even more of her expertise and creativity.

Children in Need

Last Friday, our Agents of Change organised some 'Challenge Yourself to 25' Activities for us to enjoy. Ruby and Sapphire tried their hand at a target throw challenge, while Emerald and Diamond enjoyed a basketball challenge. Then we rounded things off with a 25 Step Dance Challenge. There couldn't have been a more perfect warm up for the school disco! We had a few additional donations and raised a fantastic £137.85 for Children in Need.



Keeping Warm and Drop-off

As temperatures drop, please ensure that your child wears a coat to school and brings a hat/gloves as required to keep warm. A reminder that drop-off is from 8:45 to 8:55am. Lessons start promptly at 9am following registration. Thank you for your help with this.

Termly Value—Kindness



‘Nothing beats kindness. It sits quietly beyond all things.’
This week we have been exploring more of the key messages from ‘The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse.’ Through their conversations and adventures, we are learning about kindness, friendship and finding joy in life’s little moments. In our Friday Superstars Collective Worship we have been celebrating acts of kindness that we have spotted others doing. It’s always a brilliant moment in our week.



Buildings Update

The boarding, plastering and decorating of the corridor in our entrance area is due to take place over the Christmas break after final moisture level checks have taken place. We are all looking forward to having the works completed for the New Year ahead.

Books to Inspire: Restocking the Library

Over the next few months we are looking to re-stock our library with the right books to inspire and encourage our children to read. This week we will be sending out year group lists of recommended reads that we are looking for for Reception and Year 1. We would welcome any donations from parents/carers if they have any of these books that they no longer use. Parents/carers can also support by buying the books from Barn Owl Books in Malmesbury, who have kindly offered us a 20% discount. They will keep track of which ones we are still looking for. Please give any books to staff at morning drop-off.

A big thank you Year 2 parents who have kindly donated all of books from the Year 2 list. It was such a lovely surprise to receive two boxes of high-quality books today. Thank you! The Year 3 to 6 lists will follow next week.

Ernest Cook Trust Grant

Our first fundraising application has borne fruit and the Ernest Cook Trust has kindly granted us £500 to install welly racks (via its Outdoor Essentials Grant). We want our pupils to have access to the wooded area throughout the year and this will facilitate that.



Roz Savage Visit and Talk



Last week Roz Savage gave a talk to Diamond Class about her incredible achievement rowing across three oceans, environmental campaigning and life as an MP. Our pupils quizzed Roz on everything from her views on Lime Down Solar Park to the animals she encountered on her ocean travels. It was a really interesting afternoon that left us all feeling inspired.

Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day our pupils visited the church to see the poppies, information and artefacts on display. It was beautiful and informative. During our service, we shared the story of the poppy and marked a two minute silence in remembrance of those who have fallen or suffered in conflict. Thank you to our Year 6 readers who contributed towards our service.



FoOS School Disco

The school disco was lots of fun on Friday—great dance moves, glow sticks and sweets!
It raised £365.32—thank you to all involved in organising and running it.



Superstars Celebration

Learning and attitudes recognised as 'above and beyond' are celebrated in our Weekly Superstars Celebration. Our Superstars this week are:

Ruby Class

Zac for always being so polite and quick to help others.

Sapphire Class

Max for working hard in Science and creating a brilliant frog life cycle. Well done!

Wilf for working really hard and for being helpful and kind to others.

Emerald Class

Lucy for making excellent contributions to class discussions, always giving 100% and being a committed learner.

Harry for using a great range of vocabulary in his English work.

Diamond Class

Destina for showing kindness to other members of the class.

Henry showing kindness and understanding in PE in your support for another member of the class.



Our 'We Shine Brighter Together' Award goes to someone who has demonstrated one of our school values and by doing so, contributes towards making our school the best it can be. This week's award goes to **Mrs. Hayman** for always being kind and supportive. You always bring out the best in everyone and we have all loved working with you.

From all the Staff and Governors at Oaksey CE Primary School



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