



# Oakwood News

Oakwood Primary School Sandpiper Road SOUTHAMPTON SO16 8FD  
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## Dear Parents

You will know from our previous newsletter that Mr Taylor had an operation this half term. Unfortunately, the date was postponed, which has meant that he has been recuperating during the run up to Christmas. He is very disappointed to be missing all of the Christmas preparations, especially the performances, but he is recovering well and is on track to be back in the New Year. He passes on his best wishes for you all to have a restful and enjoyable Christmas.

This means that I have had the pleasure of introducing all of our eight performances this Christmas. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard and entertained us all brilliantly. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to put together performances like these, but to see the children blossoming on stage, and to know that we are sowing the seeds of future confidence, makes it all worth it. I am incredibly proud of every single one of them and I am sure you are too. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the children, and for your kind donations for Southampton Children's Hospital Charity. We raised an amazing **£860!** Thank you also to Sainsbury's Hill Lane for their kind donation of all refreshments for the performances.

As well as all of our Christmas preparations, you will see from our blog links page that we have (as usual!) had a very busy half term across the school. Special days, visitors, day trips... we even had a feature in the [Daily Echo!](#) We topped off the year with our Christmas dinner yesterday, and our Christmas Service today. Thank you to Chris Knights from Lordshill Church for joining us for it.

In other news, I am sure you will join me in congratulating Tom Ackland and his wife Laura on the birth of their baby Charlotte Ann. She was due to arrive on Christmas Day but just couldn't wait! She arrived 5 weeks early weighing 4lb 10oz. Mum and baby are doing really well.

We said goodbye to Jo Wyatt, who had been a teaching assistant with us for over 11 years and has moved on to start a new career with the NHS. We will miss her immensely and wish her all the very best for her future. We welcomed Kerri Martin, who joined us as a teaching assistant and is currently working in our Year 1 team.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the very best for a peaceful and relaxing break, whatever you may be doing.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Maria Whitmarsh**  
Deputy Headteacher

**Have a fantastic Christmas and New Year. Enjoy a restful break and we will see pupils back in school on Monday 7 January 2019.**



We finished our term with a beautiful Christmas Service. Thank you to Chris Knights from Lordshill Church for helping us to lead it.



## More excellent news from around the school! Click the links if you're online!

### In Year R...

- [Beech Class Stay and Play](#)
- [Oak Class Stay and Play](#)
- [People Who Help Us](#)
- [Whoops-A-Daisy Angel](#)
- [Festive Baking](#)

### In Year 1...

- [Christmas with the Aliens](#)
- [Box Theatres](#)
- [Paddington Day](#)

### In Year 2...

- [London's Burning](#)
- [Southampton Sight Workshop](#)
- [Southampton City Mission](#)
- [Christmas with the Aliens](#)

### In Year 3...

- [Giacometti Art](#)
- [Busy Times!](#)
- [Science fun](#)
- [Pipe Cleaner Athletes](#)
- [Music on the Map Concert](#)
- [The Late Wise Man](#)

### In Year 4...

- [Visit to Down to Earth Farm](#)
- [Green Ship Art](#)
- [Christmas Music](#)
- [Panto Pandemonium](#)

### In Year 5...

- [Mountain formation](#)
- [Dance Workshop](#)
- [The Late Wise Man](#)

### In Year 6...

- [Cinema and Cenotaph visit](#)
- [Victorian Fayre](#)
- [Dance Workshop](#)
- [Panto Pandemonium](#)

### Our blog is the best place to find the latest news!

Have you had a look online yet?

[OakwoodLive.net/blog](http://OakwoodLive.net/blog)

### Across the School...

You can keep up with events in school every week by [looking at the blog](#). It's a great way to see what's been happening.

- [Oakwood from the air](#)
- [Children in Need](#)
- [Physics Day](#)
- [Reading Workshare](#)
- [Oakwood Keeps Fit](#)
- [Anti-Bullying Week](#)
- [Christmas Fair](#)
- [Year 5 and 6 Athletics](#)
- [Oakwood Cheerleaders](#)
- [Junior Safety Officers](#)
- [Christmas Dinner](#)
- [Christmas Service](#)





## January 2019

**Monday 7 January**  
First day back for pupils

**Tuesday 8 January**  
Year 2 Superhero Day

**Wednesday 9 January**  
Peter Pan Panto

**Thursday 17 and Friday 18 January**  
Half price book fair (Flyer to follow)

**Monday 21 January**  
OSA meeting - all welcome

**Tuesday 5 February**  
Safer Internet Day  
Computing Workshare

**Wednesday 6 February**  
OSA Discos  
Years R, 1 and 2 - 4.30pm  
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 6pm

**Friday 15 February**  
Last Day of half-term



**Monday 25 February**  
School Closed for pupils  
INSET Day



**Tuesday 26 February**  
First day back for pupils

**Thursday 7 March**  
World Book Day

**Tuesday 12 March**  
Parents' Evening - 3.30 - 7.00pm

**Wednesday 13 March**  
Parents' Evening - 3.30 - 5.30pm

**Wednesday 20 March**  
Maths Workshare

**Monday 1 April**  
Music on the Map Concert (Year 3) - 2.30pm

**Monday 1 April - Friday 5 April**  
Year 4/5 Minstead Residential

## Easter Dates 2019

**Friday 5 April**  
Last Day of Spring Term

**Saturday 6 April - Easter Monday 22 April**  
Easter Break

**Tuesday 23 April**  
First day back for children

**Thursday 25 April - Friday 26 April**  
Year 3 Fairthorne Manor Residential visit

**Friday 26 April**  
OSA Non-Uniform Day

**Wednesday 1 May**  
Writing Workshare

**Monday 6 May**  
May Bank Holiday - **school closed**

**Monday 13 May - Friday 17 May**  
Key Stage 2 Tests week

**Friday 24 May**  
Last day of half term

**Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May**  
May half term

**Monday 3 June**  
First day back for pupils - NOT an INSET

**Please don't forget that diary dates are always available on**  
[oakwoodlive.net/calendar](http://oakwoodlive.net/calendar)

**You can scan this code on your smartphone to get the dates too!**



## Making contact with your child's teacher

At Oakwood, we value the excellent relationships that we have with our families. We will always try to see you when needed, but it is not always possible to do so straight away.

The first port of call for any concern is always your child's teacher.

In the mornings, teachers are on duty from 8.50 and are either supervising the playground or seeing their class in and welcoming them for the new day.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher to pass on a quick message before school, catch them before 9.00am or speak to the office who can relay the message for you. Please be aware that from 9.00am, teachers must be in class, registering their children and beginning the day's learning. Teachers see their children out at the end of the day, and are usually available for a quick chat on the playground.

If you wish to have a longer conversation with your child's teacher, please make an appointment through the office.

Please be aware that teachers have many other working commitments before and after school and so may not always be available on the day.

**Thank you for your support with this.**



# Achieving Excellence Together!

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of the following children:



## Mental Maths

### Rockets Award

Amber Osborne  
Dolton White

### Stars Award

Amy Meikle  
Caiden Eccles  
Ellie Frampton  
Oscar Pulis  
Phoebe Gale-Page  
Ashriel Cinash  
Alfie Leggett-Tooley  
Amber Osborne  
Isla-Grace Davis  
Amber Jacobs  
Anastasia Kurman  
Thomas Munnings

### Planets Award

Candice Jones  
Evan Tudor  
George Rogers  
Harrison Jones  
Harry Hyslop  
Joshua Joslin  
Isabelle Bailey  
Indya Barwood  
Lewis Belican  
Jack Bickers  
Matthew Holt  
Jasmine Julian  
Zona Ford

### Bronze Award

Edwine Binil  
Jake Healey  
Maddison McLeod  
Shannon Wade  
Edward Syddall  
Anne Lawrance  
Imogen Barwood

### Silver Award

Dylan Nurse  
Jahnavi Mamullapally  
Lennon Hampton  
Leia-Rose Davis  
Naiyah Marsh  
Jake Healey  
Molly Purdue  
Ava Rowe

### Gold Award

Daniel Williamson  
Ryan Elahcene  
Karina Franckevic  
Lily Jarvis  
Fletcher Newby

### Platinum Award

Hana Cheung  
Joshua Marshall  
Lewis Dominguez  
Samuel Marc Samson  
George Rogers  
Daniel Hayden  
Jaden Sevilla

Josh McDermott  
Joyce Gandhi  
Lennon Hampton  
Lennon Savage-Cocks  
Louis Farrelly  
Phoebe Ritchie  
Hannah Thery  
Naiyah Marsh



## Handwriting

### Level 1 - Red

Archie Rowe  
Dulcie-Reine Davis  
Eugenia Wellspring  
Jack Bickers  
Jacob Bentley  
Joe Barrow  
Jordan Maiden  
Kuba Bebec  
Noah Barclay  
Phoebe Ritchie

### Level 2 - Orange

Jessica Brooks  
Anne Lawrance  
Ava Rowe  
Casey Webb  
Harry Elderfield  
Harry Perkis  
Jessica Brooks  
Maya Kwiatkowska  
Oliver Wells  
Sophie Cutler  
Summer Bareham  
Ameila Piper  
Noah Barclay

Phoebe Ritchie

### Level 3 - Yellow

Ethan Collins  
Fletcher Newby  
Heidi Curtis  
Jaden Sevilla  
Maia Que  
Matthew Holt  
Natasha Grocholska  
Rachael Jones  
Seth Mesa  
Thomas Finney  
Lennon Hampton

### Level 4 - Green

Abigail Roe  
Maisy Harris  
Samuel Martin  
Lucy Wilks

### Level 5 - Blue

Karina Franckevic



## Spelling Awards

### Red

Emily Bean  
Tyler Skilton  
Alfie Leggett-Tooley  
Amy Meikle  
Dolton White

### White

Leo Russell  
Matthew Holt  
Evie Bishop  
Tommy Hallum  
Aiden Groarke

### Amber

Jared Forge



## TMC Sports Personalities of the Week

Harry Ford  
Ethan Collins  
Evelyn Cox  
Harry Perkis  
Emre Arslan  
Natasha Grocholska  
Harry Sherrd  
Ruby Wiltshire  
Tommy Russell  
Owen Bean



| INSTEAD OF.....              | TRY THINKING....              |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| I'm not good at this         | What am I missing?            |
| I give up                    | I'll use a different strategy |
| It's good enough             | Is this really my best work?  |
| I can't make this any better | I can always improve          |
| This is too hard             | This may take some time       |
| I made a mistake             | Mistakes help me to learn     |
| I just can't do this         | I am going to train my brain  |
| I'll never be that smart     | I will learn how to do this   |
| Plan A didn't work           | There's always Plan B         |
| My friend can do it          | I will learn from them        |





# Achieving Excellence Together!

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of the following children:

## Stars of the Week

Aliyah Vine  
Darcie Eades  
Levi Mkandla  
Jennifer Stubbs  
Harrison Jones  
Effie Yeo  
Maisy Harris  
Olivia Janes  
Maisie Mae Richardson  
Shannon Wade  
William Gregory  
Bella Eaves  
Aiden O'Connell  
Bleu Davis  
Naomi Williamson  
Leo Byrne  
Lorenzo Ricardo  
Kyla Marsh  
Adell Cichy  
Alfie Loader  
Jack Gilbert  
Jack Bickers  
Lewis Belican  
Matthew Burnside  
Lennon Savage-Cocks  
George Rogers  
Thomas Pagett  
Santhosh Michael  
Nikita Kurman  
Sonny Cartwright  
Eshan Raj  
Elizabeth Eyles  
Edward Tolley  
Hayley Hui  
Zac Creighton  
Jack Bagley  
Oscar Pulis  
Harry Brown  
Matt Symonds  
Dylan Farminer  
Naiyah Marsh  
Karina Franckevic  
Ethan Collins  
Hayette Halladay  
Bethany Bowers  
Loula Robinson  
Jay Driver  
Olivia-Grace Langahan  
Poppy Richardson  
Jake Hagger  
Ellie Frampton  
Thomas Sherrerd  
Alisiya Skeet  
Emily Bartlett  
Olivia Stephens  
Leia - Rose Davis  
Harvey Giles  
Matti Hill  
Fletcher Newby  
Aksa Lawarance  
Olivia Bridge  
Natalie Macura

Jemuel Martin  
Katie Anderson  
Libby Paiginton  
Amber Osborne  
Abigail Roe  
Lee Martin  
Wiktor Wardalinski  
Ethan Butler  
Matt Morris  
Samuel Samson  
Isla Hollowell  
Rosie Busuttill  
Lottie Newton Southon  
Ruby Hyslop  
Esmae-Rose Frampton  
Harley Hughes  
Alex Hutton  
Darcey-May Rogers  
Darius Hooper  
Isabelle Bailey  
Kuba Bebec  
Candice Jones  
Rory Lee  
Phoebe Ritchie  
Macey Creighton  
Sunny Rose Charlton  
Wiseman  
Rebeka Polcarova  
Katie Miller  
Jack Gradidge  
Alexander Shivachev  
Emily Brooks  
Zdan Franckevic  
Harry Hyslop  
Evie-Rose Rogers  
Ewan Turner  
Leah Dear

Sasini DeCosta  
Miley Stowell  
Josh McDermott  
Miruna Marcu  
Dominic Mendina  
Jaden Sevilla  
Bethany Bowers  
Liv Ryan  
Thea Andrews  
Annalisa Kenneth  
Max Lawrence  
Kye Higgs  
Sofia Elahcene  
Amber Jacobs  
Lilia Martin  
Janu Mamullapally  
Maiya Yeo  
Hannah Thery  
Joyce Gandhi  
Lily Young  
Matyas Sandor  
Molly Purdue  
Sonny Jacobs  
Elithia Benn-Godfroy  
Evelyn Cox  
Emily Roe  
Yasmin Gregory  
Sophia Hardwick  
Oscar Jarvis  
Kayla Statkewych  
Ryan Elahcene  
Noah Barclay  
Ian Zheng  
Skyla Hockey  
Jaden Sevilla  
Vinnny Stowell

## Golden Tickets

Hari Krishna  
Jacob Bentley  
Juanita Kamwendo  
Josh Marshall  
Thomas Munnings  
Jake Green  
Miley Stowell  
Finley Frampton  
Tristan Jones  
Charlie Kelsey  
Chloe Cutler  
Ryan Meikle  
Dorian Orlowski  
Finlay Locke  
Heidi Curtis  
Layla Dunster  
Lana Dyson  
Isabelle Bailey  
Tilly Goodman  
Maia Que  
Abigail Rowe  
Leah Dear  
Lee Martin  
Evie Mason  
Angel Davis  
Josh Marshall  
Seth Mesa  
Harry Perkis  
Joe Barrow  
Archie Bree  
Lilia Martin  
Sebastian Zelichowski  
Joshua Joslin  
Charlie Creighton  
Matthew Holt  
Olivia Janes

“OUR GREATEST WEAKNESS  
LIES IN GIVING UP.  
THE MOST CERTAIN WAY TO  
SUCCEED IS ALWAYS TO  
TRY JUST ONE MORE TIME.”

THOMAS EDISON



# Achieving Excellence Together!

We are proud to celebrate the achievements of the following children:

## Gold Book

Molly Creighton  
 Ellie Marsh  
 Eli McCue  
 Thea Andrews  
 Lucas Adams  
 Maisie-Mae Benn-Godfroy  
 Christopher Blake  
 Anelise Tanasa  
 Oliver Seagrave  
 Thomas Joslin  
 Connor Bridge  
 Sofia Elahcene  
 Harrison Jones  
 Evie-Rose Rogers  
 Oliver Creighton  
 Harry Ford  
 Aimen Joseph  
 Tayler Ford  
 Harry Sherrd  
 Olivia Lanaghan  
 Jay Driver  
 Mikey Cutler  
 Jessica Brooks  
 Eugenia Wellspring  
 Finley Murphy  
 Alice Gander  
 Holly Rogers  
 Nina Nieziolek  
 Tommy Stowell  
 Elithia Benn-Godfroy  
 Namay Patel  
 Jack Gradidge  
 Jackson Tyler  
 Eshan Raj  
 Bella Turner  
 Calyn Payne  
 Olivia Bridge  
 Arwen Savage  
 Annalisa Kenneth  
 Poppy Cochrane  
 Kyla Marsh  
 Sonny Jacobs  
 Harry Hyslop  
 Libby Paginton  
 Dulcie-Reine Davis  
 Jayden Byrne  
 Daniel Hayden  
 Hannah Woodhall  
 Charlie Creighton  
 Thomas Munnings  
 Joshua Joslin  
 Anastasia Kurman  
 Maisy Harris  
 Matthew Symonds  
 Sasini De Costa  
 Edward Syddall  
 Tristan Jones  
 Rory Lee  
 Ethan Bundy  
 Matthew Burnside  
 Ben Good  
 Abigail Surman  
 Sebastian Matei  
 Katie Miller  
 Jia Que  
 Indya Barwood  
 Lucy Smith  
 Archie Frei  
 Chloe Cutler  
 Maia Yeo  
 Karina Franckevic  
 Ryan Tucker  
 Jacob McCue  
 Kuba Bebec  
 Oliver Smith  
 Bella Eaves

Ian Zheng  
 Josh McDermott  
 Xanthe Gale-Page  
 Alysia Skeet  
 Lee Martin  
 Lewis Belican  
 Bleu Davis  
 Elise Colling  
 Ewan Turner  
 Oliver Wells  
 Lucia Matthews-Diez  
 Dasha Zukova  
 Maisie-Mae Richardson  
 Owen Barton  
 Max Burrows  
 Lennon Savage  
 Lennon Hampton  
 Miley Stowell  
 Louis Farrelly  
 Leah Dear  
 Lukas Hunt  
 Harvey Giles  
 Macey Creighton  
 Darcie Castle  
 Joyce Gandhi  
 Shannon Wade  
 Isabella-Star Gray  
 Jimmy-Lee Oldbury  
 Hari Krishna  
 Angel Davis  
 Lakshan Michael  
 Casey Webb  
 Marnie Severn

## House Points

### Year R 50 House Points

Amelia Piper  
 Any Tanasa  
 Asher Cinash  
 Ashtyn Morgan  
 Austin Crabb  
 Callum Wade  
 Calyn Payne  
 Cole Hocking  
 Connor Dunn  
 Darcie Eades  
 Dennis Matthews Diez  
 Diogo Boleta  
 Elithia Benn-Godfroy  
 Ellie Marsh  
 Eshan Raj  
 Esmae-Rose Frampton  
 Finley Streets  
 Harper Draper  
 Jace Philpott  
 Jack Gradidge  
 Jackson Tyler  
 James Hunt  
 Jay Driver  
 Joe Symonds  
 Jonathan Kasprzyk  
 Joseph Cluett  
 Joshua Stride  
 Liv Ryan  
 Loula Robinson  
 Maisie Dear  
 Max Pulis  
 Mikey Cutler  
 Molly Barton  
 Namay Patel

Natalie Macura  
 Nina Nieziolek  
 Oliver Seagrave  
 Olivia Bridge  
 Otis McGregory  
 Ruby Hyslop  
 Savannah Pioch  
 Sebastian Smith  
 Sonny Jacobs  
 Thea Andrews  
 Thomas Joslin  
 Tommy Stowell  
 Violet-Elise Davis

### 100 House Points

Adell Cichy  
 Alfie Barton  
 Annalisa Kenneth  
 Emily Roe  
 Hayley Hui  
 Levi Mkandla  
 Maisie-Mae Benn-Godfroy  
 Aidan Byrne  
 Alysia Skeet  
 Amber Jacobs  
 Anastasia Kurman  
 Charlie Creighton  
 Ewan Turner  
 Henley Frier  
 Indya Barwood  
 Isabelle Bailey  
 Isla-Grace Davis  
 Jack Sweed  
 Jasmine Julian  
 Joshua Reddyhoff  
 Juanita Kamwendo  
 Leah Dear  
 Lee Martin  
 Lewis Belican  
 Marley Bridges  
 Oliver Smith  
 Olivia Janes  
 Sebastian Zelichowski  
 Thomas Munnings  
 Thomas Sherred  
 Xanthe Gale-Page  
 Heidi Curtis  
 Sophie Cutler  
 Natasha Grocholska  
 Maisy Harris  
 Harry Perkis  
 Abigail Roe  
 Archie Rowe  
 Oliver Wells  
 Phoebe Ritchie  
 Abigail Surman  
 Benjamin Fernandes-Berger  
 Ella Jones  
 Evie Bishop  
 Farzad Alizadeh  
 Hannah Thery  
 Hannah Woodhall  
 Harrison Trent  
 Jayden Byrne  
 Keira Bridges  
 Leia-Rose Davis  
 Leo Hagger

Lily Jarvis  
 Lily Young  
 Lucas Payne  
 Macey Creighton  
 Matthew Morris  
 Michaela Kamwendo Lazarus  
 Naiyah Marsh  
 Oscar Bree  
 Radu Iorgulescu  
 Sebastian Matei  
 William Gregory  
 Zona Ford  
 Jared Forge  
 Joyce Gandhi  
 Josh McDermott

### 250 House Points

Abby Dela Fuente  
 Alfie Leggett-Tooley  
 Ashriel Cinash  
 Emily Hill  
 Jack Bagley  
 Phoebe Walker  
 Tommy Mason  
 Tommy Russell  
 Dorian Orłowski  
 Bleu Davis  
 Daniel Hayden  
 Dylan Minard  
 Lakshan Michael  
 Molly Harris  
 Molly Purdue  
 Sunny-Rose Charlton-Wiseman

### 500 House Points

Edward Syddall  
 Imogen Barwood  
 Lou McClory  
 Owen Barton  
 Harrison Banks  
 Rosie Busuttill

### 1000 House Points

Daisy Petley

## TMC

### Sports Personalities of the Week

Harry Ford  
 Ethan Collins  
 Evelyn Cox  
 Harry Perkis  
 Emre Arslan  
 Natasha Grocholska  
 Harry Sherred  
 Ruby Wiltshire  
 Tommy Russell  
 Owen Bean

# PE News

## Early Morning Keep Fit!

Earlier on in the term, Mrs Fawcitt, Miss Carter and a very dedicated group of staff (in their PE kit!) helped to run another successful keep fit session.

TMC joined us for this too and both halls were bursting with energy and excitement - what we all need at this time of year!

A big **THANK YOU** to all those involved in putting this event on, we look forward to the next one.



## Golden Mile

The children are still enjoying their extra exercise during the week, many many laps of the playground have been made...with more to come next year!

## Sports Clubs

We have had another successful term of after school sports clubs including Street Dance, Football and Multi Sports.

It's a great way for the children to get involved in something new or follow their passion.

Look out for the Spring Clubs in the new year.

**Keesha Carter, Gemma Fawcitt and Becky Vanes**  
**PE & Sport Leaders**



# News from the OSA

## Your Parent Association

### Your way of getting involved.

## Wow!

This has been an incredible term of fundraising, thanks to the generosity of you all!

We've had the **disco** for the children, the **Tea towel/coaster project**, the **Secret Room** and finally the **Christmas Fair**.

It was fantastic to see so many people at the fair enjoying themselves – some with arm-loads of prizes and purchases! This event raised **£4730!** This is an incredible amount of money to have raised and we really appreciate the support you have given us and the school this term.



The spring term is generally quieter, with the disco booked for 6 February. We are also hoping to have a quiz night (for adults) so look out for further details in the New Year.

If you have any **unused Christmas wrapping paper or tags** left after Christmas, or any **unwanted gifts or empty hampers** we would be really pleased to receive them in January. Our stocks are always depleted after a big event and your help to replenish would be helpful.

Once again, thank you for your support this term and we look forward to seeing you at an event in the future. Happy Christmas!

Gill Handley-Garland  
Chairperson

Merry  
Christmas



# News from School Council

## Plastic Attack!

One of the things that School Council have decided to work on this year, is **reducing Oakwood's single-use plastic consumption.**

We know that single-use plastic is causing major problems for the environment, with large amounts of plastic that should end up in landfill, ending up in oceans instead. This is threatening thousands of creatures, especially marine life, around the world and we want to do our part to reduce the problem!

If you want more information about the impact single-use plastic is having on the environment, have a look at the [BBC Newsround Website](#) which gives lots of information about the impact that this problem is having on the environment.

We started by surveying Oakwood's consumption of single-use plastic over the course of a week.

This is what we found...



We know it's going to be really difficult to stop using these types of plastic completely, but as the saying goes, 'a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step'. So, step by step, we are aiming to reduce the amount of single-use plastic that passes through Oakwood.

### **STEP 1**

Our first step has been to work with City Catering to reduce single-use plastic over Christmas. This year, for the first time, they provided biodegradable plates and cutlery for our Christmas dinner. They say they plan to do this every year, across the City, from now on!

### **STEP 2**

Our second step has been to negotiate with our milk supplier for EYFS, Cool Milk. They have agreed to stop sending individual milk cartons (with the attached plastic straws and plastic wrappers), and instead send large, recyclable cartons of milk. They have also kindly provided us with free re-usable beakers to drink the milk from!

### **STEP 3 - Over to you!**

Our third step is to remove single-use plastic drinks bottles. This means that, **as from January, we would like everyone in school (pupils, teachers, TAs, Office Staff - yes, everyone!) to drink their water from their own, named, reusable bottle.** We have chilled water dispensers in school that everyone is able to use, any many people already have reusable bottles, so we hope this will be something that we can all do to help us with our **Plastic Attack!**

**Thanks for your help!**

**School Council**



## Having a Christmas Clear-Out?

Our wet-play games boxes in classes are in need of some updating!

If you are having a clear out of toys and games over the Christmas period, we would welcome any donations of good quality board games and puzzles which we can use in wet play boxes in classrooms or in our Rainbow Room.

If you are able to help, drop your donations in to the Office at any time.

Many thanks!

## Allergies in School

We have several children in school who have allergies.

For the vast majority of children, these allergies can cause unpleasant symptoms but are manageable by avoiding the known allergens and taking the correct medication.

However, for a minority of our pupils, these allergies can be life-threatening. For those children, coming into contact with the allergen, even in a small amount, can cause an anaphylactic reaction. For pupils currently in our school, this type of reaction is most commonly associated with nuts, including peanuts.

As advised by the [Anaphylaxis Campaign](#), we are **not** a nut free school. However, we try to minimise the occurrence of nuts in school as much as possible.

We would ask you not to send in nut products in lunchboxes, please. This includes (but is not limited to) peanut butter, fruit and nut bars and Nutella. We would also ask you to remind your children not to share the contents of their lunchboxes with their friends.

**Thank you for your support.**



# **SEND Coffee Morning**

**Wednesday 23 January**

**9.30 to 10.45**

**Rainbow Room**

**Oakwood Primary**



All parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities are welcome to attend. This includes children with communication difficulties, literacy and numeracy difficulties, sensory or physical needs, as well as those with social, emotional and mental health needs.

Tricia Mahoney, Inclusion Manager and Joy Larder, Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) will be attending. Claire Pritchard, Southampton Parent Carer Forum, will also be attending to promote the city-wide forum group.

Refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to welcoming you in the New Year!