



As the holiday approaches, I would like to thank the staff for all they give to the school. The children have a great group of people supporting them who care about each child and who work for EVERY CHILD, to give them EVERY CHANCE, EVERY DAY!

You, the parents, have again been so supportive of the school over this long term. Being a parent is not easy – I certainly know that – but we will continue to work together to achieve the best for everyone.

*The children are what make Old Oak the special place that I believe it is. They may not read the newsletter but I hope they all know **they** are the reason we all come here every morning. In the same way that the staff may not sometimes realise the impact of their work, the children may not always understand what a difference a proud smile makes.*

For those who celebrate, I wish you a merry Christmas and HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Mr. Brown

CHRISTMAS FETE

Following the hugely successful nativity – *The Inn-spectors* – earlier this week, we had the Christmas fete after school yesterday. Santa and his 2 helpers made a visit, the raffle was a very popular and the activities, particularly the biscuit icing were busy all afternoon. The PTA raised £380.00 which is a great achievement. Thank you too all those involved in organising and helping out at the event. Look out for the PTA events in 2019!

PARENTPAY- ALL SCHOOL PAYMENTS THROUGH PARENTPAY IN 2019

This school has now moved to a cashless system **apart from money raised via fundraising activities where cash can still be donated.** School dinners have been payable via the Parentpay online payment system since September 2017. Parents also use card machines to make payment for breakfast and afterschool clubs. We added trips on to Parentpay for trips in starting in December 2018.

We understand any new system takes a while to bed in. However, for the New Year, all payments for trips will have to be paid for via parentpay. Cash will not be

accepted.

I would appreciate if any parents have any problems accessing the Parentpay system, to contact the admin office. We will be happy to help all parents who may experience difficulties making payments by this method.

We would like to express our thanks to those parents who have paid for their trips using Parentpay recently, which is a great step forward towards phasing out the use of cash at Old Oak.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday, 7th January 2019- Staff INSET – school is closed

Tuesday 8th January 2019 - First day of school for children