



## Old Oak Primary School Update – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022



Dear families,

It seems there has been a couple of nasty bugs going around some classes this week. There is Scarlet fever and a Strep A virus in the local area. Strep A in particular can be a severe illness and anyone with high fever, severe muscle aches, pain in one area of the body and unexplained vomiting or diarrhoea should call NHS 111 and seek medical help immediately.

A lot of children have been absent due to coughs and temperatures. If your child is ill then he/she should stay at home. However, there is a lot of pressure to stop unnecessary absence and get children into school. You may have received a letter from us with your child's current percentage. Remember the average child is ill for between 5 and 9 days in a school year and this number will keep the percentage above 95%.

### **\*THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL\***

We have had 2 successful Movie Nights this week and the children enjoyed the cinema experience in the lower hall with their friends.

There was the Christmas Pantomime on Thursday as well. The preparations for the Nativity are going well and the choir are busy practising for the Hammersmith and Fulham Festival of Song.

However, the children are also completing their end of term assessments in reading, writing and maths to assess their progress this term. We will discuss the results from these with the teachers in the January.

Next week is time for **the Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper days**, and the **postbox** for Christmas cards is going out if children want to give out cards.

### **\*FAMILY GROUP\***

Our Family Group continues on Thursday mornings. This is great chance to spend some quality time with your child. You complete different activities every week and get to know and understand each other better. Monica helps us with this and is always in the playground every Thursday so please have a word with ourselves or your child's teacher.

### **\*DATES FOR THE DIARY\***

**Wednesday 7th December** Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 7th December** Christmas Disco- 3.15pm - 4.30pm.  
Please return the permission letter and £1.00 admission by 6.12.22.  
Children can bring a small amount of money for tuck shop. Please collect children from usual pick up points at 4.30pm.

**Thursday 8th December** Christmas Jumper Day- Children can wear Christmas jumper and bring a donation for Save the Children.

**Monday 12th December** KS2 Christmas Singalong for families 2.30pm

**Wednesday 14th December** KS1 Nativity performance for families 10.00am

**Thursday 15th December**      KS1 Nativity performance for families 10.00am  
**Thursday 15th December**      Class Christmas Parties  
**Friday 16th December**        School finishes at 1.45pm

School begins again for children on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023**, as the school is closed for staff training on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

We have attached a flyer from the Community Centre regarding events there over the holidays.

**\*ATTENDANCE\***

Well done to Aspen class with 90% attendance. There has been a lot of bugs this week. Hopefully it improves next week.

**\*PUNCTUALITY\***

Gingko class again has the best punctuality in the school. Come on other classes, you can do better than this!

**\*BOOK OF WEEK – 8+ YEAR OLDS\***

The recommended book this week is ***The Christmasaurus*** by Tom Fletcher. The review says: *Bringing the festive fun of Fletcher's original Christmas story to younger readers, this delightful rhyming retelling is the heartwarming tale of a plucky dinosaur determined to help pull Santa's sleigh.* Available at Shepherds Bush library, on Kindle or to listen to on Audible, or from £ 5.99 in bookshops.

Have a good weekend!

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr. Brown