





# **Old Oak Primary School Update**

# Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear families,

As the cold weather arrives, the school is as busy as ever. Find out more about events and activities below.

#### \* CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL\*

It is the exciting time of year again when children from across Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster come together as a choir to perform chosen songs at Kensington town hall in a wonderful performance. Our school choir will be performing on Tuesday 12th December and they have been practising hard in preparation. Here they are on their way to rehearsals this week!



# \* FUTURE-ED AWARDS\*

The school is honoured to have been shortlisted for **Eco & Climate Action School of the Year** at the FutureEd Awards which are taking place this Saturday 2nd December. This momentous occasion is a celebration of black excellence in education, and the school has been nominated by members of the local community who were so impressed with the work they have seen in particular from members of the Old Oak Climate Champions. This is fantastic for the school and of course we hope to win but regardless it is wonderful to see the hard work and dedication of our pupils recognised.

### \*MINI FOREST PLANTING WORMWOOD SCRUBS - SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER \*

Join the 21st Hammersmith Scout Group in celebrating 100 years in the Borough by helping plant a mini forest on Wormwood Scrubs. This FREE community event is inspired by the founder of the scouts, Robert Baden-Powell's principle that you should 'Leave this world a little better than you found it'. Are you passionate about nature and the environment? This is the perfect opportunity for you to make a positive impact!

The group will be planting 1000 native trees (whips) to create a beautiful mini forest in Wormwood Scrubs and invite you to join them. There will be events for children run by the scouts throughout the day.

There are still spaces for Old Oak families available. Booking is essential at:

Mini Forest Planting Wormwood Scrubs - National Tree Week Tickets, Sat, Dec 2, 2023 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite

### \*PONY PARADE – MONDAY 18th DECEMBER\*

ForBrian and Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre are collaborating to host a mini Pony Parade on the green lawn behind Old Oak Community Centre, adjacent to the school, on Monday December 18th. Friends of Old Oak (FOOO) are hosting a Cake Sale at the event. We would like to invite parents to participate by contributing baked goods to be sold at the event. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

#### \*BOOKING PLACES AT PLAYCENTRE – JANUARY 2024\*

After Christmas in January, there will be changes to the way After School Club (Playcentre) is booked. We will be booking and paying in advance each day to attend that evening. After Christmas we will amend School Money to allow parents to book until 2pm that day for a place that evening. At 2pm the registers will close and anyone not on the list will not be able to stay that evening. For those having problems with the online payment system, please let us know so we can help get everything resolved.

#### \*PARENT MEETINGS \*

I hope the parents and carers who spoke with their teachers on Monday and Wednesday found the meetings helpful. If you did not do this, please contact your child's teacher to find a time. This will only be possible if the teacher has the time to do this.

#### \*FUND-RAISIN\*

Thank you to everyone that has already raised some money through the raisin box initiative. Children should give these to their class teacher by next Friday 8<sup>th</sup>. After this totals will be counted and the winning class will win an extra games session with Mike, our QPR link worker. All the money collected will go towards equipment for the children at the school.

#### \*INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS \*

You should now have received the proof copy from the school photos which took place this week. Please see instructions in the pack on how to order.

#### \*CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT ORDERS\*

Today is the last chance for the personalised Christmas cards, mugs and magnets designed by your child. To order please scan the QR code – **all orders must be made by midnight tonight**, 1.12.23.

## \*REMINDER - HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE\*

Over the Winter Break, there will be some exciting **FREE** activities happening at the Old Oak Community Centre.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Ho Ho Ho Christmas Theatre Show

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January: Christmas Holiday Club

Both events must be booked in advance by emailing <a href="mailto:bubblesqueakeat@gmail.com">bubblesqueakeat@gmail.com</a>
Please see the attached flyers for more information:

## \* REMINDER - FESTIVE DATES FOR THE DIARY\*



We have drawn up our dates for Christmas:

**Thursday 7**th **December** – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – H&F Christmas Festival for members of the school choir and their families

**Wednesday 13**th **December** – Christmas Lunch in school

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Disco for children after school from 3.30-4.30pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas parties in class and a visit from Santa

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity performance for EYFS and KS1 families in the lower hall at 10.00am

Thursday 21st December – term ends at 1.30pm

More information on these events will follow soon.

## \*OTHER DATES FOR THE DIARY\*

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Acacia class to visit the London Transport Museum as part of their IPC topic

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Peach class have support with brushing their teeth

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Magnolia class assembly at 10.15am in the lower hall

Have a peaceful and restful weekend!

Mrs Beardsworth and Mr Brown





SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER



CHRISTMAS PARADE & ARRIVAL OF FATHER XMAS

12,40pm RIDING DISPLAYS

35 YEARS AGO THE 1ST PONY CENTRE CHRISTMAS

**PONY RIDES FOR SMALL CHILDREN** 1-2pm

VISIT THE CHRISTMAS STABLE & DONKEYS 1.30 PM

HOT FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS

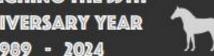
CHRISTMAS STALLS

ENTER THE CHRISTMAS PONY CAKE COMPETITION

TROPHIES FOR THE WINNERS

TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE & MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**LAUNCHING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR** 1989 - 2024

















Join the parade with Santa, his Elves & Unicorns

Support FOOO volunteers and donations welcomed Cash only

Cakes

Music and more

Monday 18th December 3.15 s to 5.15 Outside the Old Oak Community Centre

children must be supervised at all times

come in fancy dress, with

LOTS OF SPARKLE



