

# **Oulton News**

## News from Oulton First School

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Autumn 2: Friday 8th December 2023

Christian Value: Koinonia

Koinonia - home learning resources

#### **Weekly Attendance**

C1: 92.0% C2: 95.2% C3: 95.9%

Whole school: 94.8%

#### Dear Parents,

The children did some wonderful performances this week when they retold the Christmas story and we are all incredibly proud of them. Thank you to the PTFA for providing refreshments, donations were greatly received. The PTFA also raised an incredible £240 at the wreath making event this week.

#### Choir

The choir are now as busy as ever. Last Thursday they sang at the Alzheimer's Society, and on Friday at the Advent Concert with the CK choir, raising £225 for St. John's Church. Yesterday they sang, alongside the CK choir, at the Christchurch Centre for the Gardener's Society and this evening they are performing at the Christmas party. Their last performance for this year will take place at Suitcase Cleaner's for the Advent Window opening. They are all doing a wonderful job promoting our Christian Value Koinonia and are a real credit to the school.

#### **Christmas Crafts**

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas crafts next Wednesday. This is limited to one adult per child and the payment of £2.50 should be made via ParentPay. If you are unable to attend then please let us know so we can pair children together.

#### Christmas Pantomime Reminder

Pupils in YR-Y4 are invited to The Gatehouse Theatre on Thursday 21st December to watch a performance of Beauty and the Beast. We will leave school at 9am prompt as the performance starts at 10am. Pupils will therefore need to arrive at school at 8.30am. To avoid using single use plastic, could pupils bring water bottle to school to take with them please.

As pupils will not be back in school until approximately 1:30, hot food will not be available, packed lunches can be ordered via <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/rTwSwzSrvJ">https://forms.office.com/e/rTwSwzSrvJ</a> if required, or pupils can bring their own.

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(Inspired by the Bible story The Good Samaritan)

#### **PTFA News**

This year the teachers have created an Amazon Wishlist. Rather than buying teacher Christmas gifts they have kindly requested if you instead purchase an item for your child's class. If this could be wrapped and taken into school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Children will then be able to open these gifts for each class and enjoy using them as additional resources to their learning. We thank you in advance.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1QGSB9Y661R8K?ref =wl share

#### **Family Christmas Party**

Our annual family Christmas party is at Oulton Village Hall on **TONIGHT Friday 15**<sup>th</sup> **December 6- 7.30pm.** Tickets are only available via ParentPay- NO CASH payments to the office please. Prices are £2 a ticket or a family ticket for £8. Tickets **can** be purchased on the door on the night. Ladybirds and younger children are free. Mrs Elliott will administer tickets once payment has been confirmed on ParentPay.

We are also pleased to announce that choir will be singing at this event.

#### Please note, there will be no clubs next week.

#### Forms questionnaires

Just a reminder that forms need to be completed for the Christmas events. Mrs Elliott has sent email reminders but some are still outstanding.

Christmas Lunch on 19<sup>th</sup> December <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/Df3wnWS45d">https://forms.office.com/e/Df3wnWS45d</a>
Christmas crafts on 20<sup>th</sup> December <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/wpEAWYKs85">https://forms.office.com/e/wpEAWYKs85</a>
Packed lunches after the panto on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/rTwSwzSrvJ">https://forms.office.com/e/rTwSwzSrvJ</a>

#### **Reception and Middle School Applications**

<u>Please note</u> the online application process for Reception and middle schools will open on 1<sup>st</sup> November and can be accessed following this link Staffordshire Online Admissions. These applications need to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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### Please see diary dates below.

### **Diary Dates:**

These dates are correct at the time of print but may be subject to change in which case we will inform you as soon as possible.

## Autumn Term 1 (06.11.23 - 22.12.23)

18.12.23	Choir - Advent window (11am)
19.12.23	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
20.12.23	Christmas Crafts (C1: 9-10am, C2: 10.30-11.30, C3: 2-3pm)
21.12.23	Beauty and the Beast @ The Gatehouse (Yr-Y4)
22.12.23	Christmas Service at St John's Church (2pm)
	End of Autumn term

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