

# King's Oak Academy

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It's been another week full of Christmas cheer at the Acorn as the children continue to practise for their nativities. We thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas dinner on Monday with Christmas pudding and Christmas music to sing along to! On Tuesday, year 3 became Egyptologists on their trip to Bristol Museum as they found out even more about Ancient Egypt. The party last Friday was a great success and got us in the Christmas spirit. The children enjoyed meeting Father Christmas and the Friends of King's Oak Academy raised £1300 for the school! Thank you to everyone who came and supported and a special thanks to those who organised it and volunteered on the day. Have a lovely weekend and we are looking forward to seeing you on Monday.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday 17th December	Reception Christmas concert— 1:30pm
Tuesday 18th December	Reception Christmas concert— 9:15am. Year 1 concert — 1:30pm
Wednesday 19th December	Year 1 Christmas concert —9:15am Year 2 Christmas concert —1:30pm
Thursday 20th December	Year 2 Christmas concert —9:15am Year 3 showcase of learning at 3.00pm
Friday 21st December	Dress as an elf or Christmas jumper day. School finishes at 1pm.
Monday 7th January	INSET day—school closed to children
Tuesday 8th	Term 3 starts

## Principal's Notice

Mr Clutterbuck comes over to the Acorn frequently throughout the week and spends time looking at the learning and speaking to the children. This week he has noticed:

In year 3, Leo's ancient Egyptian picture from his nan held year 3 in awe. Adeire has been writing his own story at home and read it to the class, having been inspired to write by last week's learning.

Year 2 have been working hard on their handwriting.

Whilst there is a growing sense that Christmas is on its way, our Acorns are firmly focused on learning.

At lunch today, I saw lots of our pupils eating Christmas pudding. Let it be said that here at the Acorn, we like our traditional Christmas grub! Mind you, the slices do look like chocolate cake...

## Christmas concerts

The children are busy rehearsing their Christmas concerts and we would love you all to attend. The concerts are on the following dates:

Reception: Monday 17th December at 1:30pm and Tuesday 18th December at 9:15am.

Year 1: Tuesday 18th December at 1:30pm and Wednesday 19th December at 9:15am

Year 2: Wednesday 19th December at 1:30pm and Thursday 20th December at 9:15am.

There is no need to book tickets. The children have worked really hard on their performance so if you bring younger siblings please be willing to remove them if they start to make too much noise.

## Mental Health training

Mrs Baker will be running a course of parent workshops about mental health awareness and supporting your child with mental health issues. The course will run over three sessions. The dates for these sessions are Thursday 17th January, Thursday 24th January and Thursday 31st January from 2-3pm. If you would like to attend the course, please email Mrs Baker on [bakern@kingsoakacademy.org.uk](mailto:bakern@kingsoakacademy.org.uk). We can accommodate 10 parents, but will run further sessions if the demand is there.



## Dress like an elf day

We will be supporting the Alzheimer's Society again this year and holding a 'Dress as an Elf' day on Friday 21st December. Children can wear Christmas jumpers or Christmas fancy dress on Friday 21st December for a suggested donation of £1. We will be finishing school at 1pm on the 21st December.



## Mountain of learning

🌟 Imogen has been a creative unicorn and made some wonderful Christmas decorations. 🌟 Blake B has been a changing chameleon and explored different areas of the classroom. 🌟 Felicity has been a curious cat and asking lots of questions about writing and posting a letter. 🌟 Oliver has tried really hard this week and gained in confidence when sharing his thoughts on the carpet. 🌟 Bailey has been a stickability tortoise when writing his story of Jack and the Beanstalk. 🌟 Charlie G has been a linking spider when partitioning numbers. 🌟 Ashleigh has been a stickability tortoise and using finger spaces when writing her story of Jack and the Beanstalk. 🌟 Reuben has shown a great attitude to learning this week. 🌟 Harlow has been a team work bee in maths by helping her team. 🌟 Araya has been a stickability tortoise and shown great determination and perseverance in her maths. 🌟 Lacey H always shows that she can be a team work bee in English. 🌟 Mia has been a linking spider and used a range of vocabulary in her plan of Samuel Pepys' diary. 🌟 Jessica has been a creative unicorn and used a range of conjunctions and adverbs. 🌟 Zoltan has done lots of amazing learning in maths and chosen different methods to solve addition word problems. 🌟 Sebby has impressed everyone with the effort he has put into his handwriting. 🌟 Lacey H has worked really hard at improving her handwriting and writing a fantastic story. 🌟 Zachary has worked hard during literacy editing and improving his story. 🌟 Lola has used lots of great vocabulary in her story. 🌟 Rio has worked so hard on his presentation and handwriting.

Attendance award: Well done to Pine class 98.2% attendance —amazing, keep it up!

House point challenge: Olympus (yellow) were the best house this week.

## Speech and Language

I have regular liaison meetings with our speech and language therapist. These meetings are a chance for us to raise concerns about children's speech and language, either their pronunciation of sounds or their understanding of the language. After a discussion, the therapist will either make a recommendation to refer to the service or provide us with some resources to support the child in school. We would like to trial a new system next time and offer a drop in session for families to come and discuss their concerns with the therapist. The drop in session will be held on Thursday 24th January between 2pm and 3pm, we will be offering 4 slots. If you would like to book a slot please email the office on [primary@kingsoakacademy.org.uk](mailto:primary@kingsoakacademy.org.uk).

