

# Newsletter



Tuesday 19th December 2017

## Whole School Diary Dates

**Children return to school on Monday 8th January 2018 at 8.45 am**

Monday 8th January—Great Fire of London Theatre show in school for Y2

January—Reception Trip to the Cinema—Date to be confirmed

Friday 9th February—Pirate Dress up day in Reception

Friday 9th February—Children break up for half term

Monday 19th February—Children return to school

w/c 12th March—Bright Futures week in school

W/c 19th March—Reports to parents this week

16-18th March 2018—Robinwood Residential Trip

Thursday 29th March—Children break up for Easter

Monday 16th April—Children return to school for the Summer Term

Friday 25th May—Break up for May Half Term

Monday 4th June—Children return to school

25th –29th June 2018—Trip to France

Friday 20th July—Children break up for the Summer holidays

## REMINDER

**Reminder for parents: If your child is ill, please inform the school each day that they are absent either by popping into the school office or leaving a message on the answer phone, option 1. Our parent support advisor will start her home visits at 9.30 am for anyone not in school where we have not heard from them.**

Our target is 96.5%

Current Whole School Attendance:

94.9%

### Attendance so far this term:

Reception = 93.1%

Year 1 = 95.2%

Year 2 = 94.8%

Year 3 = 95.1%

Year 4 = 94.4%

Year 5 = 94.9%

Year 6 = 95.0%

### Attendance last week:

Reception = 92.6%

Year 1 = 89.0%

Year 2 = 94.0%

Year 3 = 92.5%

Year 4 = 91.6%

Year 5 = 85.0%

Year 6 = 87.8%

**We are committed to safeguarding children and young people.**

## Message from the Principal

It's hard to believe that already it is almost the end of the Autumn Term here at The Oak Tree Academy. As always, it has been an action-packed term and with all of the Christmas fun and festivities in full flow, I suspect the best is still yet to come!

Some of the highlights of the past three months have included: Year1 visited Hamsterley Forest and did the Gruffalo Trail, Y6 enjoyed the Space Race Day at Bishopsgarth, children from throughout school have entered Sports Festivals and the whole school watching Cinderella at the theatre in Billingham Forum.

As you know, this term, we have continued our behaviour policy using Good to be Green and as a reward, those children in the winning team, Diamonds went to watch a movie in the Sky Movie Bus! The children with 100% attendance for the term also joined the Sky Movie Bus. Well done!

Yet another well done to all of those pupils who have endeavoured to keep their attendance above 96% this term. Don't forget, children with perfect 100% attendance are also still in with the chance to win an electronic tablet or a £50 voucher in assembly at the end of the year.

I would like to end the term with my thanks for all that you do as parents, carers and families. May I take this opportunity to wish you a joyous, peaceful Christmas and send my best wishes for the New Year and term ahead. Use the holidays to relax, enjoy time with your loved ones and we'll see you all on 8th January 2018, well rested ready for the term ahead.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming Christmas productions and Winter Fair. Merry Christmas!

Mrs Pollitt