



Orrell Holgate Primary School

Together Everyone Achieves More

23rd December 2016

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Thank you to all of our wonderful children for a great term! We are looking forward to a fantastic 2017 with you all. Thanks also to all of the excellent support we have received from parents, family members and friends of children at the school. We appreciate you all and would like to wish all of our families a very happy time over the Christmas break.

We are also looking forward to having Mrs Kate West return to school after her maternity leave.

Term dates:

Spring Term 2017

Starts	Monday 9 th January 2017
Half term	Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February 2017
Ends	Friday 31 st March 2017

Summer Term 2017

Starts	Tuesday 18 th April 2017
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2017
Half Term	Friday 26 th May to Friday 2 nd June inclusive
Ends	Friday 21 st July 2017

After school clubs

All clubs will start again from Monday 9th January 2017 (except for KS1 Funky Phonics which will start on Monday 16th January).

Low Bank Ground

Good luck to the children from Year 5 and Year 6, Mrs Worrall, Mrs Baxter, Mr Lomax and Mr van Geffen who will be going on a residential outdoor education trip to Low Bank Ground in the Lake District. Children will need to be at school on Monday 9th January at 9.15am. The coach will leave at approximately 9.30am. A small bag and packed lunch can be taken onto the coach and the main luggage and wellingtons will go into the boot of the coach. Please remember to pack woolly hat, scarf and gloves. Any medication should be handed to Mrs Baxter on the morning and a consent form signed at the office.

Dance Club

The next dance club for children performing in the Up Holland dance show will be on Thursday 12th January. This will be the last one before the show on Wednesday 18th January.

St Luke's Carol Service and EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performances

Well done to all the children who sang so well at last week's Carol Service at St Luke's Church. Also, the children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 performed so well in the Nativity performances this week. The retiring collections at the end of the Nativity performances and the Carol Service at St Luke's Church raised £391.88 and will be sent to The Brick and The Storehouse Project. Thank you for your support at these events and for your generous donations.

Swimming - reminders

Lessons will start again on Wednesday 11th January. Can we please remind parents, that Year 3 children **must** wear a swimming cap for their swimming lesson. Swimming caps can be purchased from AC Sports and other sports shops. A voluntary contribution of £2 per week towards the cost of transport to the swimming baths is requested. This can be paid weekly, monthly or half termly if you prefer.

Non-uniform day

We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 20th January for tombola items which will be used at our Summer Fair, so if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts we would be most grateful if you would consider donating them to school on the non-uniform day.

Awards

There are no awards this week

Birthdays –

Congratulations to the following children who will be celebrating their Birthdays over the holidays and the first week back –

Y5 Hayam Boudouaia, Y5 Aksharaa Prince, Y6 Luke Smith, Y3 Alesha Kirby,
Y1 Alexandra Lancaster, Y4 Keira Lawton, Y2 Harley Rawlinson,
Y4 George Unsworth, Y6 Laila Burke, Y6 Izabella Howard, Y5 Millie Ratcliffe,
Y1 Isabella Redfern, Rec Sofia Winstanley

A paper copy of the school newsletter won't be sent home every week but you can view the weekly newsletter on the school website.