



## December 2016



For the Safety of your children please keep to the path when you come into school - avoid crossing the car parks or coming in through the car park gates.

### ATTENDANCE

We have listed below the attendance percentages for each class up to now. Each class should be aiming for a minimum of 96% attendance and parents' support in getting each class to reach or exceed this target is greatly appreciated.

Buttercups	89.5%	Daisies	94.9%
Tulips	94.3%	Poppies	95.5%
Daffodils	95.8%	Sunflowers	95.1%
Oaks	96.2%	Willows	96.5%

Well done to Willows who have the highest attendance.

### **LATE ARRIVALS:**

**School starts at 8.45 prompt. Please make sure your child is in school by this time. It can be unsettling for your child if they join the class late, it can disrupt the rest of the class and can affect your child's attendance.**

### School Concerts

We hope you will be able to come and see your child in their sing-alongs/concerts:

Year 2 Sing Along: Monday 12th December 9.15 am  
 Year 1 Sing Along: Monday 12th December 2.00 pm  
 Reception Concert: Tuesday 13th December 2.00 pm

We are considering allowing videos/photos during the concerts. If you have any objections please let us know. We will ask this question at the beginning of each performance.

**We recently sent out 2 tickets per child – please make sure you bring your ticket to the performance.**

There will be raffle tickets and refreshments on sale at all performances. We are very grateful for your support – all money raised is used to buy things for the children. One of our latest purchases is new disco lighting which we hope the children enjoy at the Christmas Disco on:

Thursday, 15th December – 4.30 – 6.00 pm

## Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of term, Friday, 16th December, we would like everyone, staff and children, to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or something festive. Please do not go to the trouble of buying something new for them to wear for the day - anything Christmassy will be fine.

You do not need to send any money or donation in for Christmas Jumper Day, it's not for fund raising but is a nice, festive way to end the term.



## School Website

We hope you have had chance to look out our new school website at

[www.ockerhill-inf.sandwell.sch.uk](http://www.ockerhill-inf.sandwell.sch.uk)

Although we are still in the process of adding to the website you will be able to access lots of really useful information such as holiday dates and school meal menus.

## Bad Weather Procedures

Please remember to let us know if you change your mobile phone number to make sure you receive a text alert in the event of closure.

Please also listen out for information on the following local radio stations:

Free Radio 97.2 fm

Free Radio 96.4 fm

Radio WM 95.6 fm

Heart FM 100.7 fm

Capital Radio 102.2 fm

Updates are also available on Facebook and Twitter

[www.facebook.com/sandwell](http://www.facebook.com/sandwell)

Follow @sandwellcouncil on Twitter

and the Sandwell Council Website:

## Be Prepared for the Cold Weather

Please ensure your child is dressed in appropriate, warm clothes for the wintry weather and take extra care when coming into school on icy days – surfaces may be very icy. Please keep to the cleared pathways.



## Christmas Fun Day

On Wednesday, 14th December we will be having a Christmas Fun Day in school. The children will all get the chance to take part in lots of Christmas themed activities. There will be a bouncy castle, party games and, hopefully, they will all be able to meet a very special visitor in his grotto.

## Important Reminder

### Applications for Reception/Year 3 Places for September 2016

This year all applications for Year 3 and Reception places have to be done on-line. The deadline for applications is **15th January, 2017**. Any applications received after this date will be dealt with as 'late applications' which may result in your child not getting a place in your preferred school. Please contact the school office if you have any queries or concerns.



## Message from the School Governors

*The Governors would like to wish all the children, families and staff of Ocker Hill Infant School a very Happy Christmas and look forward to supporting our Outstanding school in 2017.*



### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

All after school clubs will finish this week – there are no clubs week commencing 12th December.

Letters about Spring Term After School Clubs will be sent out in the New Year.

### **Request to Parents**

All of the children have been busily making nice things for Christmas. We would be very grateful if you could send a carrier bag with your child's name on into school on Monday, 12th December which we can use to send things home at the end of the week.

Thank you.

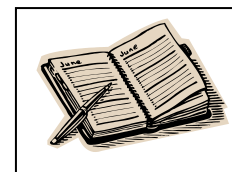


### **Congratulations to Our Little Stars**

Congratulations to all the children for their achievements out of school.

## Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 5th January	School re-opens after Christmas Technology projects Visit from the Happy Puzzle Company for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2								
Friday 6th January	Year 2 Inspire Day – includes a comprehension teaching session and information about SATS.								
Friday 13th January	Tulips Class Assembly								
Week beginning Monday 16th January	Reception Classes Goldilocks Party								
Friday 20th January	Smarties Day								
Wednesday 25th January	Visiting Theatre Group for Year 2 – ‘Continents’								
Friday 27th January	Chinese New Year								
Thursday, 9th February	Parents’ evening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2								
Monday 13th February	Cake donations for cake sale								
Tuesday 14th February	Celtic Yarns Performance Poet for Year 2 3.00 pm Valentines Cake Sale								
Wednesday 15th February	Valentine Disco 4.30 – 6.00 pm								
Friday 17th February	School closes at normal time for half-term.								
Monday 27th February	School re-opens at normal time after half-term								
Tuesday 28th February	Pancake Races								
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day								
<p>Forthcoming events to be arranged: Puppet Show for Year 1 ‘Hansel and Gretel’ and Animal Man to visit Nursery.</p> <p>During Spring Term the Children will be learning about the following topics</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">Nursery</td> <td>Step Into Story Land</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reception</td> <td>Once Upon a Time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 1</td> <td>Twisted Tales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 2</td> <td>Around the World</td> </tr> </table>		Nursery	Step Into Story Land	Reception	Once Upon a Time	Year 1	Twisted Tales	Year 2	Around the World
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*We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your support during 2016.*



