



## December 2017



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	92.7%	Daisies	94.4%
Tulips	95.0%	Poppies	96.6%
Daffodils	95.2%	Sunflowers	94.5%
Oaks	97.1%	Willows	96.9%

Well done to Oaks who have the highest attendance for the Autumn Term

### **LATE ARRIVALS:**

**School starts at 8.45 prompt (8.30 am for Nursery). 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.**

### 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 2018.*



### Christmas Sing Alongs and Concerts

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sing Alongs and Concerts. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did. We would also like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets. All prizes have now been claimed.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of term, Wednesday 20th 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

The school website can be found at:

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

Please keep checking as we update the information on the website regularly.

## Bad Weather Procedures

We would like to thank everyone for their support and patience during the recent closures for bad weather.

### Just a couple of reminders:

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.

School closures in Sandwell are listed on Facebook and Twitter at [www.facebook.com/sandwell](http://www.facebook.com/sandwell)

Follow @sandwellcouncil on Twitter

and the Sandwell Council Website:

[www.sandwell.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/schoolclosures). Local radio also broadcast lists of school closures.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please look out for letters about Spring Term After School Clubs which will be sent out in the New Year.

## 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 Activities Day

We hope the children have enjoyed all the fun Christmas activities they have been taking part in. They have enjoyed Christmas cooking, games, art and films. Father Christmas also took time out of his very busy schedule to visit the children in our grotto.

## Important Reminder

### Applications for Reception/Year 3 Places for September 2018

This year all applications for Year 3 and Reception places have to be done on-line. The deadline for applications is **Monday 15th January, 2018**. 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.

A sign for school closures in winter. The sign is red with white text and is mounted on two silver poles. The background is blue with white snowflakes. The sign has a white snow-like border at the top. The text on the sign reads: "Find out if our school is closed this winter...". Below the sign, it says "Get updates on Facebook and Twitter". At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, and the website address "www.sandwell.gov.uk/schoolclosures". The Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council logo is also present at the top of the sign.

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### **PARKING NEAR TO SCHOOL**

When you park near to school please ensure you do not block the driveways of local residents. They need to be able to access their properties at all time and cars blocking driveways cause great inconvenience.

### **Sandwell Health Readiness for Schools Project**

As part of Sandwell's Health Readiness for School Project, Sandwell is asking for parents/carers' views with regard to school readiness.

The survey is open now until Friday 12th January and can be completed online using the following link:

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Sandwell-Parents-and-Carers](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Sandwell-Parents-and-Carers)

We will also make this link available on the school website on the 'Parents' page.

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

Congratulations to the following children for their achievements out of school:

Riley Emms-Reynolds	Sunflowers	Alpha Step 2 Swimming Award
Laurenne Morris	Tulips	Learn to Swim Stage 1
	Tulips	5 Metre Swimming Award
Evie Saddington	Sunflowers	Alpha Step 2 Swimming Award
Oscar Sharman	Tulips	Stanley 4 Swimming Award
Sam Williams	Daffodils	Goldfish Series 1 Swimming Award
		50 Metres Swimming Award



*We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your support during 2017.*



### Dates for Your Diary

Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	School Opens after Christmas Holiday
Technology Week	N – Igloos R – 3 Billy Goats Gruff Y1 – 3 Little Pigs House Y2 – Space Transport
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Smarties Maths Challenge begins Non Uniform Day Freshwater Theatre Y2 Oceans
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Puppet Show Y1 Hansel & Gretel
Week Beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Rec – Goldilocks Party
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Parent's Information Evening – Top Tips for supporting your child at home.
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Australia Day
Week Beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Nursery – Clown Visit
Week Beginning 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Nursery – Circus Party
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Internet Safety Day
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Smarties Maths Challenge Ends
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Pancake Races
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Valentines Cake Sale
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Disco
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Chinese New Year Break up for half term at normal time.
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School re-opens after half term
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents Evening
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day Handa's Surprise N,R,Y1 Africa Drumming Y2 Mask Making

