

# Principal's Post

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## Christmas Cracker Week

Dear Parents and Carers

Behind the scenes at OPA we are quietly getting prepared for (whispers) Christmas, which will start on the afternoon of Friday 14 December. We have spent a long time looking at how to ensure the core learning, which is so important for your children, continues right up until the end of term, and now the time has come to share our plans with you.

We are very excited to introduce to you our **'Christmas Cracker week!'**

whilst having some festive excitement along the way. During the last week of term, we are going to be experiencing many of the things that are associated with Christmas. There will be opportunities to think about what it means to be with family and friends, talk about the reasons we celebrate Christmas, chances to sing, eat, play games, listen to stories, wear special clothes, decorate and do artwork. All this excitement will be topped off with a whole school celebration, where we will re-tell the Nativity story and sing carols.



**Karen Draper**

Campus Principal—Oxley Park










This is going to look very different to what you are used to, but the children will continue to learn and improve their skills,



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**TWO SITES—ONE HEART, ONE MISSION, ONE SCHOOL**

## CHRISTMAS CRACKER WEEK

<p>Researching</p>  <p>Art, Design &amp; Technology</p> 	<p>Throughout the week the children will be researching, thinking and discussing the class question that has been posed about an element of Christmas.</p> <p>Your child will be working on extending and refining their Art and Design &amp; Technology skills.</p>	
<p>Decorating</p> 	<p>The children will be excited when they come home because they have decorated their classroom and Street or Quad during the afternoon.</p> <p>The children will have used the robin they have made for the whole school competition to decorate their classroom, street or quad.</p>	<p>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> pm</p> <p>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> pm</p>
<p>Celebrating</p> 	<p>The children will be part of a Christingle assembly and see the winners of the Robin competition receive their prize.</p>	<p>Monday 17th</p> 
<p>Sharing</p>	<p>You are invited into your child's classroom after school to see how the children have decorated it and see their robin in situ (if they took part in the competition).</p>	<p>Monday 17th</p>
<p>Party Day</p> 	<p>Please send your child to school in Christmas jumper or party clothes (they still need to wear sensible shoes and coats please, as they will be going onto the playground to run around). Christmas lunch will be served today. There will be party games</p>	<p>Tuesday 18th</p>
<p>Christmas Crafts</p>	<p>If your child attends the Nursery, expect to be invited to for a festive play and stay session - look out for a letter with all the details on!</p>	<p>Thursday 20th 9-10 am or 1-2pm</p>
<p>Singing</p> 	<p>(If your child attends <b>SW</b>) please send them in with a Christmas hat. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us on the playground at <b>SW</b> to sing carols.</p> <p>All classes are coming together for a whole school assembly where we will re tell the Nativity story and sing carols.</p> <p>(If your child attends <b>OP</b>) please send them in with a Christmas hat. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us on the playground at <b>OP</b> to sing carols.</p>	<p>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> from 2.55pm-3.20pm</p> <p>Friday 21st</p> <p>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> from 2.55pm-3.20pm</p>

**We break up at 3.30 on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Please be prepared for your child to bring their robin home, along with some other special things, before you head off to enjoy the holidays together.**

