Headteacher Weekly Update

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Dear Families,

I hope you keeping well.



FUNDRAISING IN AID OF Save the Children

We have had a lovely day across the school with pupils and staff wearing their Christmas jumpers, thank you for your donations—all contributions will go to **Save The Children**. As well as Christmas jumpers there has been a lot of learning about Christmas, here is Harley with one of his amazing festive biscuits that he has made and decorated himself. He was rightly very proud of his achievements and happy to share them too—Great Job Harley!



Yesterday we had a Full Governing Body Meeting at Tonbridge, where Governors were treated to home made treats made in the Life Skills Rooms by pupils from Shakespeare Class. We are also saying thank you and goodbye to Reverend Richard who has been a Governor at Oakley for 5 years. We are grateful for Rich's contributions to our school and look forward to continuing our links with him in the community.

The Local Authority have opened a consultation called **Locality Model for Special Educational Needs Inclusion**. Kent County Council are seeking views from families and staff about the SEN provision across Kent, with the primary focus on how the Local Authority are working to support children and young people with SEN. I will be sharing our views on behalf of the school, however I encourage all families and staff to complete the consultation too so we ensure we can have excellent outcomes for your children. The consultation closes on 24th January 2024—I will share the link again in the New Year too. Please complete the survey here.

Warm wishes for the weekend.
Sam

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Fundraising continues for Oakley School……

Last Sunday Andy, parent of Evie in Phase 3, got in the ring to raise money for Friends of Oakley. Not only did he win, but he also raised an amazing £473. Thank you to everyone that made a donation and supported him.

Another big thank you to Chelsi, Mum to Olivia, Phase 3 and Elsie, Phase 1 for hosting a fundraising event last weekend and raising £211.75 for Oakley School!

Thank you Andy and Chelsi—much appreciated.

Christmas dates for your diary

Friday 8th December
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Donations

Tuesday 12th December
Phase 1 - Christmas Celebrations - 1:45pm
Families welcome

Wednesday 13th December
Phase 3 & 4 - Pantomime

Christmas Lunch Day

Thursday 14th December
Phase 2 - Pantomime

Friday 15th December
Phases 2, 3, 4 Christmas Church Service - 11am
Families welcome

Class Christmas Parties

End of Term

Safeguarding at Oakley School



Whilst Christmas is an exciting time of year we also recognise as a Safeguarding Team that it can also be a difficult time for our pupils and their families. We endeavour as a school to keep routines and structure in place to try and reduce pupils' anxiety. We are also aware that it is a very expensive time of year. Please speak to a member of the Leadership Team if you would like a referral to a foodbank, Early Help, Space to be Me or would like some practical support such as visuals to support with changes in routine over the Christmas period.