



'A happy place to learn and grow'

Oxhey First School

17/12/2021



Visit our Twitter page for more pictures of this week's events



Part of the



Dear parents and carers,

The children have enjoyed visits from two very special people this week...Santa and Elsa! They have enjoyed their class Christmas parties and a very tasty Christmas dinner. A HUGE thank you to the PTFA for the Xmas tree, party items, decorations and organising the fabulous raffle. We hope the winners enjoy their hampers over the holiday. We were very proud of our KS2 pupils who performed brilliantly in their service at St Lawrence for parents this week. Thank you to all the staff too for their hard work organising it. Don't forget to look at the great photos on Twitter.

Recent guidance suggests we may well return in January to a hugely challenging rise in cases of covid, by which time the omicron variant will be dominant source. This variant spreads quickly. With this in mind please keep a look out for emails and texts on Monday 3rd Jan just in case of any changes to our outbreak management plan and day to day routines.

Meanwhile we know the following actions can prevent the spread and effects of covid:

Wearing a mask, being fully vaccinated including a booster jab, good ventilation, thorough cleaning, handwashing and the use of hand sanitiser, social distancing and also following the 'catch it, bin it kill it' advice when using tissues.

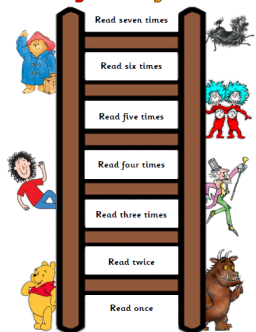
If your child has covid on 3rd Jan and will not therefore return on 4th January please can you email office@oxhey.staffs.sch.uk so we can begin to gain an up-to-date picture of cases. Similarly, if your child tests positive over the weekend (18th and 19th Dec) please can you email us via the same email so that we can inform all close contacts. Please do not email your homework or Teams emails as they will not be monitored.

On a much lighter note, may we take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy Christmas. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Best wishes from Mrs Jukes and the Oxhey Staff Team



Ready, Steady, READ!



Ready, Steady, READ! - Results

The results are based on the number of children who have read four or more times in the week.

Well done to everyone who read and took part in the challenge last week.

1st place	Dazzling Dragonflies	93%
2nd place	Terrific Turtles	74%
3rd place	Perfect Pandas	67%



SUGGESTIONS

Your views as parents are important to us. We welcome any suggestions or ideas on how we can develop & improve as a school by emailing office@oxhey.staffs.sch.uk

Diary Dates For Parents

Christmas holidays

20th Dec - 3rd Jan inclusive

School photographs

20th January

February Half-Term

21st—25th February

Easter Holidays

11th - 22nd April

May Day

2nd May

May Half Term

30th May—6th June



In line with legislation requirements we are now consulting on our admission arrangements which can be found on our website/parents tab/admissions.

The consultation closes on 6th January 2022

Any comments should be sent to Mrs N. Smith, Knypersley First School, Newpool Rd, Knypersley, Staffordshire. ST8 6NN or via email to office@childrenfirstlp.org.uk

Rocksteady

We were very proud of our Rocksteady bands who performed brilliantly to their key stages on Tuesday morning. A huge well done to all involved! If your child would like to take part in Rocksteady lessons in the new year, please visit rocksteadymusicschool.com or contact Mrs Holt.



Message from the PTFA:

Merry Christmas and a big thank you for the continued support from parents. We raised a fantastic £600 from the raffle. Thank you and have a great Christmas holiday.



We had a very special surprise visitor in school on Wednesday.....

Elsa from Frozen spent time with Early Years and KS1 children, they had lots of fun singing and dancing to their favourite Frozen songs.



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WELL DONE TO OUR 'TIGER LEARNERS' & OUR 'PUPILS OF THE WEEK'

Little Ladybirds - Clodagh & Oscar
Dazzling Dragonflies - Henry & George
Sparkly Spiders - Octavia & Ajay
Terrific Turtles - Riley & Ben
Perfect Pandas - Elijah & Reggie
Amazing Alligators - Myles & Elys
Fabulous Foxes - Kiki & Leah
Outstanding Owls - Layla & Scarlett
Marvellous Meerkats - Rocco & Finley



WELL DONE TO OUR TT ROCKSTARS

The class winner is: Fabulous Foxes

The individual winners are:

- Outstanding Owls
- 1st— Owen
- 2nd— Oscar
- 3rd— Benjamin
- Most improved player—Oliver
- Fabulous Foxes
- 1st—Jered
- 2nd—Seb
- 3rd—Thomas
- Most improved player—Archie
- Marvellous Meerkats
- 1st—Joshua
- 2nd—Makari
- 3rd—Theo
- Most improved player—Emma B



WOW Awards.....



Hendrix was invested into Beavers.



Ben was 'Parents player of the match' at football.



Edward was 'Managers player' at football.



Jacob got a trophy & medal at football.



Riley won a trophy for most skill points of the season.



Ben & Josh both got trophies at the end of term award ceremony.



John won 2 trophies at football.

Finley received an award at football.





What another great half term of house points!

The teams have worked exceptionally hard to earn points this term and it has been a close battle throughout!. Every week, the winning team has enjoyed an extra 10 minutes of playtime and as always the overall winner has had the opportunity to wear their own clothes this week as part of their reward.

A HUGE congratulations to our winners this half term!

Congratulations to **Slytherin**

Final scores:

Slytherin — 2106

Gryffindor — 1858

Hufflepuff — 1788

Ravenclaw — 1771

Congratulations!



Who will be the non-uniform winners next half term? Let's work hard and earn those points everyone!

Well done for all of your hard work this half term!

Prize draw for the individual winners from each Key Stage as picked by the Head Boy and Head Girl:

EYFS—Franklin, George B, Issy

KS1—Max, Henry, Harley

KS2—Alfie, Georgia, Heidi

These lucky children have won a free family swimming pass to

Biddulph Leisure Centre!

Thank you so much for the donations of the tickets!





Children First Learning Partnership

Autumn Update 2021



Our multi academy trust has been busy this term helping our schools to keep all 1323 children and 190 staff safe, happy and well supported.

This term we have:

Given back to all of its schools over £210,520 to spend on items such as IT, their buildings, staff training or other capacity adding projects.

Provided headship capacity to Knipersley First School and Castlechurch Primary to make sure both schools continue to develop and grow.

Provided a wide range of training and coaching to our leaders and governors.

Completed a full financial audit with flying colours- well done to our Chief Finance Officer Mr Howard and his office teams!

Supported many staff in all of our schools to work together, moderating, attending network meetings, supporting or just simply providing advice, opinions and supportive messages- this is an absolute strength of our MAT. *"Leadership and training opportunities provided by the MAT have enabled me to share good practice, enter in to professional discussions and learn from other knowledgeable practitioners. As a result, I feel I have developed as a leader and in turn teaching & learning practice has too."* Amy Walker (maths and science leader).

Submitted 4 substantial CIF bids (2 for Castlechurch, 1 for Kingsfield and 1 for Oxhey) for further heating, roofing and electrical work totalling over £2.5 million pounds!

Provided a £25,000 CFLP capacity improvement bid to Oxhey- this allowed the school to improve the capacity of its ICT infra structure in order to be able to provide a high quality computing curriculum.

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Provided a well being package for all staff.

We hope you find this information useful in getting to know how our multi academy trust works. If you would like to find out more please visit www.childrenfirstlp.org.uk. If you feel you would like to join our director team please email ceo@childrenfirstlp.org.uk.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas we look forward to working with you all in the new year.

Mrs A Rourke CEO of the Children First Learning Partnership.

YOUNG VOICES 2022 - POSTPONED

Unfortunately, Young voices have taken the difficult decision to postpone the YV concert until spring/summer 2022. Please see their statement below. We will keep you informed as soon as we receive further information regarding a new date.



ANNOUNCEMENT

We understand that during the rising tension around the Omicron variant and the outlook for January that there are questions being raised regarding YV 2022 concerts.

As always, our priority here at Young Voices is the health, both physical and mental, of our children, teachers and the families who attend our concerts. It is therefore our decision to postpone all of our concerts to Spring/Summer 2022. We tried so hard to give this every opportunity to go ahead but we had to make this decision in the end and as a result we would also like to apologise for not being able to make the call any sooner.

We are currently working hard alongside our venues to make sure all of our original dates can be accommodated within this new time frame and we will be announcing new dates as soon as we have them. All ticket orders will be transferable to the new concert series.

Until then we wish you a safe and healthy Christmas break and please know that the Young Voices team will be doing everything behind the scenes to make sure this is worth all of the wait!

youngvoices.co.uk



St Lawrence's Church Biddulph

THE
HOPE
OF CHRISTMAS

the good
birth to her
firstborn son
and wrapped him
in swaddling cloths
and laid him in a man-
ger because there was
no place for him.
And in the same region
there were shepherds out in
the field, keeping watch over
their flock by night. And an angel
of the Lord appeared to them, and
the glory of the Lord shone around
them, and they were filled with great
fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not,
for behold, I bring you good news of great
joy that will be for all the people. For unto you
is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who
is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you:
you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and
lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the an-
gel a multitude of the heavenly host
praising (Luke 2)

Christmas 2021 "We Welcome You!"

Sunday December 12th
Join Us for Family Carols
Zurich Avenue/ Geneva Way
area
at 7pm.

Friday December 17th
Join Us for Carol singing
outside the Roaring Meg Pub
at 7.30pm.

Bring your lanterns and
torches ...we would love to
meet with you ..
everyone welcome



If you would like someone to pray for a situation,
illness, relationship or something in your life or
family, or if you would like to know more about
God's love, please find one of us wearing a
reflective arm band

St. Lawrence's Parish Church, Biddulph

Christmas 2021

Sun. 19th Dec.

10:30am
Carol Service with Holy Communion

6:30pm
Service of Lessons & Carols
Admission by free ticket only.
www.biddulph-carol-service.eventbrite.com



Wed. 22nd Dec. 10am Midweek Service

www.biddulphchurch.org.uk
Congleton Road, Biddulph ST8 7RG

Christmas Eve

4:00pm
All-age Christmas Service
Come as a favourite nativity character
Admission by free ticket only.

www.biddulph-all-age-christmas-service.eventbrite.com

11:00pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10:30am
Christmas Day Service

