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Occold Primary School News

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End of Term

You may have noticed a few new faces that have joined our team at Occold School. Mrs Chittock is our new teaching assistant supporting Rabbit Class and Mrs Anderson started this week working mostly in Otter class. The children are already enjoying working with them both and getting to know them.

Dates for your diary...

Now that we have received the updated Covid 19 guidance for Suffolk schools we can confirm that we won't be able to do a traditional Christmas performance with an audience. However, we really don't want the children to miss out. So we are still doing a nativity which we will film and send to you so that you can still see your children in costumes performing. Rabbit class are our fabulous actors and actresses with Hedgehog class narrating the story. The key stage 2 children will be the choir.

In addition to this the children are creating a magical light trail around the field (similar to last year's Winter Lights that some of you may remember) based on the 12 Days of Christmas.

We would love for you to join us on the 13th December to follow the lights around the field to view the decorated trees. Please come any time between 4:00 and 5:30pm. To ensure that we are following Covid 19 guidance and staying as safe as possible please wear a mask and avoid gathering in crowds. When you arrive at the field you will be given a booklet, you can then move around the field at your own pace to view all 12 trees. There will be lights and lanterns to guide the way but please bring a torch if you have one.

The children will be having a Christmas dinner in the hall on the 14th December.

Thursday 16th December is the last day of term. There will be an end of term assembly at 1:30 on Zoom (the link will be emailed to you) you can then collect your children as soon as assembly finishes and begin the Christmas holidays!

Mrs Watts

Notice Board

- Children return to school on Wednesday 5th January for the Spring term. Staff will be in on Tuesday 4th for a training day.
- Reception and year 2 children will be doing Forest school on Friday mornings after the Christmas holidays. They need to come to school in suitable (weather dependant) outdoor clothes on Fridays and bring their school uniforms to change into afterwards. Ensure that you have coats and wellies.
- Year 1, 3 and 5 will be swimming on Friday mornings after the Christmas holidays. Children need to come to school with their swimwear underneath their uniform. Girls should have a one piece swimming costume and boys need fitted swim trunks (no loose shorts please). All swimmers must have a swimming hat.

A little reminder....

We have noticed that several children have been arriving at school slightly late in the mornings. Registration begins at 8:50, children will be marked late if they are not in class for registration. You can arrive at school from 8:40.