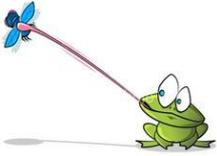


OLD HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



THE FRIDAY FLYER



WEEK IN BRIEF

Monday 4th December

Christmas Tree Arrives ~ lights & tinsel time!
10.30am Prospective Early Years Parents Tour
with Mrs Mitchelson
3.15-4.15pm Colouring Club ~ Mr Clohosy
3.15-4.15pm Sewing Club ~ Mrs Russell
3.15-4.15pm Film Club ~ Mrs Careford

Tuesday 5th December

FOREST SCHOOL Group 2 for Y2 in the morning
and Y4 in the afternoon.

Wednesday 6th December

Non Uniform Day for the OHSA

You should have received information about the
items to bring as a donation.

Whole School Flu Vaccination Day

Thursday 7th November

From 3pm Mrs Ford and Early Years would like to
invite their parents to a 'Learning Journey
Afternoon'. As soon as the main gates open
please come through into the classroom.
3.15-4.15pm Lego Club ~ Mrs Rudd
3.15-4.15pm Chess Club ~ Mr Wheeler
3.15-4.30pm Netball Club ~ Mrs Mitchelson

Friday 8th December

Christmas Tree Decorations to arrive this
morning for the competition and to dress the tree.
Please bring them to the hall and find the table
labelled for your class!
There is no 'Stay & Play' for Early Years today.

OHSA CHRISTMAS FAYRE AFTER SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER

Please come into the School Hall for a browse, a cake or
two, a little tombola dip, plus Raffle and badge making, Ping
Pong Gold, face painting for the children and lots more
squeezed into the Hall!!! Please keep an eye open for no-
tices from the OHSA!

Friday 1st December 2017

CLUBS

KS2 Clubs for the week beginning
Monday 4th December are the last ones
for this term.

KS1 Clubs had their last session last
week as Miss Boyce, Mrs Langford and
Mrs Ford will be using the time after
school this week for any last minute
preparations for costumes and props for
'Not Now Nativity'.

Details regarding next terms clubs will be
out before the end of term for next term.

Keyboard Lessons

If your child currently takes keyboard
lessons with Theresa please can you
confirm with the School Office that your
child will be continuing next term. If your
child would like to have the opportunity to
take keyboard lessons please contact the
School Office to check about costs &
book a place.

REMINDERS

Children walking to school on their own or
being dropped off independently should
not be arriving at school before 8.45am as
the school gates are not open so there is
no access to the playground and no staff
on duty.



**'WRAP A PRESENT' INFO
COMING OUT ON
MONDAY!**

MOBILE PHONES, IPADS, TABLETS & ALL THINGS SOCIAL MEDIA

We have experienced a string of incidents over the last term regarding use of mobile technology with all of it occurring outside of school hours. When children come into school upset or concerned about messages, photos, group chats or games that have been sent to them, or the way a game is being played on line between 'friends', it does make it incredibly difficult to deal with the problem for the child or children because the activity has taken place outside of school time, however, it is having an impact on children's school day and their learning and therefore the school has a duty of care.

The only advice we can give parents is that

- You regularly check your child's technology and engage with them in conversation about who they are contacting, playing with, messaging etc.
- You ensure your child is only using apps/games appropriate to their age. There are guidelines please read up and check.
- Parental controls are switched 'on' on their phones.
- Check how your children are using photos. Check that they realise what happens if they put a photo up for a 'friend' to see. Ensure they understand not to distribute even in 'jest' photos of other friends/people they know.
- Remind children that once a comment, photo, message has been sent it cannot be 'unsent'. They can be screen shot by someone else, if the police get involved then even 'deleted' data can be retrieved.
- If you are concerned about how your child and a friend/group of friends are communicating or an incident has happened in real time/place due to social media etc and your child is feeling threatened/afraid/scared/ by what is being sent/posted then you as the parent need to take action by either talking to the parent of the other child/children concerned or with serious incidences contact the police. We can reassure children in school and talk to them about the situation but we are not in a position to deal with the incident directly.

Giving a child a mobile device and connecting them with the internet is like inviting an entire world of strangers into your child's life please ensure that as a parent you are guiding, giving boundaries and supporting just as you would if they were down the park, walking to a friend's house or popping to the shops for you.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> <http://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>



'Christmas Tree Decoration' Competition



Yes indeed, it is that time of year! Break open the seal on the glitter jars, unstick the glue pots, dust off the paint brushes and get creative!

The big school 'Christmas Tree' will be arriving in school on Monday 4th December when Mr Switzer & Mrs M will arrange the lights. The 'dressing of the tree' will take place on Friday 8th December, ready for the OHS&A Christmas Fayre. All entries will need to arrive on 8th December.

Your decoration can be as sparkly as you can make it! We've had popcorn garlands, jingle bells, flying angels of all sizes, fluffy snowmen, stick reindeer and everything 'Christmassy' in between!

If you would like to take part just create your decoration at home and bring it to the School Hall on the morning of Friday 8th December. Please remember to clearly name your entry! There will a prize for the best in each year group.



HAPPY STICKING!

