

We are getting festive here at Oakmeadow! Everyone is looking forward to the Whole School trip to The Panto next Friday 13th to see Aladdin and also our Christmas performances which start next week - as well as the rest of our Christmas celebrations to come!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Oakmeadow!



## End of Term Open Afternoon:

Over the year we like to give informal opportunities for you to come in and see your child's work.

If you'd like to take a look at your child's books you are welcome to come and look or collect your child at **1.30pm** on the last day of term

Friday 20th December. The gates will be open and your child will be able to be collected at 1.30pm (please note the gate will be **open for 45 minutes** and close at 2.15pm – all children can be collected from the class doors until this time. **No children will be brought to reception for collection.**

Children cannot be collected after 2.15pm until the end of the school day, this ensures we do not have **constant interruptions to the afternoon**. Thank you for supporting this. Your child can also be collected at normal school times if you do not wish this.

Please use the attached link to inform School of your home time arrangements

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2s8TOK9SpUy44yMVeXcKum04SPITM4xMliJmE7UsnBdUMIRGUIRZV0hRSko3VjgyU0xCRDE2WE9QTS4U>

A massive **THANK YOU** to:-

### Shrewsbury Cycles

Who serviced and fixed our EYFS bikes completely free of charge!

You can find them on [www.shrewsburycycles.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburycycles.co.uk) and on Facebook @shrewsburycycles



## Fireworks 2019

We are delighted to announce this years fireworks total! Special thanks goes to Sally Page for her hard work, and brilliant organisation of the event.

Thank you to everyone including teachers, support staff, office staff & Site Manager who helped before, during and after the event.

Special thanks to Rachel Barber and Ceri Anne Bennett for volunteering and using their workplace match funding scheme to support us.

And thank you to everyone who came through the school gates to support our event helping us raise funds for our school.

Friends of Oakmeadow

**Together we raised £7080.16\***  
**Thank you so much!**



  
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**\*£2000 was matched funding from Barclays Bank**



<b>December 2019</b>	
Friday 6th	Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas Performance PM
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Performance PM
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas Performance AM KS1 Christmas Performance PM
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Reception to Year 6 Pantomime Trip (Aladdin)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas Performance PM
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Performance AM Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance @ Christ Church PM
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance @ Christ Church PM PTA Christmas Disco
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for Christmas!
<b>January 2020</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School
Monday 13th	KS1 Family Lunch—Details to follow
Thursday 16th	Young Voices Concert—Genting Arena
<b>February 2020</b>	
Friday 14th	Break up for Half Term

## **Letters out this month**

Santas Grotto 2019

Christmas Disco December 2019

RSE Changes Focus Group Invite

Christmas Dinner 2019

EYFS Christmas Performance

KS1 Christmas Performance

KS2 Christmas Performance

Nursery Christmas Party

**Copies of our letters are available on the school website & Blog.**



Thank you for all your donations for the Shoebox Appeal, we were very fortunate to be able to send all of these donations to Christchurch and they were overwhelmed with the response!

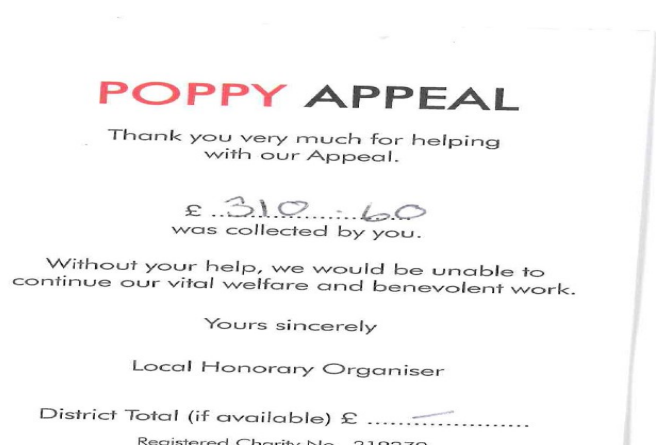
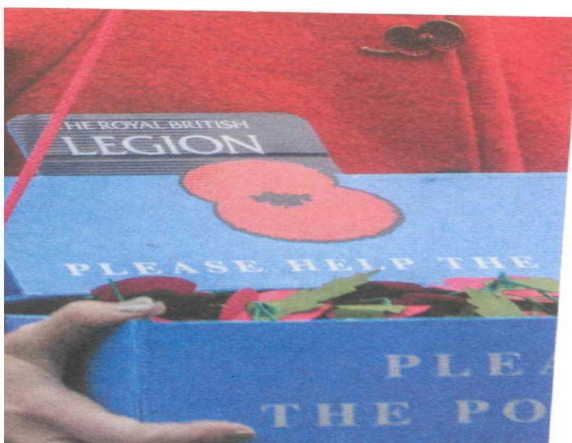
### Christmas Raffle

Remember to purchase your Christmas Raffle tickets. £1 per ticket or £5 for the book. We have some fantastic prizes to win including £100 cash!



### Poppy Appeal

We raised an amazing £310.60 for the poppy appeal selling the poppy merchandise. A big thank you to year 5 and 6 with their help in selling these.



The Parenting Team are trialling a **'Sleep Tight' workshop**

*This 5 week workshop aims to support parents and carers to make positive changes to their child's sleep patterns. Life can be difficult when children have sleep issues. Our aim is to support families to get a better night's sleep by using a behavioural approach to sleep and work in partnership with families, as we know that they are the expert on their children.*

*Workshops provide parents and carers with the opportunity to meet other families in similar situations and to gain tips on how to support a better night's sleep for them and their child.*

Up to date information can also be found on the Family Information Service Directory.

### Scarfs

Mrs Pountney (Mrs Whelan's mother!) is knitting again to raise money for the Linden Foundation.

Scarfs are available for £7.50 and all money made will go to the charity. Please let Mrs Whelan know if you'd like to order:



### School Absence and Appointments

Please can we remind parents that when their child is going to be absent from school, a parent or carer needs to call the school absence line **each day their child will not be in**. This is in line with Safeguarding and the Child Missing in Education policy.

Also we understand that not all medical and dental appointments can be made outside of school hours but please can we ask that such appointments are booked after school time wherever possible.

If an appointment will be during the school day, we do require a copy of the appointment card/letter prior to the appointment date.

Thank you for your support with this.

# Understanding Your Child

*Coming soon...*

**Wednesday evenings 6pm to 8pm**

**10-week course**

**From 06/11/19 until 22/01/20**



**Would you like to join us?**

*Please ask for Miss Oliver, Mrs Severn or your child's class teacher for more details or pick up a leaflet at our reception desk.*







## Oakmeadow C of E Primary and Nursery School

### Online Chatting/Cyberbullying

#### What is your child saying online?

Children can communicate online through lots of different apps, social media and games (WhatsApp, Instagram, FIFA, Fortnite for example) so it's important to talk to your child about how they behave and communicate online. It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect, like they would if they were face-to-face. This is a useful article including tips on how to help your child be kind to others online:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/safer-internet-day-2019-how-to-help-your-child-be-kind-to-others-online>

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages (or sees something that worries them) then they should not reply or engage in conversation with the person who sent them the message but they should instead tell an adult that they trust.

#### Are you guilty of Sharenting?

Sharenting' is when we post too much information about our children online, such as photos, funny moments or key milestones. This useful article discusses the top six things parents should be thinking about before they post, such as what information you include when you upload photographs (child's school, age or location). We tell our children to think before they post but maybe as parents, we need to too. Read the article here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/CDT1p7qHZxrGLsw1xh7Pg/sharenting-six-things-parents-should-think-about-before-hitting-post-on-social-media>

#### PlayStation Now

PlayStation Now is a game subscription service (charged monthly) that gives the subscriber access to more than 700 games either by streaming instantly to their PS4/ Windows PC or downloading direct to their PS4 console.

PlayStation Now is only available to account holders **who are aged 18 and over**. Once set up, Child account holders can then access age-appropriate content (using the Family Manager's Primary PS4 system). It is important that appropriate parental controls are set up as some of the games included within the subscription may not be age appropriate for your child, for example, Grand Theft Auto V has a PEGI rating of 18. More information about setting up family accounts is available here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/explore/playstation-network/family-accounts/>



## Age ratings

The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) has launched new digital age rating symbols designed for digital streaming platforms such as Netflix. More and more children are choosing what they watch, so talk to your child about the different ratings so they can make the right decision about what to watch.

More information available here: <https://bbfc.co.uk/about-bbfc/media-centre/don't-call-us-boring-'generation-conscious'-want-make-better-decisions-ever>

## FIFA 20



FIFA 20 was released in September and with Christmas nearly here, we are sure it'll be on somebody's Christmas list! FIFA 20 has a PEGI rating of 3 which means PEGI rate the game as suitable for all ages. **HOWEVER**, the PEGI rating does not take into consideration the risk of in game chat and you should be also be aware of in game purchases.

### In-game purchases

Players can buy FIFA Points to purchase packs (additional players). In game purchases can range from £0 to £71.99. As with any game that allows in-game/app purchases, ensure you have set up passwords and/or limits on any payment details stored. There have been reports of children spending a lot of money using their parent's payment details.

### Chat

You should be aware that your child can chat to other players (with a headset) whilst playing this game and may be exposed to language or content that is unsuitable for them.

Play the game with your child, observe them whilst they are playing so you can monitor the sort of chat that they are listening to/ contributing to. As always, show your child how to mute any abusive players and report any inappropriate behaviour and ensure that they know that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.



## What is Stadia?

Google has launched a new platform called Stadia, it is a game streaming service, which means you can play video games on devices that you may already own such as a smart TV or PC using Chrome. Stadia works with existing game controllers/keyboards but they have also launched a new controller specific to Stadia. A Stadia Pro subscription costs £8.99 a month. You need to be aware that some of the games may not be age appropriate for your child; for example, Assassin's Creed Odyssey has a PEGI rating of 18 so it is important that you set up appropriate controls to ensure your child is accessing age appropriate content. As parents, you have access to additional controls and privacy settings that allows you to set which games your child can play and who they can play with. More information is available here: [https://support.google.com/stadia/answer/9575790?hl=en&ref\\_topic=9495322](https://support.google.com/stadia/answer/9575790?hl=en&ref_topic=9495322)

# Kids CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

At The  
Shrewsbury Sports Village  
Sundorne Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 4RQ

10-1pm

Lego

Arts & Crafts

Santa's Grotto

Inflatable fun

Rock Climbing

Lunch

Toddler Corner

Will

& much more!

£8

Per child  
Adults go free

Call 0345 000 7002 to book your child's place now!



**Christmas Trees For Sale**  
**at Berriewood Farm**  
**Open daily 9.30am—4.00pm**  
**From Friday 29 November**

# **CHRISTMAS TREE PRICES**

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>SIZE</b>	<b>TAG</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
<b>NORDMAN FIR</b>	<b>4ft - 5ft</b>	<b>PINK</b>	<b>£30</b>
<b>NORDMAN FIR</b>	<b>5ft - 6ft</b>	<b>YELLOW</b>	<b>£35</b>
<b>NORDMAN FIR</b>	<b>6ft - 7ft</b>	<b>RED/WHITE</b>	<b>£39</b>
<b>NORDMAN FIR</b>	<b>7ft - 8ft</b>	<b>PINK/WHITE</b>	<b>£46</b>
<b>FRASER FIR</b>	<b>5ft - 6ft</b>	<b>BLUE</b>	<b>£39</b>
<b>NORWAY SPRUCE</b>	<b>6ft - 7ft</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>£35</b>
<b>POT GROWN</b>			<b>£30</b>



# Jigsaw Choir Concert

Saturday 7th December  
7.30pm

*at Barnabas Church Centre*  
*Longden Coleham SY3 7DN*

An evening of Christmas music performed by the Jigsaw Choir, all proceeds to Food Bank Plus. This is a ticketed event and the cost includes a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine.

**Prebooked tickets £5**

Please contact the BCP office  
Email: [360shrewsbury@gmail.com](mailto:360shrewsbury@gmail.com)  
Call: 07421745857

**Tickets on the door: £6**



**food bank PLUS**




# SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP



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## PRICE GUIDE

<u>Official School Logo Items</u>			<u>Plain School Uniform Items</u>	
Coats	£5		£1	Lilac Summer Dresses
Jumpers / Cardigans	£3		£1	Daps / Shoes
T-Shirts/PE (House) T-Shirts	£1		50p	Skirts/Pinafores/Shorts /
Book Bag /Rucksacks/PE Bags	£1		50p	Trousers
Baseball Caps	£1		20p	P.E. Shorts /Leggings/T-Shirts
				Hair Scrunches' /Socks/Tights

## Located Opposite The Main Meeting Room

**This Service Is Run Entirely By Volunteers  
& All Donations Go To Oakmeadow PTA**

**PLEASE HELP To Keep This Service Available By**



1. Donating good clean uniform (in the box provided)
2. Paying for purchases at Reception
3. Keeping the cupboard tidy

## Thanks For Your Support!

If you have any spare children's clothes hangers donations would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off at the main school reception. Thank you



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## **NEW TODDLER GROUP**

Opening Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
for parents and carers to come with their  
children.

**birth – pre school**

Craft, refreshments, singing, story time, and free  
play.

Our aim is to give parents / carers the opportunity to  
spend time with their children exploring a Christian  
theme through different activities

If you'd like to come along, there's no need to book, just  
turn up!

Cost is £1 per child - £1.50 family

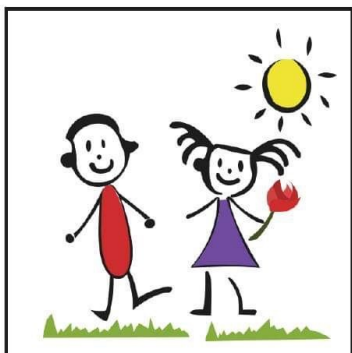
If you'd like more information,

please contact Jeanette on

[cfworker@baystonhillchurch.org](mailto:cfworker@baystonhillchurch.org)

or telephone the Church Office on [01743 872088](tel:01743872088)





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