# King's Oak Academy: Lower School Newsletter

Work Hard Be Kind

2 December 2022





Dear King's Oak Academy Lower School parents/carers,

We are very fortunate to have had an exciting term of joy-filled learning, enrichment and sporting opportunities already!

Kind regards,

Miss Cerepanova

## **Christmas Jumper/Cultural Dress Day**

Christmas Jumper Day is a time for the community at King's Oak Academy to celebrate Christmas. Some of our students within our academy will not celebrate the festive season, so we want to give all students the opportunity to celebrate their culture in an inclusive manner.

On 8 December, children across the all-through are invited to wear either a Christmas Jumper, or their own cultural dress for the day.

To support the event in as inclusive way as possible, you can choose whether your child will donate £1.00 towards Save The Children, or donate an item (e.g., non-perishable food, or toiletries) that will go into care packages for families within the King's Oak Academy community and food banks within the local area.

Important Upcoming Dates		
Date	Event	Time
Monday 5 December	Christmas card post box open in school	
Wednesday 7 December	Lower School Concert/Nativity	Nativity: 8.45am entry from the main foyer; 9.15am start Year 3 & 4 Carols: 2.30pm start
Thursday 8 December	Christmas Jumper/Cultural Dress Day	
Friday 9 December	Lower School Concert/Nativity	Nativity: 8.45am entry from the main foyer; 9.15am start Year 3 & 4 Carols: 2.30pm start
Monday 12 December	Christmas Disco Rec – Y8	YR,1&2: 4pm-4.4pm in the canteen Y3,4,5&6: 5pm-5.45pm in the canteen Y7&8: 6pm-7pm in the canteen
Monday 12 December	Lower School Concert/Nativity	Nativity: 9.15am start
Wednesday 14 December	Christmas Lunch	11.30am-12.30pm
Friday 16 December	End of Term	12:30 – 12:40 Lower School gates open for children to go home
Wednesday 4 January	First Day for Term 3	



#### **Book Raffle**

Thank you for continuing to prioritise daily reading as part of our home learning package.

As you know, we were really fortunate to receive a new set of picture books, chapter books and non-fiction books for our pupils to enjoy in school and perhaps even take home as part of our Reading Raffle celebration. Here are some of our latest lucky winners from across the school:







# **End of Term Arrangements**

To help parents and carers make appropriate arrangements for the final day of term on Friday 16 December 2022, please see below for confirmation of the timings for this shortened school day.

#### Lower School:

08:30-11:30 Lessons and breaktime will take place as normal. End of term celebration activities organised from mid-morning until the end of the school day.

11:30 - 12:30 Lunchtime

12:30 – 12:40 Gates open for children to go home

# **Teddy Bears After School Care on 16 December:**

Cathryn and the Teddy Bears team are offering afterschool childcare, on site at King's Oak Academy on the final day of term from 12:30 till 3:30pm. Please call 07760 237 663 or email <a href="teddybearschildcare@virginmedia.com">teddybearschildcare@virginmedia.com</a> if you would like to book this wrap around childcare for this day.

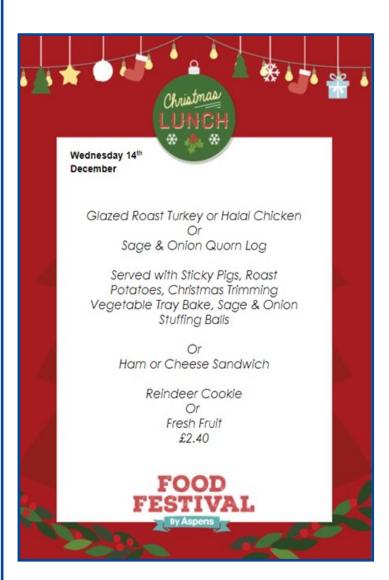
## **Christmas Lunch**

Children will be sitting in year groups in the Lower School Hall, served by their Class Teachers and Senior Leaders alongside our SMSAs.

Children will have an opportunity to make festive hats in their classes in preparation for this event

If your child would prefer not to have Roast Turkey, please complete the form below.

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### **Christmas Disco**

Thank you for supporting the upcoming Lower and Middle School Disco's! We are really looking forward to seeing all of your children enjoy a brilliant evening that has been organised kindly by the Friends of King's Oak. The funds raised from this specific event are going towards buying a new minibus so that we can take your child on more trips and activities; something that we haven't been able to do as often as we would like in previous years. To help raise awareness of how this project will directly support your child in the Lower/Middle School, please see below for some of the activities we are hoping to be able to use the minibus for:

- Visit local museums and landmarks;
- Explore nature and wildlife locations e.g.
   Grimsby Farm;
- Participate in rewards activities e.g. AirHop;

- Hooke Court/school residentials if additional transport is needed at the location (post coach drop off);
- Local sports fixtures with neighbouring Primary and Secondary Schools;
- Swimming lessons at Soundwell Leisure Centre where coach travel is not available;
- Family homes to help children get in to school if something has happened and the family are struggling to get their child to school;
- Connect with businesses and establishments withing the local community e.g. local residential homes, libraries;

Enable pupil voice groups such as the Student Council and the Eco Committee to go on relevant visits and deliver various academy initiatives



#### **Avon and Somerset Constabulary Visit**

Reception was lucky to have a Show and Tell by two PCSOs from Avon and Somerset Constabulary on Thursday! The children enjoyed a Q&A followed by a Show and Tell where the children (and staff) enjoyed learning and trying on handcuffs and vests.









# **Erin's Community Litter Pick**

Erin in Willow class has showed pride and dedication to the local community with an incredible litter pick on her way to and from school. Erin's parents shared 'we are very proud of her dedication and enthusiasm!' Erin has collected an incredible 31 bags of litter since the beginning of the academic year, contributing to a cleaner environment for the benefit of humans and animals alike. Well done, Erin.





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