

# Key dates for your diary for 2019

(New dates in bold)

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| Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov  | Sixth Form Art Options to Tate Modern                       |
| Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov  | Singing and Signing Choir to Raglan Schools                 |
| Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov    | Blue class to Winter Wonderland                             |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | Student Voice visiting HSBC                                 |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov   | Green class to Natural History Museum                       |
| Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov    | All Sixth Form to Southgate for Lunch                       |
| Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov  | Our Voice SEND conference 'Meet the SEND Heads'             |
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec     | Green Class th the Van hage garden Centre                   |
| Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec     | FoOS Coffee Morning                                         |
| Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | <b>6E to Phoenix Theatre to see 'Snowman'</b>               |
| Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec   | FoOS after school Movie Evening                             |
| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec     | <b>Purple Class to Gamberini's Cafe</b>                     |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | Yellow Class to Covent Garden                               |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Christmas Concert                                           |
| Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec    | <b>Christmas Party at West Lea (see inside for details)</b> |
| Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Last day of term                                            |
| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan     | Start of Spring Term                                        |
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb     | Morning- INSET: Afternoon- Parent Consultations             |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | Half Term                                                   |
| Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr     | Last day of Spring Term                                     |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr    | Start of Summer Term                                        |

**More term dates can be found on the school Website.**

## Friends of Oaktree School

School calendars are now available to order from the office. The students are very proud of their finished art work, they look great and they will make great Christmas presents for family and friends. You can either send your money in with your child or pop in and get one from the office.

Letters will be going out shortly for the FoOS After School Movie Evening which is on the 5th December. We always have a great turn out and the students really enjoy it so places will need to be booked.

As always, thank you for your support and we look forward to catching up with some of you at the next coffee morning.

**Res and Alex**



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## School Calendars for Sale

Available at school office

£6 each or 2 for £10

Art work created by students



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### **Expansion at Oaktree**

You will probably all know that there are so many young people needing places in special schools that Enfield is having to spend a fortune schooling them out of borough. To try to decrease this number, all special schools in Enfield have been asked to consider expanding.

A feasibility study for an expansion of 4 additional classes at Oaktree has been approved over 2 phases and plans for where we would put an extra 4 classes are currently being considered.

The school Governors agreed to support the expansion request on the understanding that a bigger school did not change the lovely nature of the current school in terms of routines and procedures or the type of complex needs of our students we are skilled in providing for. It was also agreed that the additional income the school will receive on expansion should be used to make our school even better.

These things always take a long time from start to finish and I will keep you informed of progress in the months and years ahead.

### **Parent Governor vacancy**

I attach with the newsletter information about a vacancy on the school's Governing Body for a Parent Governor. The role of the Governors is to monitor and oversee the management, development and success of our school.

We meet each half term for a couple of hours to discuss matters such as staffing, budgets, premises, school development, health and safety, attendance and a variety of other matters. Having a strong parent voice in these discussions is extremely important as we are all here for you and your children.

I would be happy to discuss the role more with you if you have an interest in standing - Just give the school a call.

### **Absence reminder**

If your child is not able to come to school, please don't pass a message on through the Bus escort, please ring Ruth in the office to explain the reasons. Ruth needs to understand this because different absences have different codes put into the register. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **Head lice time of year.**

With the weather turning colder and the central heating coming on out pop the Headlice at this time of year. We have had a few cases reported in school so please check your child's hair for eggs regularly and treat immediately if you find any.

### **Mental Health and Positive Wellbeing in our school**

In recent years it has been increasingly recognised that how we are feeling has a major impact on our daily lives. Unless managed carefully, the stresses and pressures of everyday living can leave us feeling anxious, down, depressed and at worst, unable to cope.

Managed well, these same pressures can make us feel confident, successful, and ready for the next challenge.

This year at Oaktree, we want to raise the profile of mental health and positive well-being for our students, parents and carers and staff alike.

To do this we are aiming to gain the 'Wellbeing Award for Schools' that ensures the wellbeing of all is at the heart of all we do.

Included with the newsletter is a parent/carer survey on Positive Wellbeing which we hope you will complete and return to school. Staff and students will be given a similar survey to complete. The outcomes of the survey will let us know what we are doing well and what we need to do better. Thank you for your support in this important area.

### **Christmas Party 7.30-10.30 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

If your child is 16 or older they are very welcome to join students from other special schools at West Lea for a fun filled Christmas Party. Tickets cost £10 for music, games, food and drink. Contact Loraine at school if you would like to buy a ticket.

### **Football Tournament winners – again!**

Having won the Panathlon Cup back in 2017 and the Riverside Cup in 2017, and 2018, our football team continued its winning way by coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Panathlon Cup Under 16s and 1<sup>st</sup> in the U12 tournament. The team played with great spirit and a great sporting attitude. Well done everyone!

### **"WE SCARE HUNGER"**

As part of the Sixth Form 'WE Schools' (giving young people a voice for change) we are collecting food stuffs to give out to local homeless people over Christmas. See leaflet for more information

### **Children in Need 2019**

At the end of a fun filled day last week we raised £165 for Children in Need. Thank you all for your contribution.

Richard Yarwood