



# NEWSLETTER

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## UP COMING DATES

11<sup>th</sup> Dec International Christmas Assembly 3J + 4/5B  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec International Christmas Assembly 6P  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec (pm) – Choir singing at St. Cuthbert's Christmas Celebration  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner + Christmas Jumper Day  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec International Christmas Assembly 3/4P + 5/6B  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec (pm) – UFS and KS1 Christmas Parties  
21<sup>st</sup> Dec (pm) – KS2 Christmas Parties  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Spring Term starts  
**Key Dates for 2018-19**  
Year 2 SATS May 2019  
Year 6 SATS w/b 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Year 1 Phonics w/b 10<sup>th</sup> June 19

## INSET days

Remaining INSET days for the academic year 2018 – 19 are as follows: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.  
School holidays can be found on the Wakefield Council website or a paper copy is available from the school office.

**Twitter** Please follow your child's class Twitter and our school Twitter to keep up to date with all the wonderful learning that takes place each week. You can also access twitter from the school website. @OPA\_BL. Your positive comments on Twitter are always welcomed.



## Staffing

Miss Hyett will be leaving at the end of this term to take up a position in a new academy. From January, Class 2H will be taught by Mrs Groves every morning and a temporary teacher, Miss Readshaw, in the afternoons. We wish Miss Hyett all the best in her new job.

## Watches

Whilst we encourage the children to wear a watch, please note that watches that connect to the internet are not allowed in the academy.

## Break time snacks

The academy encourages children in Y1 – Y6 to bring a snack of fresh or dried fruit for morning break. Please note that no other snacks are allowed.

## Fundraising

The Halloween disco raised a huge £500 for school funds. A fantastic £336.60 was raised for Children in Need on our non-uniform day - thank you for all your kind donations. Thank you to everybody who contributed to the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year. Your generosity meant 54 boxes were sent to children in Moldova.

## Pumpkin Competition

Winners of our pumpkin carving competition were as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> prize Rebecca Fletcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize The Goldthorpe Family and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize The Walker family. Well done to everyone who entered, the designs were amazing and it was a very tough decision!



This half term has definitely been a busy one! From anti-bullying week and road safety week to the Harvest Festival and Remembrance Day. Topic lessons have been centred around the driver, 'Create'. We celebrated OPA Arts Week 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> November and the academy was full of wonderful art lessons and projects!



As an academy, we choose respect every day (both in and out of school!)  
<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

**WISHING YOU ALL A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
From Everyone at Outwood Academy  
Bell Lane

