



# NEWSLETTER

12TH NOVEMBER 2021

## Golden Book

Congratulations to our Golden Book Winners who were presented with their certificates during assemblies this morning. This week's theme for Golden Book was "Reciprocity"



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| Reception -  | Denojan and George      |
| Year One -   | Ollie and Emily         |
| Year Two -   | Louis and Lili          |
| Year Three - | Lewis and Jeremi        |
| Year Four -  | Jenny and Shayan        |
| Year Five -  | Oscar, Frankie and Euan |
| Year Six -   | Georgia, Amy and Aryaz  |

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## Odd Socks Day Monday 15th November

In support of anti-bullying week, we will be holding an odd socks day on Monday 15th November.

Children can wear odd socks with their school uniform. These can be worn under or over the trouser hem or over the top of tights.



## Year One and Two Florence Nightingale Workshop

Our Year One and Two children are beginning to start their Knowledge and Understanding topic which is all about Florence Nightingale.

To supplement their learning, they will be taking part in a workshop on the 16<sup>th</sup> November which will take place in school. The workshop will be held by the 'Drama Hut' learning group and they have lots of exciting activities for both classes to take part in.

To cover the cost of the workshop we are asking for a contribution of £5.75 which can be paid for via your ParentPay Account.

Please note that if we do not receive sufficient contributions the workshop may need to be cancelled.



## Year Five and Six Greek Day

On Monday our Year Five and Six children welcomed a historical expert into school and began their learning on Ancient Greece.



## Year Three and Four Visit to Liverpool – 25th November

**O**n Thursday 25th November, Year Three and Year Four children will be visiting Liverpool as part of their Knowledge and understanding of the World learning.

Both classes will be travelling by train to Liverpool Lime Street from Stafford station. The children will begin the day by walking to the Liverpool Life Museum where they will deepen their geographical and historical understanding by taking part in a workshop in how Liverpool became known as the “gateway to the world”.

After lunch, the children will visit the Tate Modern Art Gallery and then end their day by taking a trip on the world famous “Ferry across the Mersey!”.

Contributions of £21.50 are invited towards the cost, payable via your ParentPay account, which if you wish to do so will allow you to pay in instalments. The price includes the cost of the train ticket, the museum workshops and ferry crossing. Insufficient contributions may result in the trip being cancelled.



### OSCA Raffle

**A**s I'm sure you are already aware, we are holding our annual Christmas Fair during the school day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We are planning to hold a raffle on the day as part of the fundraising event and we would like to thank everyone who has kindly donated a prize.

Children have brought home raffle tickets this week, if you would like to purchase tickets could you please return them by Thursday 2nd December. Thank you.



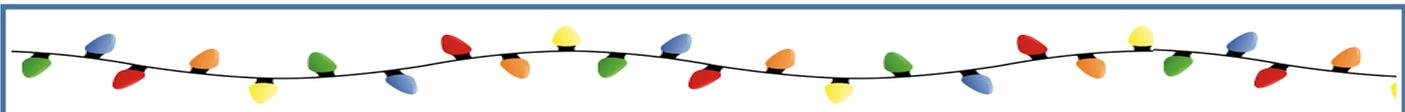
### Children in Need Friday 19th November

**F**riday 19th November is Children in Need day and once again we will be taking part and raising money for charity.

In exchange for a donation of £1, children will be allowed to come to school wearing their pyjamas or loungewear. Donations can be made by following the link below.



<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5166>



## Christmas Celebrations

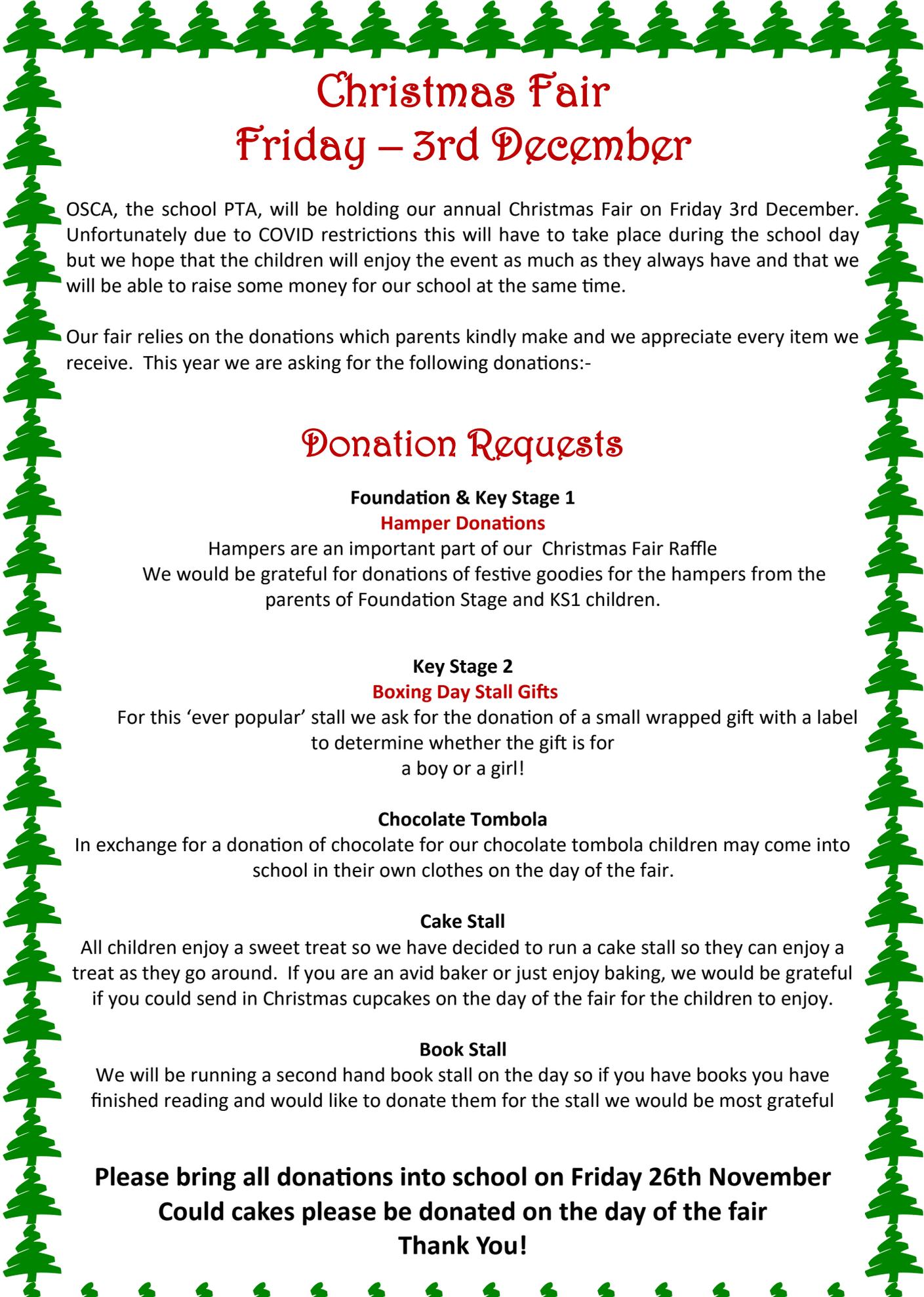
This year we plan, Covid permitting, to celebrate the festive season with our school community. In December we will perform both the Foundation Stage and KS1 nativities in school. Tickets will be restricted to two per child and because of restrictions each class will have a set day for parents to attend.

Unfortunately we are unable to hold the KS2 Carol Concert, however the Year Six children will be performing their own carol concert and readings at St Mary's Church on the afternoon of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm. Parents are able to attend however the church have asked that we limit this event to two tickets per pupil.

Years 3, 4, and 5 will also perform their own Christmas assemblies in school during the last week of term which will ensure that all children have had the opportunity to perform in front of their parents.

We are all really excited and looking forward to celebrating Christmas with you this year. Preparations have already begun and if the current situation continues it will be wonderful to celebrate Christmas with you face to face.

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| • Friday November 26 <sup>th</sup>          | Christmas crafts day                                |
| • Friday December 3 <sup>rd</sup>           | Christmas Fayre (during school day, children only)  |
| • Wednesday December 8 <sup>th</sup>        | FS Nativity (Nursery parents only)                  |
| • Thursday December 9 <sup>th</sup>         | FS Nativity (Reception parents only)                |
| • Friday December 10 <sup>th</sup>          | Sporting Golden Book                                |
| • Friday December 10 <sup>th</sup>          | Christmas Market (during school day, children only) |
| • Tuesday December 14 <sup>th</sup>         | KS1 Nativity (Year 1 parents only)                  |
| • Tuesday December 14 <sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm | Year 6 Carol Concert St Mary's Church               |
| • Wednesday December 15 <sup>th</sup>       | KS1 Nativity (Year 2 Parents only)                  |
| • Wednesday December 15 <sup>th</sup> 2:15m | Year 3 Christmas Assembly                           |
| • Wednesday December 15 <sup>th</sup>       | School Christmas dinner                             |
| • Thursday December 16 <sup>th</sup> 9:15   | Year 4 Christmas Assembly                           |
| • Friday December 17 <sup>th</sup> 9:15     | Year 5 Christmas Assembly                           |



# Christmas Fair

## Friday – 3rd December

OSCA, the school PTA, will be holding our annual Christmas Fair on Friday 3rd December. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions this will have to take place during the school day but we hope that the children will enjoy the event as much as they always have and that we will be able to raise some money for our school at the same time.

Our fair relies on the donations which parents kindly make and we appreciate every item we receive. This year we are asking for the following donations:-

### Donation Requests

#### Foundation & Key Stage 1

##### Hamper Donations

Hampers are an important part of our Christmas Fair Raffle  
We would be grateful for donations of festive goodies for the hampers from the parents of Foundation Stage and KS1 children.

#### Key Stage 2

##### Boxing Day Stall Gifts

For this 'ever popular' stall we ask for the donation of a small wrapped gift with a label to determine whether the gift is for a boy or a girl!

#### Chocolate Tombola

In exchange for a donation of chocolate for our chocolate tombola children may come into school in their own clothes on the day of the fair.

#### Cake Stall

All children enjoy a sweet treat so we have decided to run a cake stall so they can enjoy a treat as they go around. If you are an avid baker or just enjoy baking, we would be grateful if you could send in Christmas cupcakes on the day of the fair for the children to enjoy.

#### Book Stall

We will be running a second hand book stall on the day so if you have books you have finished reading and would like to donate them for the stall we would be most grateful

**Please bring all donations into school on Friday 26th November**

**Could cakes please be donated on the day of the fair**

**Thank You!**



**Oakridge Christmas Fair**  
**Friday 3rd December**

**Events**

**Chocolate Tombola**

**Cake Stall**

**Feed Olaf**

**Reindeer Food Bar**

**Book Stall**

**Lucky Dip**

**Penalty Shoot Out**

**Lucky Jars**

**Boxing Day Stall**

**Presents in the Stocking**

**Guess the baby photo—try and spot your  
teachers and win a prize!**

**Raffle**

**Plus more!**

Please bring donations  
on 26th November

## Christmas Comfort Appeal

Following the previous successes of our shoebox appeals, we have decided this year to support two Stafford based charities—Staffordshire Women’s Aid and a Child of Mine.

Staffordshire Women’s Aid provide support for women and children who have experienced domestic violence, and a Child of Mine support families who have suffered the loss of a child.

Below is some more information and a guide explaining what to donate. All donations need to be new items and we would recommend that they are sent in gift bags if possible.

Could all donations be in school by Wednesday 24th November.

### A Child of Mine

Please provide gifts for a sibling or family member who has suffered the loss of a child and need cheering up this Christmas:-

- A toy or Christmas Gift
- A t-shirt for a teenager
- A book
- Stationery/pens/colouring books
- Toiletries/cosmetics
- Chocolates and sweets
- Christmas decorations
- Jewellery
- Hairbrushes/clips/accessories



### Staffordshire Women’s Aid

Please provide gifts for women and children who have experienced domestic violence and are in refuge accommodation:-

- A mug
- Drinking chocolate/marshmallows
- A toy or Christmas gift
- Toiletries/cosmetics
- Hairbrushes and hair accessories
- Chocolates and Sweets
- A Christmas book for a child
- A small festive gift or decoration



The children will be having an assembly on Monday so that they can get involved. Thank you in advance for supporting to help these charities and let’s try and spread a little Christmas cheer and sparkle.

## Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

**W**e are still looking to appoint a lunchtime supervisor to work Monday to Friday 12:00 to 1.15 pm during term time only.

### **We are looking for someone who:**

Enjoys working as part of a team

Engages enthusiastically with pupils at lunchtime in a positive and caring manner

Enjoys working with children

Good communication skills

Is creative, flexible and has a sense of humour

Experience of supporting children in schools (desirable)

Has an ability to maintain good relationships within the school and the wider community

Manages pupils' behaviour and reports any positive or negative issues to the class teacher

### **Key responsibilities include:**

Supervising and supporting pupils during the lunchtime period

Engaging pupils in play at lunchtime in a positive, caring and enthusiastic manner

Having the ability to work as part of a team

Managing pupils' behaviour

Work as part of a team under the guidance of the Senior Lunchtime Supervisor

You will be required to work Monday to Friday between 12.00 and 1.15pm during term time.

**If you would like any further information about the roles, please contact the school office.**

Completed application forms should be emailed to [recruitment@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk) Only applications on the school's application form will be accepted. CV Applications will not be accepted.

An application form can be collected from the school office or alternatively email [contactus@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@oakridge.staffs.sch.uk) and we will forward an email on to you.

"This school is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment"