

Dear Parents & Carers

As we come to the end of the year I would like to take this opportunity to say a really big thank you to all of you for your continued support for your children and for the school. At Odessa we really value our sense of community and your attendance at special events and school information meetings. Your participation this year has once again been fantastic. I am extremely proud to be the Head teacher of Odessa infant school in such a wonderful and vibrant community.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you back on January 7th.

Clare Barber

Head Teacher



Monday 6th January—School closed for teacher training INSET

Tuesday 7th January - Children return to school

Friday 10th of January - Chinese Ribbon Dance workshops for Year 2

Wednesday 15th of January - Year 1 classes visit to the Gurdwara

Thursday 23rd of January - Year 2 classes visit the Buddhist centre

Friday 14th of February - Last day of school before half term break

Monday 24th of February - Children return to school

Tuesday 3rd of March - Faith in Schools visiting Reception classes

Christmas Celebrations at Odessa

The staff and pupils marked Christmas by performing the Nativity musical 'Shine Star Shine' and nursery had their own Christmas rhyme sing-a-long that parents & carers were invited to. We were very proud of the children's singing and acting skills. This week we also had a delicious Christmas lunch where all staff and children had a chance to eat together. Everyone had a Christmas cracker and the children enjoyed pulling them, wearing their hats and telling Christmas jokes. We would like to say a special thank you to the staff and children for their hard work making this festive period very special for all of our pupils at Odessa.



Merry Christmas



Love of Reading

Please continue to foster a love of reading at home. Make sure your child is reading for pleasure as this will enhance not only their language skills but also ignites their imaginations. You can also get your child involved in **The Winter Mini Reading Challenge**



Stars of the week



Congratulations to our stars of the week, who were selected by their teachers. Who will be our stars next week?

- Class 1 - Tahira for good presentation & Istar for being a 'Persevering Parrot' in all he does
- Class 2 - Ethan for fantastic presentation & Abdalla for blending
- Class 3 - Feliciano for great presentation & Azra for having good ideas - you are a 'Go for it Gorilla'
- Class 4 - Dumitru for good presentation & Naavan for being a 'Persevering Parrot'
- Class 5 - Zoe for having very neat hand writing & Aliah for always listening
- Class 6 - Anthony for fantastic presentation & all of class 6 for excellent work
- Class 7- Kalani for great presentation & Robert for using Now & Next cards independently
- Class 8- Latoja for good presentation & Shayaan for being an 'Exploring Elephant' during our visit to the Natural History Museum
- Class 9- Adita for being a 'Go for it Gorilla' in his learning & Ibrahim for being a 'Persevering Parrot'

Chinese New Year 2020 at Odessa

January 25th is the Chinese New Year and at Odessa we will be marking this by having Ribbon Dance workshops for our Year 2 pupils on the 10th of January. They will then share what they have learnt by performing a assembly for the other year group in the afternoon. If you have a child in year 2—you are invited to come and watch the performance at 2.45pm in the hall.



Attendance Awards!

Well done to Class 8 this week

- Class 1 - 85%
- Class 2 - 91%
- Class 3 - 88%
- Class 4- 92%
- Class 5 - 94%
- Class 6- 89%
- Class 7- 89%
- Class 8- 95%
- Class 9 - 90%



It is crucial that your child attends school everyday - if they have a cold and are not running a high temperature they can be at school. Research also shows how low attendance can have a negative impact on building friendships and educational attainment. Let's work together to have the best attendance!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Choice/ Fish Choice	Baked Sausages with Mashed Potatoes	Minced Lamb & Vegetable Pie with Chips Fish in Bread-crumbs with Chips	Roast Lamb & Yorkshire Pudding with New Potatoes Italian Style Fish Fillet with New Potatoes	Chicken & Korma with Rice Fish Biryani	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake Fish Fingers with Jacket Wedges
Vegetarian Choice	Vegetable & Lentil Curry with Rice	Tuscan Vegetable & Mixed Bean Pasta Bake	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Macaroni Cheese with Focaccia	Veggie Keema with Naan Bread
Vegetable Selection	Mixed Vegetables Garden Peas	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Fresh Seasonal Vegetables	Green Beans Roast Peppers	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Rice Pudding with Jam	Raspberry & Coconut Slice with Custard	Chocolate & Mandarin Mousse	Lemon & Banana Cake with Custard	Waffles with Fruit & Ice Cream