

Newsletter

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WE DID IT! £924.70 RAISED FOR SHELTER!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Winter Fair last night. It was a really special occasion and lots of fun. Big shout out to all the OFPA staff (and their families!) who ran stalls. Our target was to raise £500 for the homeless charity Shelter and with our Christmas Jumper day and Winter Fair we actually raised £924.70!!

Well done everybody!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE BUSINESSES WHO DONATED TO THE WINTER FAIR

G Kelly Pie and mash, Dominoes Pizza, Pizza Brixton, Executive Beauty, Sultan Sofrasi, Mono, Genesis cinema, Semz café, Glow Beauty

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has certainly been a long half term! It's always a challenge when the clocks change and the days get shorter in Autumn. The weather has grown colder and the mornings and evenings darker. Despite this, the OFPA pupils have come into school every day and continued working hard in their lessons with big smiles on their faces. I'm really proud to work at OFPA with our brilliant children in such a diverse community as Bow. The community spirit was well in evidence yesterday at our Winter Fair. Thanks again to all the families who came along to support us in raising money for Shelter.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, I hope you enjoy a peaceful and restful break with your families and recharge those tired batteries ready for the new year!

See you in January!

~ Kevin



PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER

We are looking at the possibility of sending out our weekly newsletter via email. This would enable us to have much more content, be better for the environment, save paper and ink (and money!) and also ensure that messages get through and don't get lost on the way from school to home. Most other schools already operate this system.

As well as the emailed newsletter itself, all newsletters would continue to be posted on our school website and there would be paper copies available for anyone who does not have access to the internet.

I'd like to discuss this at the next Academy Council - let me know your thoughts.

Kevin

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE 2.00pm FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY

Please be advised that school will be closing at **2.00pm on Friday 24th January**. To support the continued professional development of our staff.

SPRING TERM

School will be closed for staff training on Monday 6th January. School will open in the new year to pupils on **Tuesday 7th January**.

PARENT/CARER CONFERENCES

Advance notice for your diaries - These will take place on the following days:

Mon 20th Jan - Y5
Tues 21st Jan - Y2
Wed 22nd Jan - Y3
Thurs 23rd Jan - YR
Fri 24th Jan - Y6
Mon 27th Jan - Nursery
Wed 29th Jan - Y1
Fri 31st Jan - Y4

9 QUESTIONS

9 Questions' Every week we will be interviewing a member of the Old Ford community and asking their views on life, the universe....everything!

This week it is **Father Christmas**



1. Who are you and what do you do at Old Ford Primary Academy?

My name is Father Christmas - you might know me as Santa Claus. I don't actually work at Old Ford, but I have been keeping an eye on all the boys and girls and staff at OFPA all year. I am pleased to say that they have all been good and I will be visiting them all on Christmas Eve to leave lots of presents under their Christmas trees!

2. What is the best thing about working at Old Ford?

I can see what an intelligent, creative, hardworking and dedicated team of staff you have at Old Ford. It must be great to work there! If ever I get tired of the delivering presents 'ho-ho-ho' thing, I would love to join the team!

3. Pick 4 words which describe you

Let me see..... Jolly, jolly, jolly and did I mention jolly?

4. What is your favourite meal?

Mrs Claus' pie and mash - delicious!



5. If you were a cartoon character, who would you be and why?

This is a difficult one...I don't get time to watch much TV. I quite like Superman - I think we have a lot in common - we both fly around the world spreading joy, we both have a special costume and we both have strong, muscular physiques (ahem....)

6. What is your favourite book?

Hmm.....It would have to be 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs, I much prefer it to the TV film (I was hopelessly mis-cast, I said I wanted Robert Downey Jr. to play the Father Christmas role, but did they listen???)

7. What is your favourite film?

Home Alone - 'KEEVIIN!!!!!!!!!!'
(ho, ho ho!)



8. If you were stranded on a desert island, which one item couldn't you live without?

My best pal and favourite red nosed reindeer, Rudolph.

9. Do you have a piece of inspirational advice for everyone at Old Ford?

You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout I'm telling you why - Santa Claus is coming to town!!!

JOSIE BIRD

Josie has been a long standing member of staff at OFPA for many, many years. She has worked across the school in a number of year groups and many different roles. Josie has decided it is time for her to retire and will not be returning to OFPA. We will all miss you Josie, thanks for everything you have done for Old Ford and the thousands of pupils and families you have worked with!



CARAGH BAILLEE

Caragh has worked in Year 1 at OFPA since February 2018. Caragh has decided to move on from OFPA and we wish her well in her new ventures. Eklima Begum will be managing Year 1 and will be teaching in 1C with Karen Whooley.

AMANDA FOX

Amanda will be leaving us today. Amanda has worked in both KS1 and KS2 as a TA, a midday meals supervisor and a first aider. Good luck from all of us Amanda!

ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING

Reminder - the next Academy Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th January at 9.00am. There is a suggestion box in the waiting room if you have any items for discussion or you can email the school on info@oldfordacademy.org

CAKE WITH KEVIN



CLUBS

New club registration letters were handed out today. Please return them by Wednesday 8th January.