

## Recent Events

*Thank You!*

**A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who supported our recent events either by helping to organise and run them, or simply by coming along on the day.**

This term alone we have:

1. Organised a film night for the children which was very successful and raised **£650**.
2. Had a clothes recycling day, which raised **£170**.
3. Organised the creation of personalised Christmas Cards which we hope you think are a wonderful way of making Christmas special whilst raising **£511** for the school.
4. Held a 'fashion show' where many people picked up real bargains and raised around **£535** for the school.
5. Run the Christmas fayre. Big thanks to everyone who helped behind the scenes organising stalls, buying supplies, contacting local business for prizes as well as those who helped out on the day. If you sent in cakes or handmade gifts to sell, thank you. Everything together helped us to raise **£1,740**.
6. Organised a Comedy Night at the Ex-Servicemen's Club which raised **£271**. If you didn't attend you really did miss out on a fantastic night.

The school choir also went carol singing outside Tesco, their efforts raising an amazing £246! This has helped us to reach a grand total of around **£4123 THIS TERM ALONE**, which is fantastic. Thanks again to everyone involved.

## STAY IN TOUCH

Join our **facebook group** by searching for 'Friends of Oakdene'.

Here we give notice and reminders about events, and it's a great way to ask questions (especially ones that Oakdene staff won't be able to answer).

It's also a great way for you to share your views and ideas if you can't get to our meetings.



## Mailing List

Ask the office to put your name on our mailing list. This way you'll never miss out on information.

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 20th January 2015 at 7pm at the Ship Inn.**

Please come along to share your ideas and give your feedback. The more the merrier.

Next term we hope to run lots of events: for children, for adults and of course for families, but we can only do this with your continued support.

## WANTED...MORE HELP

Sadly, Father Christmas is the only one who has an army of elves to make events happen. We have to rely on the parents, grandparents and teaching staff. Increasingly, we are seeing things being left to a very small group. Please remember that most of these volunteers have busy lives, jobs, AND would like to relax and enjoy the events too.

Please leave your email address at the office if you are willing to help out **from time to time**. If everyone just gave 1 hour of their time each term we would have more than enough people to run all the events we plan without leaving some regular volunteers frazzled.

If this dedicated group decide to stop giving their time, we simply couldn't function, so please help to share the load.



**FINALLY** – Please sign up for 'Give as you Live' as you finish your Christmas Shopping this year. A small percentage of what you spend gets donated to the school at NO EXTRA cost. This term, we've benefited by £163.52. Thanks if you've already signed up.