



Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to a chilly end of another fortnight we are thankful to still be COVID free and have not had to close any bubbles as so many schools have had to. We appreciate the swift change in behaviour to start wearing masks on the school grounds at drop off and pick up and the heed given to social distancing between parents and children from other bubbles where possible.

Last week we held our Remembrance Assembly outside to remember those who have fought for our country. The children showed respect and appreciation for those we were thinking of.

As you know this week has been anti-bullying week, kicked off by 'Odd Sock Day' on Monday, to highlight the importance of celebrating our differences. We have had discussions in our classrooms this week about what 'bullying' means and the different types of bullying.

Although it doesn't seem long since we were welcoming everyone back at the beginning of September, we are drawing near to the countdown to Christmas. Sadly, this year we won't be able to hold the usual Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas productions and our carol service but hope to produce smaller performances within our class bubbles. We are still finalising the details of these but are looking forward to seeing the children getting into the festive spirit at the end of what has been a challenging year for them to say the least!

As always thank you for your continued support and willingness to adapt with us as we continue on our journey.

Nathan Clark - Headteacher

Oakington Diary Dates:

25/26th Nov: Years 1 & 2 taking part in virtual Great Fire of London workshops

25th Nov: Deadline for entries to Snowman competition

27th Nov: Flu immunisation

30th Nov-3rd Dec: Yrs 5 & 6 Bikeability

10th Dec: Deadline for ordering Christmas lunch

11th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day

16th Dec: Christmas Lunch

18th Dec: Last day of school

4th Jan: Inset Day

5th Jan: School opens



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It's not too late to sign up, simply go to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oakingtonprimary> before shopping online or install the app - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/>.



Reading Corner.....

I was lucky, my love of reading started at an early age, although I don't know where it came from. As a child books were our Play stations and X Boxes. I enjoyed diving into books, so much my mum complained, even going into school and telling my teacher I always had my nose in a book.

Today I always try and read at least once a day, and encourage my children to do the same. At home we have over 200 physical books plus kindles, with a mixture of fiction and non fiction.

Who is my favourite author? Well I have a couple, Stephen King and Terry Pratchett. I also enjoy biographies and autobiographies. My favourite books are Stephen King's 'Green Mile' and 'The Shawshank Redemption' and Terry Waite's 'Taken on Trust', a great read if you can get hold of it.

Right now I'm reading 'Thief of Time' by Terry Pratchett.

If you have time, pick up a book, dive in and enjoy the journey.

Keven Mansell

The theme for our assembly this half term:

Courage

Courage involves making good choices in the face of fear or obstacles. It means we do not let fear hold us back from exploring new opportunities, developing our skills, and doing what is right.

Cool Milk

School Milk

Please can you check with your child that they would like to continue receiving a portion of milk in school each day as we had rather a lot of milk left over at the end of this week and we don't like to see it go to waste. If you would like your child to continue receiving milk next term please remember to top up your accounts. The website address is www.coolmilk.com.



School Council

Our new School Council members have recently been elected and each KS2 class now has two representatives. Later in the school year KS1 pupils will also join the Council. The School Councillors will represent their classmates in discussing school issues with the school leaders and help to make decisions about how the school is run and projects undertaken. They will also give feedback to their class afterwards.

Mr Hunt, who is a governor of the school, joined the first School Council meeting today over Zoom where pupil voice was discussed together with the new curriculum.

Our school Council representatives are:

Birch -

Emily & Rowan

Chestnut -

Ada & Stanley

Oak -

Leo & Samuel

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Drums

Thanks to Paul Richards our wonderful drum teacher, the school is now the proud owner of a new drum kit which the children will be able to use for their lessons. We are planning to hold mini drum concerts within bubbles nearer to Christmas to enable the children to showcase their amazing talents.



Guitar Lessons



Our new Thursday guitar lessons have

got off to a flying start with several enthusiastic students now having regular lessons.

If your child is in year two or above and this is something they would like to try then please contact the school office. Enquiries will be on a first come first served basis.

After School Club Gallery



Our popular ASC members have been very busy this half term with craft activities indoors. Several of the children collected twigs and leaves and then decorated them with glitter. Sometimes for a treat the children collect bowls of hoops and strawberry laces and make necklaces which they really enjoy. Magnetic Connectics is always a popular game as is Hangman which everyone joins in with at the end of the day.

A day in the life of Maple Class.....

We've had a really busy and stimulating time in Maple Class over the last few weeks and are impressed by the high quality work the children are producing. We had lots of fantastic 5 Ways to Wellbeing Poster Competition entries which will all be displayed in school. Ms Fallor announced the completion winners this week and each of the winners will be receiving their prize soon.

The photo on the left is of the competition winners in KS1- Emily and Lily and on the right our remembrance artwork.



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Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who supported Children In Need this year. We had a fun filled day and are delighted to have raised £147.



Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 16th December and Dolce have asked that all **orders are placed prior to 10th December** to help with ordering. Our Christmas lunch menu will be:

Main Courses

Traditional Roast Turkey Dinner
Roasted Vegetable & Stuffing Tart (VG)

Side Dishes

Roast Potatoes
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Carrots
Garden Peas
Rich Gravy (VG)
Cranberry Sauce

Desserts

Festive Syrup Sponge with Custard
Neapolitan Ice Cream (GF)



Christmas Post

On 1st December we will see the arrival of our Christmas Post Box. This will be available for all the children to post their Christmas Cards to their friends in all of the classes.

Please can you ensure the recipient's name and class are clearly marked on the envelope to help when sorting.

Post will be quarantined for 48 hours before it is delivered.

Christmas Jumper Day



We will be supporting the Save the Children charity on Friday 11th December and wearing Christmas jumpers for a suggested £1 donation. Please don't feel any pressure to get one for your child if you don't already own one – they are not essential items – but if your children do have one it would be good to see them sporting them on that day.

Remembrance Day Service

Our pupils shared in an open air remembrance service on 11th November and created beautiful poppy remembrance crafts.

During the service Year 6 pupils read out remembrance poems and Mr Clark played the Last Post on the trumpet.





Safeguarding at Oakington

Safeguarding Leads

Mr Nathan Clark and Mrs Alicia Lloyd are the designated safeguarding leads at Oakington.

If you have a concern about a child, be it around their health, physical safety or emotional wellbeing, please inform **any** member of staff.

If you think a child is at immediate risk of harm you can access further advice and guidance here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/safeguarding-children-and-child-protection/>

COVID-19

Please see the 'Quick Guide for Parents' at the end of the Newsletter for an easy reference for what you should do if unsure.

Following the government's update:

Just a reminder to parents/carers to say goodbye at the school gates of a morning. It is really helpful if you can arrive on time, rather than too early, to prevent a build up of people.

Can we also remind our families that they should leave the school site immediately at the end of the school day. Children are not allowed to play on the field. In addition, parents/carers should not walk around the back of the school to collect siblings.

We would encourage all persons over 16 to download the new NHS COVID 19 App onto smartphones and to use the new contact tracing system.

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Attendance

We are continuing to monitor attendance closely and writing to parents of children with attendance below 96% (classed as persistent absenteeism).

Please do get in touch if you are having particular difficulties in getting your child to school and would like to discuss this.

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Covid-19 Related Absence – a Quick Guide for Parents

What should I do if ...?	Action needed ...
<p>My child is feeling ill with Covid-19 symptoms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back • a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours • a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. <p>Most children with Covid-19 have at least one of these symptoms.</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THEIR SETTING/S</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate. Your child will need to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms; the rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>You should book a test for your child using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p> <p>Please note - <u>only</u> the person with symptoms should be tested and there is no need for others in the household to have a test, unless they also have any of the symptoms mentioned.</p> <p>Make sure you tell the setting/s immediately about the result of the test.</p>
<p>My child is feeling ill with other symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose or a headache.</p>	<p>You should act in the same way as you would have done before the pandemic. This may involve sending your child to their care setting or keeping them at home, depending on the nature and severity of symptoms. Of course you should seek medical advice via your GP or NHS direct on 111 if you would normally do so.</p> <p>Please note – if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this, as is normal policy.</p>
<p>Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THEIR SETTING/S.</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate and the person with symptoms should book a test using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THEIR SETTING/S.</p> <p>The whole household should isolate for 14 days. The person who has tested positive must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours.</p>
<p>Someone in my household with symptoms tests negative for Covid-19</p>	<p>Your child can return to their setting, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any further Covid-19 symptoms.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THEIR SETTING.</p> <p>Your child must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours. The rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.</p>
<p>My child tests negative for Covid-19 (test done when the child had symptoms)</p>	<p>Your child can return to their setting, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any Covid-19 symptoms.</p>