

Newsletter

18th December 2020



Oakington
C of E Primary School

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done all for making it through to the end of a long tough term. Having said that we have had a lot of fun and hopefully made lots of happy memories. We also feel very thankful that to date we have still not had any positive cases of COVID-19 in school.

This week we enjoyed our Christmas dinner! Thank you to Helen and Jo for doing a superb job and making a really tasty dinner despite the necessary altered format this year.

The PTA also ran Santa's Secret Shop which worked really well. The children really enjoyed choosing from the many gifts the team had sourced. Thank you to all involved.

I hope have all had a chance to see our Christmas performances on Tapestry and Class Dojo. I think the children and staff have done a super job and made something really positive and memorable.

Lastly, may I thank you all for your support this term and your willingness to embrace all the changes and alterations we have had to make to our normal school life. We would also like to thank you for the kind cards, words and gifts that have been shared with the staff, they really are appreciated.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in 2021!

Nathan Clark - Headteacher

Oakington Diary Dates:

18th Dec: Last day of school
4th Jan: Inset Day
5th Jan: School opens
w/c 11th Jan: Drum lessons recommence
12th Feb: Last day of school
15-19th Feb: Half Term Holiday
22nd Feb: School opens
25th Mar: Last day of school
26th Mar: Inset Day
29 Mar-9th Apr: Easter Holiday
12th Apr: School opens
3rd May: Bank Holiday
28th May: Last day of school
31 May-4th June: Half Term
7th June: Inset Day
8th June: School opens
21st July: Last day of term



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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/>.

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them..." Romans 12: 4-6



Reading Corner.....

This book was introduced to me in Year 5 by a supply teacher covering my usual teacher's illness over a few weeks. During this time, she read *Emil and the Detectives* by Erich Kastner. It was one of the first times I can remember being so engrossed in a book that I lost all concept of time and my surroundings during the lesson. The teacher made the story come alive, encouraging me to purchase the book for myself so I could follow her word by word in lesson.

Thankfully, my teacher recovered, but to this day, I will always remember that one supply teacher who ignited my passion for reading and the adventures you can have inside a book.

The story involves Emil who, together with a group of new found friends, have a big adventure whilst trying to recover some money he lost on a train to Berlin. Set in the late 1920's Berlin is still very much ravaged by the effects of WW1. On the train, Emil meets a mysterious man who introduces himself as Max Grundeis. This man gives Emil mysterious chocolate and Emil falls asleep. When he wakes up, the money and Max Grundeis are gone.

This story is full of spies, espionage and intrigue. Will the group of detectives discover who stole Emil's money? Will the children come to harm if they are found to be spying on the dangerous antics of the time? This story will have you on the edge of your seat!

Helen Andrews, Clerk to Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of a busy term, we would like to express our thanks for your efforts as parents in following all the guidelines set out and for doing so cheerfully! The Winter term is always the longest, and I know that there have been times when it has felt particularly long and arduous. We would like to thank all the staff at Oakington for their hard work in the teaching and encouragement of the children - this is not restricted to just the classroom either so much goes on in school!

We would also like to extend our thanks to Edmund Buss who will be stepping down as a Governor at Oakington after many years. His commitment has been unwavering, and we are grateful to him for his wisdom and support.

We wish you a Merry Christmas when it comes, and although it might not be like last year, we hope that you will all find some peace, rest and joy within those days.

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year for new challenges, and it is our hope that we can continue to go forward together to provide the best education possible for the children at Oakington.

With thanks,

Oakington Governors



Oakington Vikings

Thanks to the amazing fundraising energies of Oakington Vikings Football Club, they have managed to raise over £500 in their annual fundraiser and have kindly donated this money to the school. This will be used in developing our outdoor learning area.

This is certainly an early and totally unexpected Christmas present and we want to thank everyone who donated or organised the surprise which makes it a truly lovely end to the year.

Maple Class

As part of our Great Fire of London topic, Maple Class have had great fun working together to make Tudor style houses. We think they look great!



Oak Class

The only way for Oak Class to finish off the year is with homemade Christmas Pizza topped with all the trimmings – turkey, ham, sprouts, pepper, basil, sweetcorn and of course, cranberry sauce.



Save the children – Christmas Jumper Day

We raised a huge £105 for Save the Children this year thanks to everyone who took part and contributed.

Starting School

Just a reminder that if your child is due to start school in September 2021, the **deadline** for applications is **15th January 2021**. The link for applying is <https://bit.ly/3apIKjl>.

Golden Leaf Awards

At the end of each half term we like to celebrate the achievements of our children in school with a Golden Leaf award. We are very proud of our children and were delighted to be able to congratulate the following people.

<u>Acorn</u>	<u>Elm</u>	<u>Maple</u>	<u>Birch</u>	<u>Chestnut</u>	<u>Oak</u>
Fayaz	Amber	Chase	Amelia	Ada	Amelia
Felix	Ashwin	John	Jack W	Amber	Leo
Jack	Deacon	Oscar W	Jenson	Ellie	Thea
Jasmine	Emily	Roxanne	Lauren	Harry	
Leila	Esme	Sion	Thomas	Isaak	
Louie		Tom		Mia	



COVID REMINDER

As you know our setting closes for Christmas today. Over the Christmas period it is still important that we maintain contact with you for the purposes of Test and Trace procedures. Therefore, we would ask:

- *If a child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in our setting, please let us know as we will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in our setting.*
- *If a child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), whilst being asymptomatic, within 48 hours of being in our setting, please let us know as we will assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in our setting.*
- *Where a child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in our setting, the setting should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.*

If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID -19) prior to the end of 24th December 2020 and their symptoms started within 48 hours of last attending our setting, or they are asymptomatic and the test was within 48 hours of being in our setting, please will you notify us as soon as possible on either office@oakington.cambs.sch.uk or head@oakington.cambs.sch.uk.

If you will not be available on your usual contact number over the Christmas period please will you notify us of the best way to contact you.

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/>

Contact Us!

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Email: office@oakington.cambs.sch.uk

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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.



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>