



Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

How lovely it has been to see and welcome all the children back to school! We couldn't have wished for a smoother and more successful return, with all the children showing remarkable resilience, outstanding behaviour and incredible maturity to switch back to face-to-face learning. It has truly been a pleasure to watch their happy faces and we are all so proud of our pupils.

Over the weeks up to Easter, through classroom observations, short assessments and discussions with children, we will be identifying children that may have gaps in their knowledge, misconceptions or low confidence in different areas of the curriculum. We will also be looking at how we can continue to challenge those children who have continued to make good progress during lockdown, and ensure they too fulfil their potential this academic year.

These objectives will be achieved through quality first teaching of the new knowledge-rich curriculum in the classroom, small targeted intervention groups delivered by both teachers and teaching assistants, and after school tuition where possible.

As part of the Red Nose Day activities next week, we would like parents to send in used clear plastic bottles and bottle tops (preferably red if possible) to the school office.

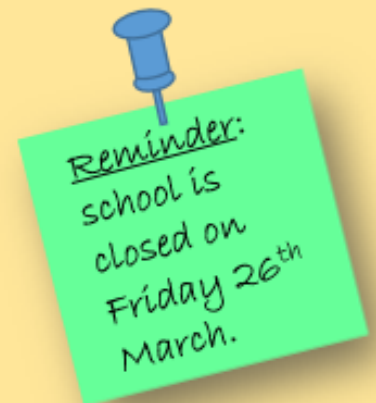
I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Nathan Clark - Headteacher



Oakington Diary Dates:

- Fri 19th Mar:** Red Nose Day
- Thurs 25th Mar:** Last day of school
- Fri 26th Mar:** Inset Day
- 29 Mar-9th Apr:** Easter Holiday
- Mon 12th Apr:** School opens
- Mon 3rd May:** Bank Holiday
- Fri 28th May:** Last day of school
- 31 May-4th June:** Half Term
- Mon 7th June:** Inset Day
- Tues 8th June:** School opens
- Mon 21st June:** Class photos
- Wed 21st July:** Last day of term



First week back...



"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

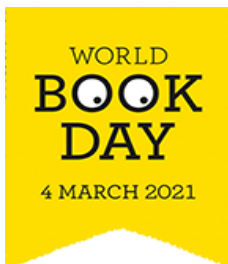


Reading Corner.....

It is hard for me to know where to start when someone asks me what my favourite book is, I have so many and I like love reading, but I think the one that I have to choose is "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" because sometimes, it's the only book that I want to pick up or passages of the text come into my head.

This is a book which works on many levels, if you read it as a child it's an amazing story about children who stumble into a magical land with Witches, enchantments, magic and sword fights and where the girls are as important as the boys! They have wonderful adventures (TLWW is the 2nd book in a series of 7). But read it as an adult and it has more and more within it, Narnia isn't just a land for children, Lewis' world contains betrayal, fear, love and forgiveness. This came long before His Dark Materials, but before Lyra, there was Lucy.

Helen Bryant
Governor



We hope you and your children enjoyed this year's World Book Day event and our huge thanks go to Mrs Griffiths for organising the wonderful Book Treasure Hunt around the village this year.

As part of this event, £1 World Book Day tokens were distributed to the children earlier this week and these can either be swapped for one of twelve free World Book Day books or get £1 off any full price book instead. Just take the £1 World Book Day token to a local participating bookshop to redeem the voucher. The tokens are valid from Thursday 18th February to Sunday 28th March 2021.

Further information around World Book Day and the event surrounding this are available here:
<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Cool Milk

If you would like your child to continue receiving milk this term please remember to top up your accounts. The website address is www.coolmilk.com. Likewise if your child would like to start receiving a portion of milk in school please register using this website.



Next Friday is **Red Nose Day** and we will be celebrating by asking the children to come to school wearing **RED**, but not their school uniform!

Donations this year can be made via **ParentPay** only.



Spring Term 2 – Collective Worship

The theme for our assembly after half term: **Forgiveness**

We will be introducing this theme and exploring it further this half term.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

SOCIAL MEDIA AGE RESTRICTIONS

Most social platforms have an age restriction of 13 or above and these restrictions are in place for a reason. It could be due to the likelihood of encountering mature themes or potentially meeting online predators who seek to exploit young children. To help ensure safety settings are secure it is always worth taking the time to go through your child's settings and making sure they are set as private as different platforms have different levels of privacy.

Age Restrictions On Social Media					
13	14	16	17	18	18
Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google+ Tumblr Reddit Snapchat	LinkedIn	WhatsApp	Vine Tinder	Path	(13 with parents consent) YouTube Keek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr

Acorn Class



Thanks to the Carman family, Acorn class now have the most amazing new-fangled bus to take them on wonderful new adventures at playtime!

Science Week

As part of national Science Week, our pupils have had the opportunity to think about everyday discoveries and how this affects their lives by exploring science around them.

Birch and Chestnut Class have been looking at the digestive system using an app to look inside someone. They really enjoyed this and fully engaged with the topic.



Oak Class have been finding out how essential the function of the stem is to plant growth and were amazed to see how the white petals of the chrysanthemums changed colour.

"The flower sucks up colour with the water. It was fun to see the change". Samuel

"The stem absorbed the dye and it came out in the flowers as it was thirsty. The blue, green and red dyes were more effective than the yellow". Charlie



COVID-19: RAPID LATERAL FLOW TESTS

Please can we encourage all our families to take part in this testing now available.

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble **of staff** or a **pupil** you can get a twice-weekly rapid lateral flow test as the government has offered households testing for families whose children access education or childcare. Primary school pupils will not be asked to test at this time. Details of this initiative can be [found here](#).

You can book a test:

- **through your employer** if they offer testing to employees.
- **at a local rapid lateral flow test site test site** Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.

You may need to book an appointment. **Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site** (<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>). There are 7 sites across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

- **by collecting a home test kit from a test site** You can collect 2 home test kits at a local collection point. Each kit contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go. <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

by ordering a home test kit online <https://bit.ly/302hhOD> Please do not order online if you can get a test through other methods as this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

COVID: Self-isolation payment

Parents and carers of children who need to self-isolate during the pandemic may be eligible for a one-off payment of £500 from the Government's Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme. The payment aims to offer support to parents and carers who are having to take time off work with their children or are facing other expenses. Further information on the support available in this area can be found here:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-trace>

Wellbeing

During the week our staff have helped the children to settle back into their class routines and have given support and reassurance to our young people.

Our pupils are well supported as most of our staff have received training in adult and child mental health. We are equipped to support children through a range of emotions as they return to school and become familiar again with school life. We are also very fortunate to have Miss Faller who is our Mental Health Lead in school.

If you are worried about your child please do talk to us and share your concerns. In the past, we have been able to put interventions and support in place for children to help them overcome any worries they have may have. Talking is always good and please encourage your child to share any worries with us.



Oakington CofE Primary School Vision

We strive for excellence, encouraging all children to reach their full potential and make accelerated progress through high expectations, ensuring we know each child as an individual. We endeavour to provide safe, stimulating learning environments, promoting collaboration whilst being immersed in a broad, dynamic curriculum and inclusive Christian ethos.

C.A.R.E. is at the heart of our school

CONFIDENCE






ACHIEVEMENT

RESPECT

ENVIRONMENT



COVID-19: Quick Reference

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
 <p>...my child has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not come to school ✓ Contact school ✓ Self-isolate ✓ Get a test ✓ Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative
 <p>...my child tests positive for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not come to school ✓ Self-isolate for at least 10 days ✓ Inform school immediately about test result 	...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
 <p>...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not come to school ✓ Contact school ✓ Self-isolate ✓ Household member to get a test ✓ Inform school immediately about test result 	...the household member test is negative
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not come to school ✓ Contact school ✓ Self-isolate for 14 days 	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
 <p>...NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do not come to school ✗ Contact school ✗ Self-isolate for 14 days 	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation

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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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.