



Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We made it! The Easter holidays are here and the children thoroughly deserve a good rest and relaxing time. Their attitude and maturity this term has been truly outstanding. We have been doing some assessments over the past couple of weeks and now have the data to help us put support and intervention groups in place to help children plug gaps and catch up where necessary.

Arriving by car

Please can families who arrive at school by car remember to park either on the High Street or at the Pavilion (down Queen's Way) and walk to school. Double yellow lines and a higher traffic speed and volume on Water Lane make this a dangerous place for children to be dropped off. We would rather children arrived slightly late to school if it means choosing a safer place to park/stop.

Road Safety

If your child cycles or scoots to school, please can you encourage them to always wear a helmet. Children who walk to school who need to cross Water Lane should use the pelican crossing outside the school, which provides a safe place for children to cross this busy road.

COVID Safety Reminders

Please can we remind families that children should still only be bringing in the minimum amount possible from home – we have recently seen toys being brought into school. Also, congregating outside of school for playdates, parties or even at the park amount to lockdown rule breaches and could have a significant impact on the school community. Please continue to follow the rules, social distance and we will hopefully be able to follow the government's lockdown easing roadmap by the current suggested dates.

Curriculum

We've been working extremely hard on the complete overhaul of our curriculum since September, but the progress of which has unfortunately been so frustrated and delayed by putting time into providing a high standard of remote learning throughout the pandemic. We're getting towards the end of the initial development of it now and are really excited to soon be able to share it with you on our website. I would like to take to opportunity to thank the staff here for working so hard and showing such dedication to improving our school behind the scenes despite the many other pressures on them.

We wish you all a Happy Easter and a restful break.

Nathan Clark - Headteacher

Oakington Diary Dates:

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

Thurs 15 & 16

Wed 21st July: Last day of term





Reading Corner.....

A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula Le Guin

Ged is a reckless, awkward boy, who dreams of being a great and powerful wizard. Tempted by pride to try spells beyond his means, Ged lets loose an evil shadow creature in his land and only he can destroy it and save Earthsea.

This book was given to me when I was 9 by my teacher and introduced me to fantasy literature for the first time. I enjoyed the story in this book so much that I wanted to read more and more. I liked the escapism that the fantasy genre gave, the chance to immerse myself in other worlds and stretch my imagination.

One of the things I remember taking from this book was the concept that there are consequences to your actions, and that the mistakes you make are your responsibility to own. That said the book also promotes the values of friendship and trust and how those bonds can overcome adversity.

Andy Hunt, Governor

Multi Sports club starts for all KS2 Children on 21st April spaces are limited please contact www.premier-education.com to book your space.

Dance Club starts for KS2 Children on 15th April spaces are limited please contact Ellen Lipscomb at cherry_nelle@hotmail.com for more information.

At school we have a number of music club options these include drumming, guitar and piano. Please contact the office if your child would be interested in any of these lessons. (Please note some will have waiting lists at present).



COVID-19: RAPID LATERAL FLOW TESTS

Please can we encourage all our families to take part in this twice-weekly testing now available to all households/support bubbles whose families are in education or childcare.

You can book a test 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/>

Details of this initiative can be [found here](#).

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Red Nose Day. We raised an amazing £117.



Medication

Please remember to check the expiry date on your child's medication and return it back to school after the Easter break



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

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

We have been looking at *The Crow's Tail* by Naomi Howard as inspiration for our own story telling.

Using this Native American myth we have been writing sentences for each plot point while working on vocabulary and our sentence structure. We have also been inspired to create our own artwork.



On Monday afternoon Maple Class enjoyed a class treat, as a reward for filling up their 'Kindness Jar' of marbles the previous week. We had an afternoon of fun having an Easter Egg hunt, as well as enjoying wearing our own clothes and playing with our own individual mini bubbles. It was a lovely afternoon, filled with much joy and excitement, and a fantastic way to celebrate all the acts of kindness in our class over the last few months!

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:

Acorn
Elsie
James
Joseph
Joshua
Oscar
Sam
Shamiso

Elm
Alfie
Ashwin
Harper
Jasmine
Phoebe

Maple
Jade
Kasper
Lizzie
Oscar J
Poppie

Birch
Eliza
Ellie
Esme
Rowan
Ruby
Thomas

Chestnut
Aliya
Bella
Felicity
Finley B
Finley G
Marta

Oak
Aiden
Arthur
Ben
Charlie
Erin
James
Kai
Lewis
James



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/>

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Attendance

We are continuing to monitor attendance closely and writing to parents of children with attendance below 96% (classified 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.