



Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another very busy week in school with Adrian Ball, CEO of DEMAT, visiting on Wednesday. It was a hugely positive visit and gave us a chance to show him all the amazing work our children have produced. He was particularly impressed with the children's behaviour for learning and their answers to the questions he gave them.

I would also like to express thanks to our very supportive governors who quietly and kindly give so much of their time to our school. We value and appreciate the support and assistance you give.

This week our Year 2s have really impressed me with their work as part of the English writing unit and I have been blown away with the quality of their joining of letters, vocabulary choices and sentence structures. Well done, Maple Class, keep it up! Elm Class have also amazed me with their green fingers as the beans planted a couple of weeks ago have really taken off. They have been able to scientifically investigate the conditions plants need in order to survive as their plant knowledge increases.

Our classes have also been occupied with a whole school science event investigating the life cycles of butterflies. The children have enjoyed observing nature in the classroom, learning how butterflies grow and finding that things in nature are changing all the time. Birch and Chestnut both have butterflies that have hatched and once the weather turns warmer they will be released. Thank you to Mrs Jankowska for organising this for us.



Regards,

Nathan Clark
Headteacher



Enjoying table tennis in the sunshine

Oakington Diary Dates:

w/c 10th May: Mental Health Awareness Week

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

Fri 24th Sept: 150th Birthday Celebrations

150th Birthday Party Plans 1871 - 2021



A date for your diaries.... from lunchtime onwards on **Friday 24th September**, we invite you to come and join us to celebrate our wonderful school having served the community for 150 years. We will be inviting families of students, local residents, staff past and present to join us for a day of surprises, memories and fun. More information to follow in due course but please do mark the date in your calendars.



Summer Term – Collective Worship

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

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



Breakfast Club



If you are unable to attend Breakfast Club, please remember to let staff know so we can account for each child. You can contact us by email - akitching@oakington.cambs.sch.uk - or by phone 01223 776083.

A Day in the Life of Acorn Class....

"When two sisters go fishing to the magic pond, they find something much better than a frog or a newt. They find a Bog Baby, and decide to make him their secret."

Acorn Class have started their 'Splish, Splash, Splosh' topic looking at the book 'The Bog Baby' and discussing that creatures need to live in their own habitats and that it is wrong to take them out of their natural surroundings. The Bog Baby demonstrates this really well as he grows weaker the longer he is away from his bog. Our Bog Baby has visited Acorn class and often leaves us notes, which we answer - but no-one has actually seen him, only photos of parts of his body!!!



He follows us in our weekly wild wood sessions, and we have made him faces on cd's to keep him company, hanging them from the trees. We have also threaded cereal onto string to hang up so he has food.



The Bog Baby story has highlighted to the children that water can be as small as a bog. We have then looked at ponds, reading 'One Peaceful Pond', and finding out what lives in and on a pond. Next we have looked at rivers and canals. We learnt that rivers often 'meander' (yes, we have used this word, which the children have remembered!!) and are created by stones and

rocks rubbing the earth to create their path. Canals they know have been built by people and are often straight, not like rivers. We have also learnt what the job of 'leggers' was on canal boats, how locks work and how horses were used to pull canal boats along. Our final journey will be looking at the sea.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the magic of the Bog Baby who keeps weaving through our learning by leaving us notes.





Goodbye Mrs Moss

Last Thursday the whole school gathered on the playing fields for an assembly where we said our farewells to Mrs Moss. It was a lovely occasion as we thanked Mrs Moss for all that she has given to the school, pupils and staff over the years.



REMINDERS

School Uniform



We would ask that children wear school uniform each day when attending school except for PE days. **This includes a red sweatshirt or fleece** with or without the school logo, different coloured sweatshirts are not acceptable.

Healthy Eating



Children in KS1 have access to fruit and vegetables in school every day. If your child brings in a snack from home, please can you ensure it is a healthy snack as we very much promote healthy lifestyles. A healthy diet is essential for good health and helping you feel at your best.

Talking to Staff



At Oakington C of E Primary School we believe staff, children and parents are entitled to a safe and caring environment in which to work and learn. We strive to ensure that our school offers a warm and respectful environment. We ask that our community and visitors demonstrate mutual respect when talking to members of staff.

Scooters & Bikes



To keep everyone safe in school, we ask that scooters and bikes are not ridden in the playground. This includes young children when waiting to collect siblings at the end of the day. Can we also remind older pupils that bikes need to be walked across the zebra crossing.

Social Distancing

Please can parents and carers ensure they socially distance from other adults and children when dropping off and picking up their children, remembering to give plenty of space when passing through gates and entrances.

Piano Lessons

Our new piano teacher, Alastair Lyle, will be visiting the school on 28th June to offer pupils a taster session before commencing lessons in September. There are one or two places remaining and if this is of interest to you, please contact the school office for further information.





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.