



### Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great couple of weeks with lots going on around school. This week Maple Class have created their own desert island within their classroom as they learned what they would need in order to survive on their own. I can't wait to read their messages inside the bottles! During Wild Woods this week, Acorn class prepared and cooked bananas with chocolate inside as part of their camp cookout whilst exploring the natural world. They really enjoy their time outdoors and a big thank you to our staff for providing this wonderful learning opportunity for them. Do ask your child in Oak Class how to win at rock, paper, scissors as they have been learning about probability in maths as well as looking at the formula to divide cakes into 3 perfectly!

I am delighted to say how smart our children are looking in their school uniform at the moment. We believe that school uniform helps to instil a sense of pride in their appearance and belonging to both their class and school as a whole.

We have noticed that the lateness of some pupils is on the increase at the moment. Although we do have some flexibility at the beginning of the day, we would ask that everyone is in their class ready for work at or before 9am.

The government eased some of the COVID restrictions at the beginning of the week, however, we would encourage everyone to remain vigilant and continue social distancing at the school gates. If you or anyone in your household shows any symptoms of COVID, we would strongly advise you to take a COVID test immediately.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Nathan Clark  
Headteacher



Maple's desert island

### Oakington Diary Dates:

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May:** Last day of school

**31 May-4<sup>th</sup> June:** Half Term

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Inset Day

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> June:** School opens

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Class photos

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July:** From 3.30pm parents able to book appointment to see class teacher following school reports

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Last day of term

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept:** School reopens

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

**w/c 4<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year 5 Bikeability



## 150th Birthday Party Plans 1871 - 2021

As we begin preparing for our 24<sup>th</sup> September celebrations we would love the Oakington Community to join us in sharing any memories you have of the school and village. If you, or members of your family or friends, have any pictures or stories you would like to share with the school please do get in touch. We are happy to take photocopies of any pictures you may have and would be delighted to record any memories.



### 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.



### Long Hair

Please can we gently remind you that long hair needs to be tied up for school everyday.



### A Day in the Life of Chestnut Class - Tuesday

Today we have been working hard in all areas of the curriculum, starting with guided reading. We are almost at the climax of *The Nowhere Emporium* and the chapters are really gripping! We then worked hard on adding and subtracting decimals in maths – so we should be great at shopping now and working out change. Next, it's onto English where we are studying a beautiful picture book called *The Journey* and writing our own text to match the illustrations. The writing so far in Chestnut Class has been superb, we are super impressed by the quality of work being produced. Then it's lunch and time for some afternoon fun. Today this includes learning hockey skills with a bit of hula-hooping thrown in finishing off with more work on their stop motion animations, watch out Wallace and Gromit! A quick tidy up and it's time for home and some relaxation.



**Oak Class** are definitely ending the week with dix points as they join in the Eurovision fun as part of their project on Europe.



### The Big Ask

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has recently launched 'The Big Ask' – a survey to gather the views of children in England on what the government should prioritise in planning the recovery from the pandemic. Adults are also being invited to contribute to this survey. To take part, please visit

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/adults/>.

### ***Sunny summer weather***

As we return on 8<sup>th</sup> June after the half term break, please make sure your child has a water bottle and sun hat in school in anticipation of the sunny weather! Just a reminder that sun cream should be applied at home before school.





### KS2's Visit to the Woods

KS2 are currently reading *The Journey* by Aaron Becker and we are completing work in the classroom with experience days. We have reached the point where the girl discovers a magic crayon and draws a door to an enchanted world. On Wednesday we visited the local woods and our trip was to generate language and a vocabulary bank to encourage creative and interesting sentences.



## **Bikeability**

We hope to be able to offer a Bikeability course to our Year 5 pupils (currently Year 4s) in October 2021. Please return the Bikeability consent forms by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May** at the latest. If any current Year 5 pupil did not take part this year, or did not pass, they are welcome to attend the course in October and we will need a consent form completing. If we do not have sufficient children registered we may not be able to run the course.

## READING RECORDS

Please ensure your child brings their reading records into school each day. This enables us to log their reading progress in school and we ask that you listen to your child read at home and log this too.

*Gentle Jesus, hear my prayer  
Keep me in your tender care  
Be my guide in all I do  
And help me live my life for you  
Amen*



### 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"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate</li> <li>✓ Get a test</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	...the test comes back <b>negative</b>
 <p>...my child tests <b>positive</b> for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for at least 10 days</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	...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"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate</li> <li>✓ Household member to get a test</li> <li>✓ Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	...the household member test is <b>negative</b>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested <b>positive</b> for coronavirus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✓ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	...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"> <li>✗ <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>✗ <b>Contact school</b></li> <li>✗ Self-isolate for 14 days</li> </ul>	...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% (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.

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

**CONFIDENCE**

**ACHIEVEMENT**

**RESPECT**

**ENVIRONMENT**