

Newsletter

10th September 2021



Oakington
C of E Primary School

Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to all those who I haven't had the chance to speak with yet.

We've had a great first week back, the children have been super, settling back into school life and their new classes really quickly.

We've got started in our brand new curriculum which is exciting and everyone seems to be getting stuck into their new topics.

Although we continue to keep measures in place to reduce the possibility of Covid transmission, it's so nice to see the different year groups interacting and playing together at break and lunch time again and being able to work collaboratively between classes in the same key stage.

Thank you for all your efforts in preparing the children to come back to school ready to learn. We look forward to an exciting and productive term ahead.

Regards,

Nathan Clark
Headteacher

Oakington Diary Dates:

Tuesdays: Years 3 & 4
Swimming

Tues 21 Sept: 2pm St Andrews Church Service, all welcome

Thurs 23 Sept: Dress in historical costumes

Fri 24 Sept: 150th Birthday Celebrations – Please keep the afternoon free!

w/c 4 Oct: Year 5 Bikeability

Fri 22 Oct: Inset Day

w/c 25 Oct: Half Term Holiday

Mon 1 Nov: School re-opens

Tues 2 Nov: Flu Immunisation for all year groups, further information to follow

Fri 17 Dec: Last day of term

Mon 4 Jan: Inset Day

Tues 5 Jan: School re-opens

w/c 14 Feb: Half Term Holiday

Fri 1 Apr: Last day of term

Tue 19 Apr: School re-opens

Mon 2 May: Bank Holiday

w/c 30 May: Half Term Holiday

Mon 6 Jun: Inset Day

Wed 20 July: Last day of term



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to easyfundraising in support of the school. By using the easyfundraising site to shop online with thousands of retailers such as Tesco, Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, insurance comparison, travel, holidays to name but a few, then when you make a purchase a free donation is sent to the school.

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

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Autumn – Collective Worship

The theme for our assembly this half term

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Medication

Please remember to return your Child's medicine to school and to keep us up to date with any changes. Thank you.

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150th Anniversary Celebrations

24th September
3.30pm – 6.00pm

We are thrilled to be counting down to our 150th Anniversary Celebrations. We do hope you and your families are able to join us from 3.30pm onwards as we celebrate our school's history, enjoy performances from current students and Liz Barker will officially open our new Quiet Garden at 4.00pm.

Parents - we need your help!

As always your support is greatly appreciated and we are now accepting donations of the following:

- Chocolate boxes/bars for the Chocolate Tombola
- Items for the Tombola - these don't have to be new but just in good condition please
- Books
- Cakes for the cake raffle (please bring in on the day of the 24th)
- Parent volunteers to help on stalls. If you are able to help, please either sign up on the sheet in the main reception or let the school office know.

Donations can be dropped off at the main reception or via your class teacher.

Entry tickets will be available to purchase through ParentPay and will be: £5 per 1st child, £3 per additional children with adults being free.

Tickets give access to games stalls such as Splat the Rat, Maggot Racing, Penalty Shootout, Biscuit Decorating and the Bouncy Castle. If you are having financial difficulties, please contact the school in the strictest confidence as we may be able to help through a donation made by St Andrew's Church, Oakington.

On **Thursday 23rd September** we will be having a whole school history day. We would like the children to come to school dressed in the different eras:

**Oak = 1990s, Chestnut = 1870s,
Sycamore = 1930s, Birch = 1960s,
Maple = 1900s and Acorn = 2020s.**

On **Tuesday 21st September** we will be attending a service of thanksgiving for our village school at St Andrew's Church in Oakington. We plan to leave school at 1.40pm for a 2.00pm service. If you are able to help walk with your child's class please let your class teacher know. Unfortunately younger siblings are not able to accompany you on this walk however, you are more than welcome to join us for the church service. Acorn Class will not be taking part in this service as they have only just started full time.

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Reading Passports



Hopefully by the end of next week your child will come home with their own personalised reading passport.

What is a reading passport?

The reading passports are a way of encouraging and challenging our children to read a certain amount of core texts every year, so that by the time they leave us in Year 6, they will have created a 'living library' inside their own brain. Once your child has read/shared a book they can complete the AR quiz for that book and receive a stamp on their passport. At the end of each year we will have a celebration assembly and award certificates to all children who have completed their passport.

Why are reading passports useful?

Great books build great imaginations. 75% of our vocabulary comes from what we read. A child who reads and/or is read to will have an inner kingdom of unicorns, talking spiders and a rich vocabulary from which to draw from. They will also help build a community of readers within the class who can share their reading experiences and chat about the books they are reading.

How is the reading passport different from your child's reading book?

The reading passport is a range of high quality texts that we would like all children to have experienced by the end of the year. They differ to your child's reading book because the book your child is bringing home to read will have been matched to their reading level. The books on the reading passport are for you to read together with your child and the emphasis is on enjoying the story and discussing what is happening in the text, rather than explicitly practising reading. Of course, you can share some of the reading with your child, may be read a page each etc. Or, read alongside the audible recording of the book.

Where can we get the books?

Each classroom will hold at least one copy of the books on the reading passport list. You will also be able to order a copy of these to read free from any library.

As always we are grateful for your support and hope you have fun with this new challenge.

Kind regards,

Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Merriman-Brown



Bikeability

The Years 3 and 4 pupils had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability this week and spent time on the school playground honing their cycling skills and learning what makes a safe cyclist. The instructors were very impressed with the children as they fully engaged with this activity and our thanks go to Miss Childs for organising this event. We thought you may enjoy sharing some of the photographs of the day.



Year 6 Prefects

We are delighted to announce that the prefects were selected today for the Autumn 1 term. Aiden, Ellie, Daniel and Mia will be our first prefects of the new academic year and we wish them well in their new role.

Data Collection Sheets

Over the next few weeks, your child will be given a data collection sheet. This is the current information we hold on your contact details etc. If this needs amendment, please return to the school office before the October half term.

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CLUBS: Autumn Term

Day	Club	Who	Time	Dates	Where	Run by
Monday	Piano*	All	School Day	Term Time	ASC	Alastair Lyle (info@cambridgepianteacher.com)
Monday	Spanish*	Yrs 3 & 4	After School (3.15 – 3.40pm)	06.09.21 - 29.11.21	Birch Classroom	Espanol para ninos
Tuesday	Artastic*	All	After School (3.15 – 4.15pm)	07.09.21 - 19.10.21	Hall	Artastic – Gio (https://www.gorgeouslittlthingsuk.com/bookings-checkout/oakington-school-tuesdays-7-classes?referral=service_list_widget)
Tuesday	Drum*	All	All Day	Term Time	ASC	Paul Richards - (thepaulrichards@gmail.com)
Wednesday	Dance*	KS2	After School (3.15 – 4.00pm)	08.09.21 - 20.10.21	Hall	Ellen Lipscomb - (cherry_nelle@hotmail.com)
Thursday	Chess	Yrs 5 & 6	After School (3.15 – 4.15pm)	09.09.21 - 21.10.21	Oak	Ranko Pinter
Thursday	Guitar*	Yrs 2 to 6	Afternoons	Term Time	ASC	Will Pears-Cooper – (willpcguitar@gmail.com)
Thursday	Spanish*	Yrs 5 & 6	Early Birds Club (8.15 – 8.45am)	09.09.21 – 02.12.21	Area outside Oak	Espanol para ninos
Thursday	Spanish*	EYFS & Yrs 1&2	After School (3.15pm-4.00pm)	09.09.21 – 02.12.21	Hall	Kidslingo – (https://bit.ly/Oakington Primary Autumn 21)
Friday	Drum*	All	Morning	Term Time	ASC	Paul Richards - (thepaulrichards@gmail.com)
Friday	Football (boys & girls)	Yrs 5 & 6	Lunchtime (12.30-1.10pm)	10.09.21 – 17.12.21	Field	Jamie Wilson

*indicates a fee is charged for this club

We are also looking to set up a Gardening Club. Please let us know if you would be interested in running this lunchtime activity during term time.



School Uniform

A couple of reminders about school uniform. The only earrings permitted to be worn are small studs and these must be removed for PE. Hair longer than collar length should be fully tied back. Please ensure all clothes including coats are named. Thank you for your support with this.

Two little eyes to look at God
Two little ears to hear His word
Two little lips to sing His praise
Two little feet to walk His ways
Two little hands to do His will
One little heart to love Him still
Amen

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COVID UPDATE: September 2021

What do I do if a member of my family has symptoms of COVID? – if a pupil, parent or staff member has symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive with a lateral flow test, they must arrange to have a PCR test and isolate at home until they receive the results. Symptoms of COVID include high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

What do I do if the PCR is positive? – The person with the positive PCR test will need to self-isolate for 10 days. If it is negative, that person can return to their normal day to day activities. NHS Test and Trace will advise what course of action to take.

Do I need to self-isolate if I am a close contact? As per Step 4 of the Government's road map, from 16th August the guidelines are as follows:

- Those adults not fully vaccinated will still need to isolate if they are contacts.
- Children under 18 years old will no longer need to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. However, they will be requested to take a PCR test.
- Adults who have received full vaccination (from 14 days after the second dose for two-dose vaccine) will not be required to self-isolate. However, NHS Test and Trace will advise adults to take a PCR test as soon as possible.

Anyone who tests positive or develops symptoms will still need to self-isolate, regardless of their vaccination status. In all cases, NHS Test and Trace will advise what course of action to take.

Will my child still have access to remote learning if they are self-isolating? Yes, we will continue to offer our high quality remote learning to pupils unable to attend school.

We will continue to update our risk assessments and keep you up to date as further information is released by the Government. If you have any concerns or wish to talk something over relating to this, we are always happy to help.

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.