



Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumn has truly arrived. The leaves on our newly planted tree have already turned a fantastic shade of red, and we have collected an abundance of apples from the tree in our new quiet garden.

We look forward to sharing our Harvest Thanksgiving service with you next Thursday at 9:30am at St Andrew's Church.

Next week we begin our Parent Consultations via Zoom. We have chosen to stick to this format following lots of positive feedback from parents and carers, mostly about the convenience and ease of access. We encourage all children to attend the meetings as we like to share all the positives with them and identify targets and next steps.

Our knowledge-rich curriculum is in full swing, so please ask your children questions about what they are learning. Maple class children have been able to talk to me about the etymology of the word 'location', and Sycamore have wowed me with their European geography knowledge.

Please remember that school will not be open to children on Friday 22nd October as this is a Teacher Training day and staff will be involved in DEMAT trust-wide professional development.

I hope you have lovely weekend and are able to get out and enjoy the seasonal colour changes!

Kind regards,

Nathan Clark - Headteacher

Oakington Diary Dates:

Tuesdays: Years 3 & 4 swimming

w/c 18 Oct: Parent Consultations

Tues 19 Oct: Individual Pupil Photographs

Tues 19 Oct: Last swimming lesson for years 3 & 4

Thurs 21 Oct: 9.30am Harvest Festival at St Andrews Church

Thurs 21 Oct: Oak - Cake Sale

Fri 22 Oct: Inset Day

w/c 25 Oct: Half Term Holiday

Mon 1 Nov: School re-opens

1/2/3 Nov: Open Evenings

w/c 1 Nov: Tuesdays Years 5 & 6 swimming

Tues 2 Nov: Flu Immunisation for all year groups

Fri 19 Nov: Children In Need day

Fri 10 Dec: Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 10 Dec: Chestnut - Cake Sale

Fri 10 Dec: Christmas Fair

Wed 15 Dec: Christmas Lunch

Fri 17 Dec: Last day of term

Tues 4 Jan: Inset Day

Wed 5 Jan: School re-opens

Thurs 10 Feb: Birch - Cake Sale

w/c 14 Feb: Half Term Holiday

Thurs 31 Mar: Sycamore – cake Sale

Fri 1 Apr: Last day of term



PSA Bake Sale

You will be aware that our wonderful PSA have organised cake bakes for the end of each half term with all monies going to the PSA. The first one is next Thursday hosted by Oak Class, please do come along and support it as the PSA do so much to aid our pupils.

Future cake sales dates will be:

10th Dec – Chestnut, 10th Feb – Birch, 31st March – Sycamore, 26th May – Maple and 19th July - Acorn



Autumn – Collective Worship

The theme for our assembly this half term

Friendship



Games Before School

Please can we ask that children do not play ball games on the playgrounds before school. With lots of people around, especially smaller and younger children, there is a risk that somebody could be hurt.

A day in the life of Oak Class

Yesterday Mr Andrews came to visit Chestnut and Oak classes to talk about World War I and he shared artefacts with us that had been dug up from the war fields in France.

Mr Andrews was very interesting and brought the history to life. We had great fun trying on a French helmet, German helmet, making interesting sounds on the bugle and it was fascinating to see the camping beds that soldiers used to sleep in.



Daniel said “it was interesting to see the cigarette lighter made out of empty shells of bullets. I also enjoyed unwinding the tape measure that was 100 ft long.”

Mia reported that she “enjoyed looking at the lighters and old coins in particular.”

You can see from the photographs that we were able to handle the many objects including barbed wire from the trenches and barbed wire cutters.



Our thanks go to Mr Andrews for sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm for history with us.



Year 6 Prefects



Oakington CofE Primary School

Invites families of children starting school in September 2022 to our

OPEN EVENINGS

On 1st, 2nd & 3rd November at 5.30pm & 6.00pm

(please book in advance and face masks need to be worn)

Come and meet our Headteacher, Governors and Teachers and see our excellent facilities. Refreshments and tours of the school available. RSVP to School Office.

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School Photographer

Just a reminder that our school photographers are coming in next Tuesday to take individual photographs of the children. Please can we ask that smart school uniform be worn.

If your child has PE on this day, please can they come to school dressed in their school uniform with their PE kits in a named bag.



Harvest Festival

We look forward to families joining us at our Harvest Festival Service at St Andrew's on Thursday 21st October at 9.30am. We will be leaving school at approximately 9.05am and please let your class teacher know if you are able to walk with your class. If you have a pre-school child with you, then we look forward to seeing you at the church.

We are collecting for Jimmy's and donations can be brought into school on the Thursday.



Your Appointment
Date: _____ Time: _____
Date: _____ Time: _____
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Medical Appointments

Wherever possible we would ask that all medical/dental appointments are made out of school hours. Where this is not an option, please can you provide evidence of the appointment, such as a letter or appointment card or please let us know in writing.

Cows make milk and bees make honey.
Farmers cut corn when it's sunny.
Plums and apples grow on trees
And in our gardens are beans and peas.
Thank you, God for the food I eat,
For fruit and milk and bread and meat.
If it wasn't for these gifts from you
I really don't know what we'd do!
Amen



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.