



### Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing half-term. The cold weather has certainly arrived, so please make sure your child has suitable clothing and spare shoes.

With the worryingly high numbers of COVID cases, you may be aware that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have become an Enhanced Response Area (ERA). ERA status will mean more resources from government for additional measures to help drive down recent rises in COVID-19 infection.

Due to this, we have reviewed our risk assessments and would ask that from Monday 8th November, all parents/carers/visitors coming into the playground or school please wear a face mask.

Congratulations go to our new prefects Bella, Hugo, Imtiaz and Marta who heard the good news during today's Celebration Assembly.

As we head towards Christmas, we are beginning to think about our Nativity plays. We had hoped that we would be able to invite families to join us for these special events in our calendar, however it is looking increasingly likely that this may not be the case. A final decision will be made nearer the time but in the event of families not being able to join us, we will film and share the recordings with you. We know how disappointing this is and we feel just as frustrated over this as you.

I know some may feel carols in November is a tad too early but it did bring a smile to my face when I heard the lovely singing Thursday lunchtime. If anyone wants a copy of the carols, just let me know.

Kind regards,

Nathan Clark - Headteacher

### Oakington Diary Dates:

**Tuesdays:** Years 5 & 6 swimming

**Fri 12 Nov:** deadline for Christmas present room orders

**Fri 19 Nov:** Children In Need day

**Mon 29 Nov:** deadline for Christmas Hamper gifts

**Fri 3 Dec:** Christmas Present Room

**Fri 3 Dec:** deadline for wine donations

**1-10 Dec:** Hamper raffle tickets available

**Fri 10 Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day

**Fri 10 Dec:** deadline for Christmas Bells orders

**Fri 10 Dec:** Chestnut – Christmas themed Cake Sale

**Fri 10 Dec:** Christmas Fair

**Wed 15 Dec:** Christmas Lunch

**Fri 17 Dec:** 9.30am Church Service at St Andrew's Church

**Fri 17 Dec:** Last day of term

**Tues 4 Jan:** Inset Day

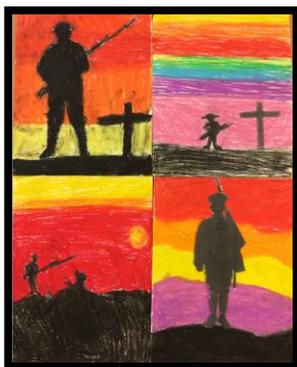
**Wed 5 Jan:** School re-opens

**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



### Remembrance Day

KS2 will be attending an assembly in school next Thursday for Remembrance Day and in connection with this, Chestnut Class have produced these stunning images. They have been learning about Armistice Day which is held on 11th November each year and is also known as Remembrance Day. It marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918





### Autumn – Collective Worship



The theme for our assembly this half term

Peace

### Names in Clothing

Please can we ask that all items of clothes, including coats, gloves, scarves, etc, are named as it makes it so much easier to return the lost items to their owners.

### Class Updates

It's been very industrious in school recently and below is a snapshot of some of the learning that has been taking place.

#### Acorn Class

Acorn pupils had their first lesson on the Balance Bikes this week and were very excited about this beforehand. The Balance Bike is a lightweight, pedal-less bike which facilitates balance and propulsion and over the six week programme, pupils will learn to take it in turns, listen to instructions and develop co-ordination. This will enable children to gain the confidence and skills required to ride a pedal bike. Alex reported that "he enjoyed driving and the dinosaur steps."

Jasper said that "he enjoyed trying to balance" and Noah told us that "he likes the bikes."



Acorn Class have also been looking at *The Very Helpful Hedgehog* by Rosie Wellesley. They have produced a class collage of Isaac the Hedgehog in his leaf bed, thought about what the characters might say to each other and are learning about people who help us from doctors, firefighters, lunchtime supervisors and teachers.



In addition, phonics code reading books have been given out for the first time. We are using the Sounds-Write Phonics Programme in school and the emphasis is on saying the sounds to read the word.

(<https://www.oakingtonprimary.co.uk/english>).

#### Maple Class

Our pupils have been learning about tints and shades in art classes and found that by adding white to a base colour we make it lighter (tint) or adding shades to a base makes it darker.



Oscar told us that "he enjoyed creating the different colours and that the blue went lighter every time he added white."



### Message from the PSA

You will have seen from our recent flyer that we have a few events coming up soon and we have provided a little more information on them below.

#### Christmas Present Room – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Letters have been sent out for this already and need to be returned by 12<sup>th</sup> November. This gives the children the opportunity to select a quality gift for may be a parent, grandparent or sibling independently, although we are on hand to help out and guide the children where needed.

#### Family Christmas Hampers – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

We invite each class to create a Christmas hamper and ask that donations of food, drink, and Christmas themed items suitable for all the family are brought into school by 29<sup>th</sup> November. Hamper raffle tickets will be on sale from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December with the raffle being held at the Christmas Fayre.

#### Christmas Fayre – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Please can we ask for donations of wine for the 'Water & Wine' stall by 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Donations can be given to your class teacher or handed in to the school office.

In addition, the Festive Cake stall will be run by Chestnut Class at the Fayre.

#### Christmas Bells – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

This was incredibly popular last year and if you would like to order bells for ringing on Christmas Eve, order forms will be issued on 1<sup>st</sup> December with orders needing to be placed by 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you for your on-going support.

### Children in Need

We will once again be supporting this event and invite pupils to come dressed in something

yellow or spotty on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. We will have a non-uniform day and ask that pupils bring in a £1 donation for Children In Need.

We understand that Joe Wicks is back this year to help get children active and have fun! He'll be asking schools across the UK to join in on his brand new workout with a twist on Appeal morning and we look forward to seeing what this entails!



### STUDENT COUNCIL



Our Student Council will be holding their first meeting of the year very soon with Mr Clark and this is where pupils represent their class and discuss and sort out problems. In addition, they are responsible for carrying out ideas that have been agreed and reporting back to their classes.

Hi, it's me, just come to pray  
And thank you for a fun-filled day!  
You've been with me, so I know you've seen  
All the great exciting things.  
But also when I'm sad or cross  
I know you love me, no matter what!  
So help me rest and go to sleep  
And feel the peace of your love for me.  
Amen



### Dolce Competition

Dolce, our lunchtime caterers, are running their annual competition and details are in the poster below. Please note that entries need to be received by lunchtime on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. The two winning entries will then be submitted to Dolce. Good luck everyone!

# SNOWMAN COMPETITION

12/11/21

CREATE AN A4 SNOWMAN PICTURE USING PAINT, CRAYONS OR CHALK  
(please do not use glitter or cotton wool)

**WIN A NINTENDO SWITCH**

Please write your name, age and school on the back and hand in your picture to the cook before 12/11/21. The cook and head teacher will send the two best entries to us and we will announce a nationwide winner on 19/11/21.

... and a pack of Christmas cards displaying the winning snowman design on!

**Plus runners up prizes!**

dolce catering



### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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?**

If your child has tested positive for Coronavirus and are therefore self-isolating, they are categorised as been absent through illness. Therefore, there is no expectation for them to complete school work. However, if you feel you child is well enough and you would like them to access learning, please contact the class teacher who will provide work for English and maths.

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

**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.