

Newsletter

14th January 2022



Oakington
C of E Primary School

Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break.

Children have already been incredibly busy in their learning this term. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit to the Engineering Department within University of Cambridge to do some Space related activities with LaunchPad. Acorn children have also begun their Space topic with an unexpected visit from the alien Blob, who has crashed landed his spaceship in the school playground! Key Stage 2 have started building Pantheons using lollysticks as part of their history topic on Ancient Rome.

Learning to read is the most important part of a child's education in their first few years at school. We are looking for parent volunteers to listen to children read when the current COVID-19 restrictions have ended, hopefully at the beginning of February. Regular reading with an adult is essential in order to practise and master reading skills and talk about what they have read. If you are able to give just 1 hour a week to listen to children read in school it will be hugely appreciated. Please let the school office know as soon as possible so we can make sure you are all ready to start when able.

Recently, some children have been overheard playing the children's game Red Light, Green Light, in the playground. Although the game is innocent, it featured in the Netflix series Squid Game (15), which mimics children's games, however each game ends with participants being violently killed if they lose. We are concerned that some children may have either heard about, watched or been exposed to some of the content from this series.

Please continue to be vigilant about what your child(ren) is/are accessing and make sure the content is appropriate. Parental controls are available on apps/websites and can help keep children safe. Also, ensure older siblings know not to discuss or share content from age inappropriate material with their younger family members.

Regards,

Nathan Clark - Headteacher

Oakington Diary Dates:

Thurs 27 Jan: Year 3 & 4 trip to Clip n Climb

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

Tues 19 Apr: School opens

Mon 2 May: Bank Holiday

30 May – 3 June: Half Term

Mon 6 June: Inset Day

Wed 20 July: Last Day of School

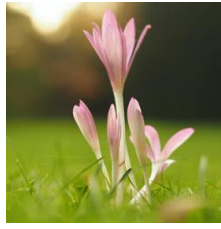


Starting Primary School

The deadline for applications for a primary school place is 15th January 2022 with the deadline for the second round of applications being the 2nd May. All applications need to be made to Cambridgeshire County Council via <https://bit.ly/3tzCyim>. Families are encouraged to come and have a look around our school.

We always look forward to welcoming new pupils to the Oakington family and to watch and see the children thrive in our small vibrant classes as they progress through the school.

“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



Spring – Collective Worship

The theme for our assembly this half term

Patience

Acorn Class Update

Acorn class have really enjoyed immersing themselves in their 'What is out there? Space' topic. They have a space control centre and a rocket in the classroom and have loved dressing up as astronauts. In their outside area they had a space craft that crashed and left debris and a one-eyed alien, called Blob, who has asked what planet he is on. They have learnt we live on planet earth and that the earth orbits the sun. They have yet to find out what planet Blob comes from but he does keep moving around the classroom and asking them questions which we have to research to find the answers!

The topic has really enthused the children already and many are coming in each day with learned facts from home.

Miss Muscutt



Chestnut & Oak Class Updates

This week our year 5 and 6 pupils had the opportunity to visit the Engineering Department within University of Cambridge thanks to LaunchPad. They had great fun building and launching the rockets they had built.



Aliya said 'it was fund making our own designs. We were thrilled when it worked.'

Ellie said 'I enjoyed making the rockets with my team. We managed to launch our rocket higher than the 7 storey building!'



Chess Club

Chess club is going from strength to strength and achievement certificates have recently been issued.



Price Increase

Dolce have written to us to advise that unfortunately, due to the challenges they face moving into 2022, in particular the increases in inflation and the National Living Wage, they will be making a small increase to their charges from 18th April 2022. Currently the price of a pupil school meal is £2.35 and this will be increasing to £2.45.



Lost Property

Please can we ask that you label all items of school uniform including gloves, scarves etc. This makes it much easier for us to return items to the correct person. The lost property is kept in the cupboard in the Reception area and please feel free to look for missing items here.

School Car Park



As you all know, we have a small car park that often becomes congested. **Please do NOT bring your car into the car park after 7.30am.**

We also ask that you use the footpath around the car park, rather than walking between cars or across the car park itself. We are trying to teach the children about road and car safety, so your support in showing them the right way to walk around the car park is appreciated.

Parent Volunteers - Reading

If you are interested in volunteering at the school through listening to children read, please contact the school as this is an invaluable support for many children.



Photograph Permissions

During this next term we will be looking to showcase our wonderful school and the activities and achievements of our pupils through both the press and social media. Please can we ask you to consider opting in to enable your child to be included in the photographs if your preferences were originally set to opt out.



CLUBS – SPRING TERM 2022

Day	Club	Who	Time	Dates	Where	Run by
Monday	Piano*	All	During School Day	Term Time 10.01.22 – 22.03.22	ASC	Alastair Lyle
To book: email - info@cambridgepianoteacher.com						
Tuesday	Basketball	KS2	After School (3.20 – 4.20pm)	Term Time	Playground	Blueprint Basketball
To book: https://bit.ly/3m6dZVJ						
Tuesday	Artastic*	All	After School (3.15 – 4.15pm)	11.01.22 – 8.02.22	Hall	Artastic - Gio
To book: shorturl.at/bvINX						
Tuesday	Drum*	All	During School Day	11.01.22- 08.02.22	ASC	Paul Richards
To book: email - thepaulrichards@gmail.com						
Wednesday	Code Club	KS2	Lunchtime 12.35 – 1.10pm	05.01.22 – 09.02.22	ASC	Claire Shih
Wednesday	Dance*	KS2	After School (3.15 – 4.00pm)	05.01.22 – 09.02.22	Hall	Ellen Lipscomb
To book: email - cherry_nelle@hotmail.com						
Thursday	Chess	Yrs 5 & 6	After School (3.15 – 4.15pm)	06.01.22 – 10.01.22	Oak	Ranko Pinter
Thursday	Choir	KS2 EYFS& KS1	Lunchtime 12.45-1.10pm 12.15-12.45pm	06.01.22 – 10.01.22	Birch Class	Ben Phillips
Thursday	Spanish*	EYFS & Yrs 1,2,3	After School (3.15pm-4.00pm)	(15 max)	Hall	Kidslingo
To book: https://bit.ly/Oakington_SpringTerm_22						
Thursday	Guitar*	All	During School Day	06.01.22 – 10.01.22	ASC	Will Pears-Cooper
To book: email - willpcguitar@gmail.com						
Friday	Football (boys & girls)	Yrs 5 & 6	Lunchtime (12.30-1.10pm)	07.01.22 – 11.02.22	Field	Jamie Wilson
Friday	Drum*	All	During School Day	14.01.22 – 11.02.22	ASC	Paul Richards

* There is a fee for these clubs.

- To be confirmed: Gardening Club for all age groups on a Friday.
- Other clubs such as English. Maths. Sensorv Circuits by invitation.



COVID UPDATE: 14th January 2022

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 with symptoms 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. **If the person was symptom free** and tests positive with a LFT, they must begin self-isolation and a PCR is not necessary.

What do I do if the PCR is positive? – Currently the person with the positive PCR or LFT test will need to self-isolate for 10 days. If they test negative on days 6 and 7 they can stop isolating provided both tests were negative, the tests were 24 hours apart and they do not have a high temperature. NHS Test and Trace will advise what course of action to take.

From 17th January, the self-isolation period is reducing to 5 days and people will be able to leave isolation from the start of day 6 after two negative tests 24 hours apart, providing they do not have a high temperature.

Do I need to self-isolate if I am a close contact? As per the Government's advice of 14th December, the guidelines are as follows:

- Those adults not fully vaccinated will still need to isolate if they are contacts.
- If someone is fully vaccinated or under 18 years and 6-month-old, and currently isolating due to being a contact of someone that has Omicron, they no longer need to isolate and should take daily LFD tests for what would have been remainder of the 10 day the isolation period.
- From a school's point of view, all under 5's are exempt from the LFT process.
- Children under 18 years old and fully vaccinated adults (this means double jabbed at least 14 days ago, not booster) 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 daily Lateral Flow tests for 7 days.
- NHS Test and Trace will advise when to take a PCR test.

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.

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.