

Newsletter

28th January 2022



Oakington
C of E Primary School

Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

It continues to be a very busy start to the year at school with Year 3 and 4 testing their climbing skills and determination at Clip 'n' Climb this week and author and poet Charlie Brown performing her brilliant poetry to Key Stage 2 and delivering some fantastic poetry workshops.

Five more children in Key Stage 2 have completed their Silver Award House Points chart and joined me for hot chocolate this afternoon. It was lovely to hear them talk about their achievements this year.

Following the feedback from our recent survey on the end of year residential trip, this year it will just be Year 6 children going. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey to help us make an informed decision.

Parent Consultations are scheduled to take place during w/c 7th and 21st February as per the Diary Dates and nearer to the time, you will receive a Doodle Poll and Zoom invitation from your class teacher to book an appointment. Children with provision maps will have their consultations the week after. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to share the progress that has been made and discuss the next steps in your child's learning journey.

Although the government have relaxed the guidelines with regard to COVID, we have a rising number of cases in school at the moment. We would strongly recommend the continued wearing of face masks on site for all parents/carers, staff and visitors until the February half term when this will be reviewed.

In the week beginning 7th February, pupils from Year 1 to 6 will be doing some short assessments so we can look at progress in reading, writing and maths (number, place value, addition and subtraction).

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Clark - Headteacher

Oakington Diary Dates:

w/c 7 Feb: Acorn Class Parent Consultations

Thurs 10 Feb: Birch & Chestnut - Cake Sale

Thurs 10 Feb: Football tournament

w/c 14 Feb: Half Term Holiday

w/c 21st Feb: Parent Consultations

Tues 22 Feb: Thinking Day – wear your Beaver/Cubs/ Rainbow/Brownie Uniform

Fri 18 Mar: Red Nose Day

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

Mon 28 June: School Photographer

Wed 20 July: Last Day of School

KS2 PPA

After half term, all classes in KS2 will return to having PPA on a Wednesday afternoon.

We are delighted to share with you that Over & In will be providing the sports provision for Years 5 & 6.

Prefects

Our new prefects for the Spring Term are:

- Finley B
- Aliya H
- Christian L
- Lily H
- Ellie A

Well done for always upholding the school values and being great role models.

Breakfast and After-School Club

We have now set up a ClassDojo page for our Breakfast and After-School Club where we will be sharing information, activities, photos and all the fun they have together. ClassDojo is an online communication tool we use across the school except in Acorn class, where we use Tapestry. Parent's who have not accessed ClassDojo before will be sent a link to sign up and join our school. More information to follow.

"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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Spring – Collective Worship

The theme for our assembly this half term

Patience



Author Visit

Huge thanks go to Charlie Brown who visited us this morning and talked to KS2 about her book. Years 3 & 4 thoroughly enjoyed her workshops.

Oak Class Update

For the past few weeks, Oak class have been learning about the solar system. We have experienced many fun activities, including representing how the planets are laid out and about their fascinating features. Did you know that Jupiter has 79 moons? Oak Class have learnt so many amazing facts and so many things we didn't know before such as space celebrities.

Bella & Marta
Prefects



Sycamore & Birch Trip to Clip n Climb

Birch and Sycamore were clipped in and then proceeded to climb this Thursday. After the safety briefing, it wasn't clear who was more excited, the staff or the children, but it wasn't long before thirty plus children took to the walls and showed off their climbing talents. We had an amazing time and would definitely recommend it. A huge thank you to Miss. Childs for organising this wonderful event.

Mr Bailey

The children told us:

"I loved it! I went on the slide."
Orla, Yr 3

"I really liked it! It was super, super fun!" Bruce, Yr 3

"It was pretty fun." Tey, Yr 4

"It was rather exciting. It was probably the highest I've ever gone!" Harry, Yr 4



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

CONFIDENCE

ACHIEVEMENT

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ENVIRONMENT



Girlguiding



Scouts

Thinking Day

22.2.2022

Every year on the 22nd February, the Girlguiding and Scouting movements celebrate Thinking Day. This is the joint birthday of the Founders, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. This year, Thinking Day falls on a school day and Mr Clark has agreed that we can wear our Guiding and Scouting uniforms to school. So if there are any Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts out there, please come and show your uniforms off to the rest of the school to celebrate. I will be wearing my Guiding uniform!

Miss Muscutt



Free School Meals

Please take a moment to consider whether you may be eligible for free school meals. If your circumstances have changed you may now be entitled to FSM. If your child is in receipt of universal infant free school meals (where your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2), we also recommend you apply if you believe you may be eligible for free school meals, because the protection will continue beyond Year 2.

When you apply for free school meals, you will also allow the school to receive Pupil Premium, which is extra money to support children from families on lower incomes.

Eligibility Criteria

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- *Income Support
- *Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- *Child Tax Credit - but no element of Working Tax Credit - and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)) that does not exceed £16,190
- *If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- *Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- *Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (as from 1 April 2018)

To apply for Free School Meals click here - <https://bit.ly/3KLqv89>



Adult Helpers Needed

If you can spare half an hour a week to come and listen to children read, then please contact the School Office or have a word with your class teacher to find out how you can help.



Cake Bakes

**Thurs 10 Feb: Birch & Chestnut –
Cake Sale**

You will have seen from the Diary Dates section that Chestnut Class will be joining Birch Class in this half term's Cake Bake.

We invite families from these two classes to bring in a cake/s either in the morning or at the end of the day and together with the PSA, they will staff the stalls at 3.10pm in the playground.

Homemade cakes are always very popular however, shop

bought ones are just as lovely



Please check your child's hair for headlice over the weekend!

Dear God in Heaven, thank you for the beauty of winter- for snow, icy window panes, evergreen trees, warm coats, frosty mornings and hot chocolate. Let us enjoy Your creation in all its glory, this winter and always. Amen



COVID UPDATE: 27th 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 or LFT 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 5 and 6 they can stop isolating on day 6 provided both tests were negative, and they do not have a high temperature. 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 the Government's advice, 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, they no longer need to isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. However, they should take daily LFD tests for what would have been the 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.
- 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.

Please remember to update the school with cases of COVID.

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.