



Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to all our pupils for settling quickly into the summer term. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces last Tuesday morning.

I have been particularly impressed with the fantastic knowledge Acorn class have shown around monarchy. This exciting topic has really captured their imagination and also links in nicely with our Jubilee Picnic at lunchtime on Thursday 19th May.

Our Year Six children are working very hard as they prepare for the SATs tests in the week beginning 9th May. They should be very proud of the way they have applied themselves this year and shown tremendous perseverance and resilience.

Today's Parent Forum on outdoor learning was very well attended – we are very grateful for all your support. The discussions and proposals are very exciting, and we look forward to sharing more details soon.

You will see from our diary dates that we have a busy term ahead. Year 6 parents are warmly invited to join us on 26th May to find out more information ahead of the residential trip to the Frontier Centre, Northamptonshire. We will be able to share with families the arrangements for the trip, examples of the types of activities the children will be taking part in and recommended kit lists.

You will also see that our very busy PSA have various events in the diary and they are currently finalising details for a Cider and Cheese evening, exciting! This year they will also be providing refreshments at our sports day event so please do support them where you can.

I would just like to remind you again that the 27th May was incorrectly marked on the school website as the school being closed. We are open this day! Please talk to the School Office if this causes you any difficulties.

I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Clark – Headteacher

Oakington Diary Dates:

Mon 2 May: Bank Holiday

Thurs 5 May: Year 6 SATs
Information Evening 5.30pm

30 May – 3 June: Half Term

w/c 9 May: KS2 SATS

Wed 18 May: PSA AGM at 8pm

Thurs 19 May: Jubilee Picnic on Field for Pupils (wear red, white & blue)

Wed 25 May: Maple Cake Bake (new date)

Thurs 26 May: Acorn & Maple Shepreth Trip

Thurs 26 May: Year 6 Parents Information Evening for Residential Trip 5.30pm

Mon 6 June: Inset Day

Tues 7 June: School opens

8-10 June: Year 6 Residential Trip

Mon 13 June: Year 5 Grafham Water

Wed 15 June: PSA Fathers' Day present room

Fri 17 June: Fathers' Day Assembly at 2.30pm

Fri 17 June: EYFS & Year 6 National Measurement Team visiting (change of date)

Mon 20 June: School Photographer – class photos

Sat 25th June: PSA stall at Oakington Village Day – volunteers needed (more info to follow)

Fri 1 July: PSA Summer Fair

Tues 5 July: Sports Day 9am

Thurs 7 July: back up day for Sports Day

Thurs 14 July: Acorn Cake Bake & Uniform Sale (change of date)

Fri 15 July: PSA Cider & Cheese night

Wed 20 July: Last Day of School



Jubilee Lunch - Thursday 19th May

In celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, we are planning to hold our own very special event by hosting a whole school picnic lunch on the school field. We are inviting pupils to come dressed in red, white or blue (non-uniform day) and crowns will be worn, flags waved and we will be singing together the National Anthem.





Summer – Collective Worship



The theme for our assembly this half term:

Justice

Cool Milk

Please can we ask that you double check with your child if they would like to continue receiving milk as we had a lot left over this week and it seems such a shame for it to go to waste. To order milk for your child to have at break time, visit www.coolmilk.com to sign up.

Update from Oak Class



On Monday 25th April, Year 6 welcomed Ole Schulz (Genome scientist) from Illumina to the classroom for a Zoom meeting during which he inspired them to become scientists themselves and consider the career of Genome research. On Tuesday this was followed up with a practical investigation into DNA where the DNA of strawberries was extracted and captured into micro test tubes. It was a really interesting experience and it certainly

increased our knowledge of genetics.

Mia said *'I have not done anything like this before'*.

Ellie told us *'I know there is DNA in living things but was surprised there was so much in a strawberry'*.

Aliya said *'it was interesting that it was so gooey and pink'*.

Update from Chestnut Class



On Monday 25th April, four of our Year 5 pupils took part in the County Maths Challenge. They were assigned various different tasks and had to work as a team to collectively come up with an answer under great time pressure. Those teams with the highest overall scores went on to compete in the following rounds. Although we were knocked out, the pupils were outstanding in their teamwork and really gave it their best shot so we would just like to say a big 'Well Done' to all who took part. As this was new to us this year we are looking forward to a rematch so watch this space!

We are sure we will come back stronger and better than ever next year.

Update from Chess Club

At the award ceremony yesterday, attendance certificates were given to the members of the Afterschool Chess Club. In addition, one certificate was given to a member for not being discouraged with his results so far, and certificates and small prizes were also given to two members their exemplary behaviour. The prizes were also given to the winner of the March-April chess tournament and to a further two members for solving the tricky chess puzzle competition over Easter break.

Members are encouraged to see the chess club not only as time to have fun - which it is, but as the way to learn some basic life skills, like courage, cooperation, communication, creativity, which will be an asset to them in their later life. Ranko Pinter - Leader of the Afterschool Chess Club



Sponsored Read Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our sponsored read before Easter and we hope the children enjoyed taking part in this exciting new challenge. We raised an absolutely amazing £1070 and Mrs Griffiths will keep you updated with how these funds are used.



School Lunches

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel your child's school lunch or you may still be charged.



Medical Appointments

We would always encourage families to make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours however, we know this is not always possible. Please remember to provide a copy of the medical appointment to the School Office for our records.

Food Hygiene

The kitchen staff recently received an unannounced inspection from the Environmental Health Office. We are delighted to share with you that we were awarded 5 stars which is the highest rating possible for food hygiene and food standards.

We would very much like to thank and congratulate our catering team, Helen & Jo, for their exceptional standards in food hygiene and cleanliness.

Attendance



Families are often surprised when they realise that their child's attendance has fallen below 96%, which is considered 'Good' by the Government. We monitor pupil attendance on a half termly basis and just two days absence can take a pupil's attendance to below 96% over 8 weeks.

If you are struggling to consistently bring your child to school, we can help. Please just talk to us and we will be able to support you and together we can find a way forward.

Goodbye & Thank You

We said farewell to Mr Cullen, our Caretaker, at the end of the Spring Term. We thank him for all his hard work during his time with us and I am sure you will join us in wishing him well for the future.



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>



PSA EVENTS

We are looking forward to another busy term with lots of activities now on the school calendar, so please get them in your diary. The most significant this half term is our AGM to establish the PSA as a charity, please do attend this if you are available.

We will also need volunteers at a few events this term so please put them in your diary, particularly Village Day on 25th June where we hoping parents can support the PSA by committing an hour to help staff the stall which will be open from 12-5pm.

We are also holding a second hand uniform sale - a great opportunity to see any good condition items go to a new home so they don't go to landfill. This is especially helpful for parents of new reception children and ones who's kids are growing quickly. Items can be dropped off at the school. We aim to have these available for sale by donation at the new parents evening next term and bake sales thereafter.

PSA

OAKINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Staff Association

Fundraising for our school community

Annual General Meeting

AT OAKINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our first AGM as a new charity

ALL WELCOME
Parents, carers and staff members

Wednesday
18th May
8pm
at Oakington CE Primary School, Water Lane, Oakington, Cambs, CB24 3AL

For more information check our Facebook Page or email: oakingtonschoolpsa@hotmail.com

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Together we can achieve more



COVID UPDATE: 1st April 2022



Test and Trace

Living with COVID-19: advice for those aged 18 and under

Has your child or young person aged 18 or under tested positive, or do they feel unwell with COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms? If so, there are a few simple steps they can take to protect their family and community – especially those at highest risk of severe illness.



If they feel unwell and have a high temperature, with COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, they should:



Try to stay at home, avoid contact with others and follow the guidance on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)



Try to avoid going to school, college or childcare until they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to return



Carry on attending as normal if they only have mild symptoms like a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough and otherwise feel well



If they have had a positive test for COVID-19, they should:



Try to stay at home, avoid contact with others for 3 days and follow the guidance on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)



Try to avoid going to school, college or childcare during this time, where they can



Go back after 3 days, but only if they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to do so

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%.

Please do get in touch if you are having particular difficulties in getting your child to school and would like to discuss this.