

Newsletter

11th September 2020



Oakington
C of E Primary School

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Autumn term and well done for making it to the end of the first full week. There was so much anticipation and definitely some trepidation as the time to return approached for the children and the adults. I'm so thankful to my team of staff, parents and not least the children for being positive towards the adaptations we've made and embracing our 'new normal'. The atmosphere has been more positive and uplifting than I'd have dared hope. The children especially have been full of smiles and have produced some terrific work.

We enjoyed our first socially distanced whole school Celebration Assembly on the field this afternoon. Well done to all the Stars of the Week!

As we go forward, please continue to be mindful of social distancing at drop off and pick up times. Face to face contact between adults at school and home will unfortunately continue to be limited. We will be looking at how best to provide parent teacher consultations and to ensure you are up to date and feel able to speak with us. Please contact your child's class teacher or myself on Class Dojo or via email with any worries that may arise.

With hot weather forecast next week, please make sure children come to school with a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream applied at home.

I wish you all a well-deserved restful and enjoyable weekend.

Nathan Clark
Headteacher

Oakington Diary Dates:

Fri 18th Oct: Jeans for Genes Day

23rd Oct: Training Day

26-30th Oct: Half Term

Mon 2nd Nov: School opens

Mon 4th Jan: Training Day

Tues 5th Jan: School opens



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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oakingtonprimary> before shopping online or install the app - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/>.

"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



Welcome to our new member of staff



We would like to introduce Mrs Ruth Griffiths to you as our new Class Teacher.

Mrs Griffiths will be working two days a week in Chestnut Class and we are delighted to have her join the team. Please do introduce yourselves and say hello as you will often see her in the playground.

Other staffing changes

Miss Muscutt is the Senior Lead Teacher (SLT) for EYFS and KS1 (Acorn, Elm & Maple).

Mr Bailey is the Senior Lead Teacher (SLT) for KS2 (Birch, Chestnut & Oak).

Goodbye

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Fisher as she moves to take up a pastoral role in Cambridge. We thank her for her hard work, musical influence and dedication to the school over the last 5 years and I am sure you will join me in wishing her well for the future.

PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment)

This year will continue as last with PPA taking place:

Acorn, Elm & Maple – Tuesday afternoons

Birch, Chestnut & Oak – Wednesday afternoons

You may see a different teacher or Sports Coach letting pupils out of school on these days.

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 18th September 2019



On Friday 18th September we invite all our children to wear something denim or clothes of their choice to school. Voluntary donations of £1 will be passed on to the charity Genetic Disorders UK.

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New Online System Payment Service

We have been delighted to be able to introduce ParentPay. This is our new preferred secure way of accepting payments as we change to a cashless school. You will be able to pay online using a debit/credit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores (eg Histon Co-Op store).

Payments can be made for Breakfast and After School Club and school trips when they recommence however, we please continue to use Dolce Live Kitchen for your child's school lunches.

ParentPay is an easy to use online system that is available to use anywhere 24 hours a day.

Nut-Free School



Please can I remind you all that we are a NUT-FREE school.

We do care for children who have severe nut allergies so we ask that you do not include any items in snacks or packed lunches that contain nuts. This could include foods like fruit or cereal bars, biscuits, chocolate bars, chocolate spread, or marzipan.

Acorn Class

The children will have the opportunity to learn to ride Balanceability bikes during Wednesday afternoons in school. These bikes teach children how to ride without stabilisers and also teaches balance and core stability while having fun doing physical activity.



The following clubs will be running in school from 14th September onwards:

Monday	Piano	Margaret Woods-Nunn
Tuesday	Drum Lessons	Paul Richards
Wednesday	Multi Sports	Premier Sports

- Brass lessons will continue online for the present time
- Guitar lessons will be taking place on Thursdays – invitations to be sent out soon.



Autumn Term 1 – Collective Worship



The theme for our assembly this half term:



Respect

Timetable for School

Please can we ask that parents try to arrive on time for their allotted class to prevent queues building before or after school.

	ACORN	ELM	MAPLE	BIRCH	CHESTNUT	OAK
Start Time	9.30am	9.00am	8.45am	8.45am	9.00am	8.45am
Break	10.30am	10.00am	10.15am	10.00am	10.15am	10.30am
Lunch	11.45am	12.00noon	12.15pm	12.00noon	12.15pm	12.30pm
Pick Up Time	2.45pm	3.00pm	3.15pm	3.15pm	3.00pm	3.15pm



MEDICATION

Thank you to everyone who has brought their child's medication into school. Please remember to keep us up to date with any changes to medical needs going forward.

Oakington CofE Primary School Vision

We strive for excellence, encouraging all children to reach their full potential and make accelerated progress through high expectations, ensuring we know each child as an individual. We endeavour to provide safe, stimulating learning environments, promoting collaboration whilst being immersed in a broad, dynamic curriculum and inclusive Christian ethos.

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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/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Information & Advice

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are following government advice and guidelines. We have explained to the children the importance of washing hands thoroughly and how it is also important to sneeze into a tissue to help stop the spread of the virus.

HOUSE POINTS



DRAGON



CENTAUR



GRIFFIN



PHOENIX

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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.

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