

Newsletter

9th October 2020



Oakington
C of E Primary School

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the weeks of this Autumn term flying by, the children have all been very busy and working hard. After completing internal baseline tests to identify gaps in their learning, we are putting in place interventions, extra adult support and tutoring where necessary to help children to make accelerated progress.

We all know that reading opens the door to all learning. A child who reads a lot will become a good reader. A good reader will be able to read challenging material. A child who reads challenging material is a child who will learn. The more a child learns the more a child wants to find out. It is, therefore, vital that your child finds learning to read and write a rewarding and successful experience.

Please ensure you are listening to your child read at least 5 times per week and leave a comment in their reading diary.

The reintroduction of hot meals has been successful and the food as delicious as ever. EYFS and KS1 are able to eat together (socially distanced) in the hall, while KS2 take their meals back to their classrooms to enjoy.

All classes have been working on performing and filming a song or poem for our Harvest Thanksgiving Video which we will be sharing with parents on Friday 16th October via ClassDojo/Tapestry. We would like to do our usual food collection for Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge and ask for children to bring in food appropriate for a food bank, such as fruit and vegetables, tinned food, pasta etc.

For those of you haven't heard, our neighbours at Humpty Dumpty Preschool will sadly no longer be open from 21st October.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Nathan Clark - Headteacher

Oakington Diary Dates:

13th-15th October: Open evenings for families joining us in September 2021

16th Oct: Harvest Festival donations

19th Oct: School photographer in – individual photos

23rd Oct: Inset Day

26-30th Oct: Half Term

Mon 2nd Nov: School opens

Fri 27th Nov: Flu immunisation

30th Nov-3rd Dec: Yrs 5 & 6 Bikeability

Mon 4th Jan: Inset Day

Tues 5th Jan: School opens



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to easyfundraising in support of the school. By using the easyfundraising site to shop online with thousands of retailers such as Tesco, Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, insurance comparison, travel, holidays to name but a few, then when you make a purchase a free donation is sent to the school.

It's not too late to sign up, simply go to:

<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



Our school photographer is coming into school on Monday 19th October to take individual and sibling photographs.

This year we will be doing things a little differently. Each child will be given a Photo Ticket which will be scanned when they have their photograph taken. They will then bring this home at the end of the day and hand it to parents/carers to order from. We will ensure that all parents are included in this.

No more proofs will be required and our photographers, Kittles, will provide the option of having photographs delivered to school or posed directly to your home (for a small charge).

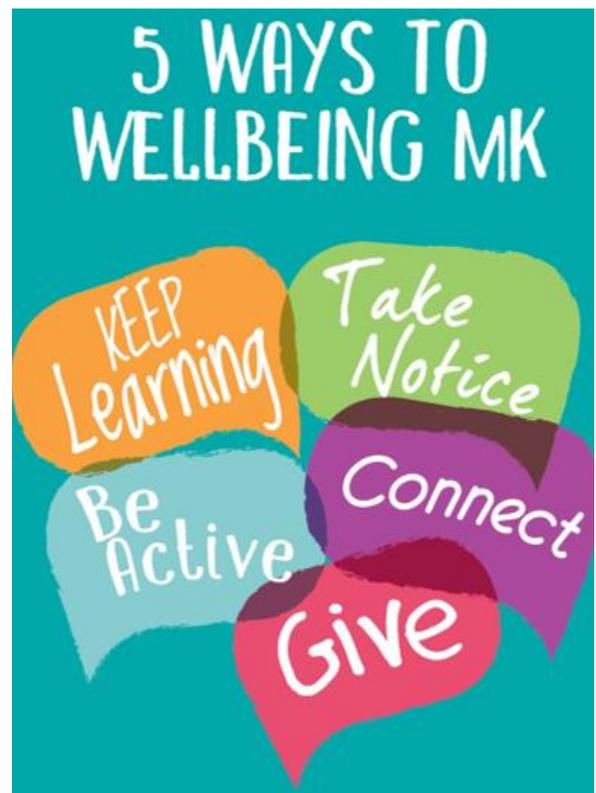
Please know that social distancing will be maintained throughout the photo shoot with all equipment being sanitised between classes and between sibling groups.



The World Health Organisation recognises **World Mental Health Day** on

10th October every year and in school this is something we raised the profile of today. We very much want this to be part of our everyday life for every one of our pupils so they are able to recognise how they are feeling and know what to do if their week may be isn't going quite so well. Each class has been discussing the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and we have sent home a Wellbeing bingo card which also provides food for thought. We hope you enjoy sharing this with your child.

As part of encouraging a wellbeing culture in school we will be having a Wellbeing poster competition in school. Everyone's poster will be displayed around school with winners for Foundation/KS1 and KS2.



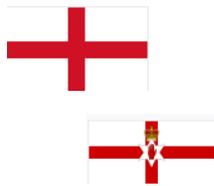


The theme for our assembly this half term:

Respect

In order to respect everyone, believers must be conscious that God has created all people in His image, regardless of whether or not they believe in Christ. We should show people proper respect because their souls are of more value than anything else in the world.

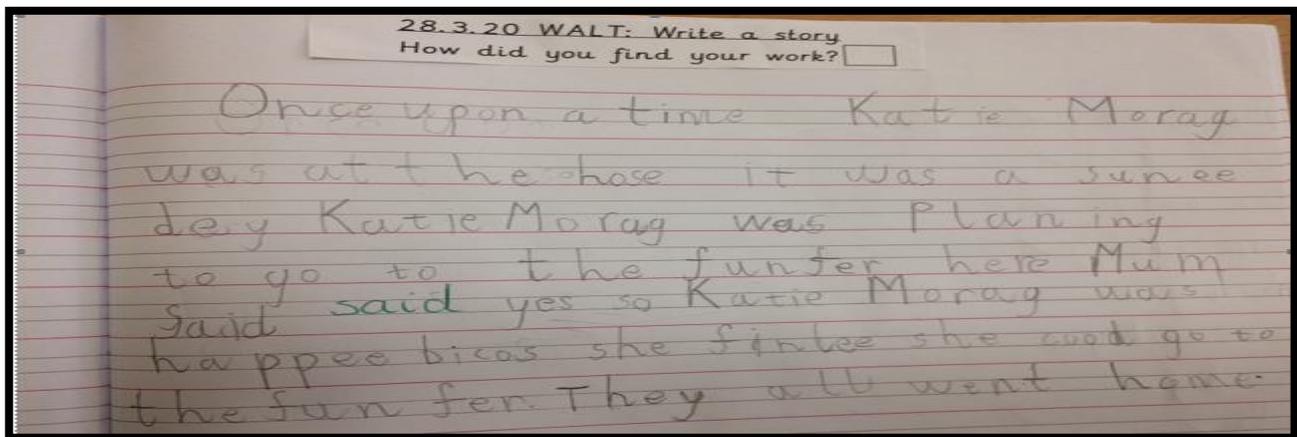
Elm Class



During the last few weeks Elm Class have been learning all about islands.



They have looked at the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and have found out about the capital cities and the flags for each country. They have been learning about how islands are formed and have been looking specifically at the Isle of Coll in Scotland. Linking with our island topic, Elm Class have been reading the wonderful Katie Morag stories in their English lessons and have written some fantastic stories.





Parents' evenings will be held during w/c 2nd November between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. This year the meetings will be held over Zoom and we would be grateful if you could check that Zoom works on your computer or phone prior to the meeting taking place.

We will send you an appointment time and log in details soon.

Naturally we would prefer to meet in person but due to the current times we believe that this is next best option.

INSET DAY REMINDER



Just a reminder that the school is closed on Friday 23rd October for an Inset Day.

SPARE SHOES



All pupils need to have a spare pair of



wet weather shoes or wellie boots in school so that they can change into them before playing on the field. This helps to keep the children's feet dry and looks after the carpets in each of the classrooms.



Starting School or Transferring to Secondary

If your child is in Year 6 then you will need to apply for a secondary school Year 7 place. The application **deadline is 31st October 2020** You can apply online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions

If your child will be 4 by 31st August 2021 then you need to apply now for a Reception school place. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021. For further information please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions.

We are holding Open Evenings on 13th, 14th & 15th October for prospective families joining us in September 2021 and places must be booked in advance. For more information please visit our website or contact the school office.

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.



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

Please see the 'Quick Guide for Parents' at the end of the Newsletter for an easy reference for what you should do if unsure.

Following the government's update:

Just a reminder to parents/carers to say goodbye at the school gates of a morning. It is really helpful if you can arrive on time, rather than too early, to prevent a build up of people.

Can we also remind our families that they should leave the school site immediately at the end of the school day. Children are not allowed to play on the field. In addition, parents/carers should not walk around the back of the school to collect siblings.

We would encourage all persons over 16 to download the new NHS COVID 19 App onto smartphones and to use the new contact tracing system.

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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.



Covid-19 Related Absence – a Quick Guide for Parents

What should I do if?	Action needed ...
<p>My child is feeling ill with Covid-19 symptoms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back • a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours • a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. <p>Most children with Covid-19 have at least one of these symptoms.</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THEIR SETTING/S</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate. Your child will need to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms; the rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>You should book a test for your child using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p> <p>Please note - <u>only</u> the person with symptoms should be tested and there is no need for others in the household to have a test, unless they also have any of the symptoms mentioned.</p> <p>Make sure you tell the setting/s immediately about the result of the test.</p>
<p>My child is feeling ill with other symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose or a headache.</p>	<p>You should act in the same way as you would have done before the pandemic. This may involve sending your child to their care setting or keeping them at home, depending on the nature and severity of symptoms. Of course you should seek medical advice via your GP or NHS direct on 111 if you would normally do so.</p> <p>Please note – if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this, as is normal policy.</p>
<p>Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THEIR SETTING/S.</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate and the person with symptoms should book a test using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THEIR SETTING/S.</p> <p>The whole household should isolate for 14 days. The person who has tested positive must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours.</p>
<p>Someone in my household with symptoms tests negative for Covid-19</p>	<p>Your child can return to their setting, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any further Covid-19 symptoms.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THEIR SETTING.</p> <p>Your child must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours. The rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.</p>
<p>My child tests negative for Covid-19 (test done when the child had symptoms)</p>	<p>Your child can return to their setting, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any Covid-19 symptoms.</p>