



Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had an excellent summer and feel revitalised and ready for the new school year. We've had a busy summer at school, lots of changes which I hope you can see and of course lots of work behind-the-scenes, hoping to facilitate an exciting and smooth running term. Many of our classrooms and shared areas have been redecorated, walls painted and floors cleaned. It's given the school a bright and fresh feel.

There has been a great atmosphere this week as the children are welcomed into their new classes, getting to know their teachers and spending time with each other again.

Whilst we all feel very positive about the year to come, we are well aware we still have challenges to face which I hope we can work through together. We will never settle for a being 'good enough', we will always aim for excellence. I am always keen to discuss any feedback you have for us, despite every good intention we won't always get it right as we go and encourage you to come and give us your thoughts.

We continue to appreciate your support in many ways - notably our uniform policy as the children have come back looking very smart this year! I am keen to uphold these high standards throughout the year.

I wish you and your children a very happy and fulfilling Autumn Term.

Nathan Clark

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, chocolate bars, chocolate spread, or marzipan.

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 20th September 2019



On Friday 20th 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.

Oakington Diary Dates:

Mon 16th September 2019:
Teacher training day

Weds 11th September:
Balanceability – Acorn class

Fri 20th September: Jeans for Genes day

Fri 4th October, 7pm: 9.30am Harvest service, St Andrews Church; evening Harvest concert, St Andrews Church

Mon 21st – Fri 25th October 2019: Half term

Weds 13th November:
Individual school photographs

Tues 26th November: Flu immunisations

Fri 13th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 19th December 2019: 9.30am Christmas Service at St Andrews Church; Last day of term

Monday 6th January 2020:
Teacher training day

Tuesday 7th January 2020:
First day back for Spring term

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020: Half term

Friday 3rd April 2020: Last day of Spring term

Monday 20th April 2020:
Teacher training day

Tuesday 21st April 2020: Start of Summer term

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2020: Summer half term

Monday 1st June 2020:
Teacher training day

Wednesday 22 July 2020:
Last day of summer term!



Welcome to our new staff members



Mrs Diane Swain
TA in Maple class



Mrs Helen Ellis
TA in Acorn class



Miss Kerrie Larkins
Trainee teacher in Acorn class

Other staffing changes

Mrs Fisher is now teaching Chestnut class on Thursdays and Fridays, and has also taken up the role of Senior Teacher for which she will be in school on Wednesdays.

Miss Faller will be teaching Maple class one day a week and will also be providing PPA cover for Key Stage 1 pupils on a Tuesday afternoon. Key Stage 1 pupils will also receive PE lessons on Tuesday afternoons from specialist coaches through the South Cambridgeshire Sports Partnership.

Miss Medd, who taught Oak class last year, is returning to us to provide PPA cover for Key Stage 2 pupils on a Wednesday afternoon. Key Stage 2 pupils will also receive specialist PE lessons from Premier Sports on Wednesday afternoons.

Pre-Ordering School Dinners

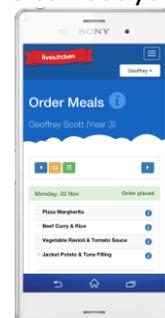
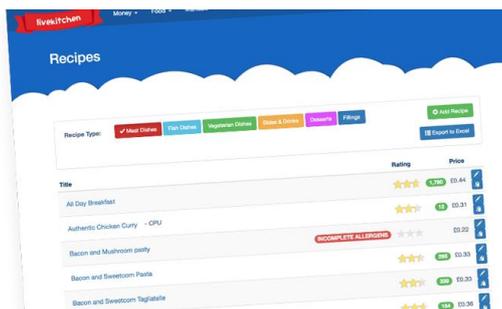
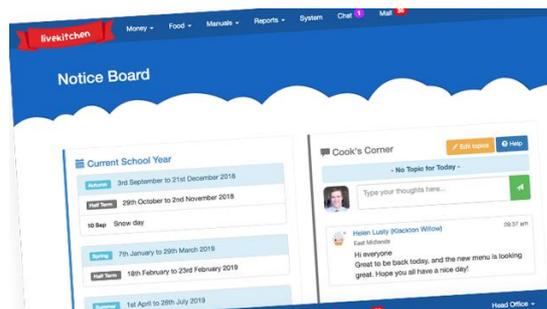
Live Kitchen was re-branded as School Grid in July – but our pre-order and payment system for school lunches remains the same. If you log in to School Grid at...

<https://www.live-kitchen.co.uk/index.html>

... you can see the menu and check how dishes are made, which ingredients are used, and nutrition and allergy content before placing an order. You can place orders for up to a term at a time, selecting specific fillings for dishes like sandwiches or jacket potatoes.

You can load funds onto your child's account using a credit or debit card, or you can set up a direct debit if you prefer.

If you don't have a login for the system, please come and see us in the school office so we can set you up.



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After-school activities this half term

This term, Premier Sports will be in school three lunchtimes per week offering various activities (funded by the school, so free of charge to pupils). We will have various free clubs offered by our own staff, which will be confirmed later this week.

We also have the following clubs running from external providers this term – fees for each are payable directly to the providers:

- Monday 3.15-4.15pm: **Cookery** for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - run by Clubs4Schools
<https://dashboard.clubsforschools.org/schools/6434/clubs/future>
- Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm: **Tag Rugby** for all year groups – run by Premier Sport <https://family.premier-education.com/courses>
- Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm: **Gymnastics** for all year groups – run by Premier Sport <https://family.premier-education.com/courses>
- Thursday 3.15-4.15pm: **Dance** for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – run by Barre Community Dance School (Ellen Lipscomb)
- Thursday 3.15-4.15pm: **Robotics** for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – run by Clubs4Schools
<https://dashboard.clubsforschools.org/schools/6434/clubs/future>

Our in-school Breakfast Club and After-School Club will also be running every day and we have spaces available in all sessions (fees apply). Please see the school office for more information or to arrange a trial session.

Teacher Training Days 2019-2020

A reminder that we have teacher training days scheduled for the following dates this academic year:

- **Next Monday 16th September 2019**
- Monday 6th January 2020
- Monday 20th April 2020

Music Lessons

We are currently able to offer individual lessons in brass, piano, and drums. Please speak to the school office for more details.



School building improvements

Over the summer we had new ceilings and lighting installed in Acorn and Elm classrooms, and a new ceiling installed in the Hall. We also refurbished the children's toilets in Birch class and redecorated lots of rooms.

These works were funded primarily from the Diocese of Ely School Condition Fund.

Refurbishment of our breakfast club/after school club continues, with new flooring being installed this term. New sofas arrived over the summer which really brighten the room up too!

Over the next few months we will work to develop the Quiet Garden funded through the generous Tesco's grant as well as the PSA. We hope that this will include an outdoor library area as well as planters, seating and quiet activities. Offers of help very welcome, especially from carpenters!

Building improvements that we hope to make in the future include more toilet refurbishments, new flooring and carpets, and more lighting upgrades.

We continue to work on funding possibilities for our swimming pool.

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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/>

Key Stage 2 Swimming

Birch, Chestnut and Oak classes will be taken for swimming lessons at IVC this term. Years 3 & 4 will have six one-hour lessons in the first half of autumn term – Tuesdays 10th September to 15th October. Years 5 & 6 will have six one-hour lessons in the second half of autumn term – Tuesdays 29th October to 3rd December.

Parent-School Association

Our Parent-School Association (PSA) runs several events each year including the summer fete, leavers' hoodies, the Christmas present room, children's Christmas cards and a very popular Christmas Fair. We've been invited to run a stall at the fireworks event in the village this year too.

We'd love more parents to get involved and share fundraising ideas – if you are interested please come to talk to Amy in the School Office.

Midday Supervisors Wanted at Oakington

Salary: Grade 1c, Point 8 £15,246 (FT)

Positions are available one or more days per week, in the hours of Monday-Friday 11.45am-1.15pm. Term-time only (plus 5 training days per year).

For further information about the post please contact: recruit@oakington.cambs.sch.uk

The midday supervisors will work both in the school hall and outside supervising the children as they eat and play, as part of a team of midday supervisors. This role is critical in helping the school maintain consistent standards of pupil behaviour. The role also includes clearing up the school hall after lunchtime.

The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Join our team!

I can't find my jumper!

All lost property is kept in the black cupboard in the Main Reception - please do feel free to come in and have a look if you have lost an item. Please can we remind parents/carers to label all items of clothing, trainers, shoes, water bottles etc. so that we can return lost items to their owners.



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