



Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are now well and truly settled into the new school year, with some amazing learning taking place. It was lovely to see so many parents come to our 'Meet the Teacher' yesterday evening. The link between home and school is incredibly important for a successful education.

I would like to stress again that if your child is being collected from school by somebody different to normal, please inform the school office. If we are not aware of any changes, for safeguarding reasons we cannot allow any child to leave with a different adult before we have contacted parents to confirm the arrangement.

The school is looking for volunteers who would be willing to re-form the Parent Staff Association (PSA). The work this group has done in the past has been phenomenal and has contributed to many excellent resources and opportunities. Events such as the Christmas Fayre, Present Room and Summer Fete are all reliant on us having a PSA. Please come along to a PSA meeting next Thursday afternoon (3.20pm in school) or contact the office if you are interested in serving the school community in this way.

Nathan Clark

Asthma: If your child has an inhaler in school, please make sure we also have a spacer if needed.

Harvest Celebration

Next Friday 4th October we will celebrate Harvest with a special service at St Andrews Church at 9.30am. Parents are invited to meet us at the church – although each class teacher may be looking for a few adults to walk down with the children.

At the harvest service we will be collecting non-perishable food donations for Jimmy's night shelter in Cambridge. Items they are asking for this Harvest include pasta sauces, tinned fruit and veg, peanut butter, ketchup, and biscuits.

The community is also invited to an evening concert at St Andrews Church on 4th October.



Oakington Diary Dates:

Weds 2nd October: Reception class photo for Cambridge Independent newspaper

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

Week beginning 14th October: Parents' evenings

Weds 16th October, 9am: Parent forum

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

Weds 13th November: Individual school photographs
Tues 26th November: Flu immunisations

Tues 3rd December: Swimming gala - Years 5 & 6

Tues 10th December: Extra swimming session Years 5 & 6

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!

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Traffic and Parking

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==== Park legally. ====

Road safety remains a massive concern and priority for our school. There were several close near-misses last year caused by inconsiderate and illegal parking, including one incident in which a car stopped only inches from a child on the crossing.

As you all know, we have a small car park that often becomes congested. **Please do NOT bring your car into the car park after 7.30am.**

We also ask that you use the footpath around the car park, rather than walking between cars across the car park itself. We are trying to teach the children about road and car safety, so your support in showing them the right way to walk around the car park is appreciated.

We continue to liaise with the Police, the Parish Council and the County Council regarding enforcement of the parking restrictions outside our school.

Please DO NOT park on double yellow lines or white zig zag areas.

Together with governors and concerned parents, we are investigating further ways we can reduce the likelihood of an accident outside our school. You will likely have seen the current consultation regarding extending the double yellow lines outside the school. In the meantime we welcome your input and we urge you to remain vigilant when walking your children to school along this road.

Cool Milk

If you would like your child to receive milk at break-time in school, you can sign up at

www.coolmilk.com

Milk is free up to age 5 and highly subsidised after that.

If you signed up last term, please do check with your child if they wish to continue receiving a portion of milk each day - we do not like to see milk going to waste.

PSA Meeting

Thursday 3rd October 3.20pm

Please join us after school next Thursday to discuss lots of community events and fundraising opportunities we have coming up. If the weather is fine we will meet on the picnic tables outside Oak classroom; if the weather is poor we will meet in Birch classroom.

Christmas Fair!

The PSA traditionally holds a wonderful Christmas fair, complete with Santa's Grotto! We have yet to set a date for this year.

Bonfire night!

We've also been invited to hold a stall at the village bonfire night celebration on Saturday 2nd November. In the past the PSA has sold soft drinks and light sticks at this event.

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ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS

We're collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools.

Help us collect 300 stickers to complete our poster and we'll receive an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win **£20,000!**

Small text at the bottom: "Send your stickers to: Aldi's Kit for Schools, PO Box 100, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ" and logos for Team GB, GET SET eat & fresh, and ALDI.

Aldi Kit for Schools

We are delighted to be taking part in Aldi's kit scheme and are now busy collecting Team GB stickers. Stickers can be brought into school and pupils are welcome to add them to the poster that will be displayed in the hall. Please do ask relatives, friends, neighbours to pass on their stickers to us too as we are looking to collect 300 stickers before the deadline on 3rd November.

E-Safety - Money mules

Cambridgeshire Police have noted an increase in the number of young people being used as money mules. A money mule is someone who transfers stolen money through their own bank account on behalf of someone else and is paid for doing so. Criminals need money mules to launder the profits of their crimes.

Young people are approached online or in person, including through social media, at school, college or sports clubs. Sometimes people they know persuade them to take part.

Make sure your child knows that they should not share bank details with anyone without your knowledge.

A reminder - PE Kits

Please make sure your child has their PE kit with them in school. This should include black shorts and a plain t-shirt in their house colour.

No jewellery should be worn and long hair must be tied back.

Earrings – PE and sports

Please note that recent guidance from Cambridgeshire County Council requires that children must remove earrings before taking part in PE. Staff are now prohibited from using tape to cover earrings. We recommend that your children do not wear earrings on PE days unless they are comfortable taking them out themselves.

We understand that if ears have been pierced recently, earrings cannot be removed for several weeks. In this situation, sadly your child will not be able to take part in PE lessons or other sporting activities until the earrings can be removed.

Christmas Cards

Over the next few weeks pupils will be designing their school Christmas Cards and samples will be sent home during the next few months for you to preview. Over the last few years this has proved to be a popular and fun fundraising event and we hope you enjoy seeing your child's artwork. Coasters and gift tags are also available for purchase.

Newsletter

26th September 2019



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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/>

Coffee and Conversation – 16th October, 9am

Our next parent forum - 'Coffee and Conversation' - is scheduled for Wednesday 16th October at 9am. Please join us in the school hall for an opportunity to chat with Mr Clark, Mrs Fisher and several governors.



Goodbye and Thank You to Clare Wale

Next week we will say goodbye to Clare Wale, who has been working with us as a mid-day supervisor. Thank you Clare for everything you have done to help our children and our school!

Sickness Absence

We remind you that pupils must remain off school for 48 hours after their last bout of vomiting.

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!

Don't Forget To Use The Buggy Park

To help us keep a safe environment inside our school, please can you leave pushchairs and buggies outside.

Thank you for helping to keep the school a safe place for everyone.



Contact Us!

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