

# Newsletter

## 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019



**Oakington**  
C of E Primary School

### Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very grateful to all the parents and carers that are very considerate, polite and courteous when communicating with our school staff. Your support is very much appreciated.

I'm disappointed to report that we have recently had a few instances where staff have felt threatened and intimidated by an angry or irate parent.

Governors and the senior leadership team would like to urge parents to remember the staff they speak to are often trying to resolve any concerns or issues they have in the most effective way possible. We encourage close links with parents and the community. We believe that pupils benefit when the relationship between home and school is a positive one.

The vast majority of parents, carers and others visiting our school are keen to work with us and are supportive of the school. However, on the rare occasions when a negative attitude towards the school is expressed, this can result in aggression, verbal and/or the threat of physical abuse towards members of school staff or the wider school community.

The governing body and senior leadership team expect and require members of staff to behave professionally in these difficult situations and attempt to defuse the situation where possible, seeking the involvement as appropriate of other colleagues. However, all members of staff have the right to work without fear of being threatened or abused. If any member of staff is feeling threatened, we will ask the abusive parent/carer/visitor to immediately leave the site and return at a later date.

We expect parents and other visitors to behave in a reasonable way towards all members of school staff.

It was fantastic to see so many prospective parents at our Open Evening last week. The Year 6 prefects did the school proud as they gave guided tours to groups of visitors. We look forward to sharing the children's achievements and progress at this week's parents evenings.

*Nathan Clark*

#### New school website!

Please do visit our new school website at:

**[www.oakingtonprimary.co.uk](http://www.oakingtonprimary.co.uk)**

(Our old website address will redirect to this new website).

### Oakington Diary Dates:

**Week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> October:**

Parents' evenings

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup> October, 9am:**

**Parent forum**

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October:**

Half term

**Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> October:** Church-led 'Light Party Disco' 5-7pm

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> November:**

Individual school photographs

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> November 5pm:**

Phonics information evening – EYFS and Year 1

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup> November:** Flu immunisations

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November: PSA Christmas Fair 2-4.30pm!**

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Swimming gala - Years 5 & 6

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Vision screening - EYFS

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Extra swimming session Years 5 & 6

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> December:** National Child Measurement Program – EYFS and Year 6

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019:** 9.30am Christmas Service at St Andrews Church; Last day of term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020:**

**Teacher training day**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020:** First day back for Spring term

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**February 2020:** Half term

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020:** Last day of Spring term

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020:**

**Teacher training day**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020:** Start of Summer term

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### Cake, Coffee and Conversation

**This Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Privacy Notice

For more information on GDPR and data held by the school please visit - [demat.org.uk/gdpr](http://demat.org.uk/gdpr)

## PSA Update

### Bonfire night!

A team of PSA volunteers will run a stall at the village bonfire night celebration on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, selling soft drinks and light sticks. Please let the school office know if you would like to join in!



### Christmas Fair - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2-4.30pm

The PSA traditionally holds a wonderful Christmas fair, complete with Santa's Grotto! This year the event will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm to 4.30pm.

We are looking for:

- Volunteers to help set up and run the event
- Stall holders to come along and sell Christmassy wares
- Volunteers to run activities at the event (tea and coffee, raffle, games)
- Donations for our raffle

If you might be able to help, please chat to the fair organisers Vicky McHugh and Lucy O'Donovan – or pop into the school office and talk to Amy.

Our next PSA meeting is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3.20pm in school, to plan more of the Christmas Fair. Please do come and join us!

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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/>

#### Meet our school prefects

Evie Barney Daniela Johannes



## Light Party Disco

31<sup>st</sup> October 5-7pm

This event is open to the whole community and is organised by St Andrews Church family worker Ben Phillips. Parents are welcome to come along with their children.

Please note that although this event is hosted by the school, it is organised and led by church helpers. School staff will not be at the event.



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