



Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the half-term holiday and the children are feeling refreshed for an exciting time leading up to Christmas. With the nights drawing in and the temperature decreasing, fireworks artwork and bonfire poems are warming and brightening our spirits. The children have already enjoyed some very exciting science lessons delivered by Lisa from MundiPharma, which included making bath bombs and running a teddy bear hospital to learn about the bones of the body amongst other interesting experiments. Christmas carol rehearsals will soon begin and before we know it Christmas will be here!

Please can I remind everyone to make sure children have appropriate clothing for the weather and a spare pair of shoes in school at all times as we like to access all areas of our grounds throughout the year.

Nathan Clark

New outdoor classroom!

Our new outdoor classroom was installed over half term using money provided through our Sports Premium grant. Oak class christened the outdoor classroom by performing their vocal firework compositions in music this week with Mrs Fisher.

We also installed all-weather surfacing beneath the trim trail with these funds.



Oakington Diary Dates:

Sat 2nd November: Village Bonfire Night celebration – PSA running a stall!

Mon 4th November – Tidy Up in Nature Reserve 2-4pm

Weds 6th November – Open Morning 9.30am for new families joining Sept 2020

Thurs 7th November: 3.20pm PSA meeting

Weds 13th November: Individual school photographs

Thurs 14th November 5pm: Phonics information evening – EYFS and Year 1

Fri 15th November – Children In Need day (non-uniform)

Fri 22nd November – non-uniform - chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair

Tues 26th November: Flu immunisations

Sat 30th November: PSA Christmas Fair 2-4.30pm!

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

Weds 4th December – Carols & Cocoa, wider community are invited to come and join us

Mon 9th December: Vision screening - EYFS

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

Thurs 12th December: National Child Measurement Program – EYFS and Year 6

Fri 13th December: Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)

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

Monday 6th January 2020: Teacher training day

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



Golden Leaf winners!

Congratulations to the children who earned Golden Leaves last half-term, which we celebrated in a Gold Leaf assembly on Friday 18th October:

Acorn: Phoebe, Jasmine, Ashwin, Alfie, Enija

Elm: Jade, Ben, Poppie, Kasper, Thomas, Chase

Maple: Betsy, Will, Teyana, Jasmine

Birch: Finley, Levi, Abbey, Felicity, Amber, Harry

Chestnut: Max, Max, Erin, Daniel, Ellie

Oak: Zoe, Sophia, Keeley, Lexi, Joshua, James



PSA Update

Bonfire night!

A team of PSA volunteers will run a stall at the village bonfire night celebration on Saturday 2nd November, selling light sticks. **Strong winds are forecast for tomorrow night; the Community Association will review the forecast in the morning and defer the event by a day if necessary.**

Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th 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 30th November from 2pm to 4.30pm.

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 22nd November, asking the children to please bring in an item of chocolate (anything from a Freddo Frog to a box of Milk Tray) for our chocolate tombola!

We are looking for:

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

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 7th November at 3.20pm in school, to plan more of the Christmas Fair. Please do come and join us!

Reminder – swimming lessons this half-term are for Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday

C.A.R.E. is at the heart of our school

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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/>



Sporting Excellence



Well done to Murray Christie who has been accepted into the County Cricket team, and Nel Lipscomb and Isabel Brennand who have been accepted into Cambridge City Football Team. Excellent work!

Meanwhile our school football team came third in their tournament.

The Netball Club went to Cottenham Village College to compete in the first part of a two part competition. The A Team won 3 of their 4 games and currently lie 2nd in the league, whilst the B team won 2 of their 4 games and are 5th in a league of 10. Well done to everyone involved!



Carols and Cocoa – An invitation to the Oakington Community

We warmly invite you to come and join us for Carols & Cocoa in the School Hall.

Wednesday 4th December, 9.30 –10.30am

No need to book, just turn up!

All welcome.

Children In Need



We will again be supporting this worthwhile cause on Friday 15th November. Children are invited to come dressed in spots in return for a £1 donation (non-uniform day).

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