

# Newsletter

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



**Oakington**  
C of E Primary School

### Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy few weeks here in school recently with our Bonfire activities, science workshops and Open Days where it has been lovely to see so many new faces.

For Remembrance Day we were very grateful to have Lynda Fentiman from the village come and speak to the children about her son Andrew who died in Afghanistan 10 years ago. The children had made poppies from recycled bottles and held a minutes silence to remember those who have died in conflict. The children listened to the Last Post and Ben Phillips led the children in prayer.

Thank you to all the helpers who came to tidy up the outdoor areas last week. Your help is really appreciated and has made a huge difference to the children who use these areas. Keep a look out in the Spring term for our next tidy up session!

Our thanks also go to Mr Cullen our caretaker who has laid down new paving in the front of the school so that we have a new safer entrance to our school playground. Please can all parents use this entrance from now on.

We are looking forward to seeing parents from Acorn & Elm classes tonight at our Phonics Evening which begins at 5pm. This has always been well supported in the past and we have found it to be a successful way of supporting our phonics teaching to the Early Years at school.

You will see in our Diary Dates that we have added new additional events such as the Foundation Stage & KS1 Nativity. No tickets will be issued for this performance but two seats will be allocated per family. Just let the Office know if you would like extra seats reserving and names will be selected at random during w/c 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Nathan Clark

### Oakington Diary Dates:

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> November 5pm:** Phonics information evening – EYFS and Year 1

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Children In Need day (non-uniform)

**Thurs 21 November** – Birch class visiting Botanic Gardens

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – non-uniform - chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair

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

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

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

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Carols & Cocoa, wider community are invited to come and join us

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> December:** Santa's Secret Shop

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

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

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> December:** FS, Elm & Maple Nativity at 1.45pm

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Lunch

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

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)

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

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020: Teacher training day**

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

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020:** Spring half term

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

### Children In Need



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

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### Drumming Assembly

During our Drumming assembly on November 5th - nine students performed a variety of modern and classic songs to the whole school. Children, parents and grandparents enjoyed singing along! There are a few spaces for drumming lessons still available - please ask at the school office if your child is interested. The lessons are on Tuesdays during school time.



*Christmas Jumper Day*

Just a reminder that Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers for a small donation with all proceeds going to Save the Children.

### Headlice

There has been a reported case of headlice in school this week. Please can we ask that you check your child's hair tonight and treat if necessary. This way we can prevent the spread of headlice within school. Thank you for your help with this.

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

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 also 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 of prizes for our raffle – is there anything you could re-gift?
- Donations of baked goods for our cake stall and café
- Donations of used school uniform for a uniform sale

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.

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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/>

### 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.

*We are looking for parent helpers to help with refreshments at our Carols & Cocoa event. Please see either Sarah Mathews or let the Office know if you might be able to help.*

#### Contact Us!

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### Foundation Stage, Acorn & Elm Nativity

#### 'Hunt for the Camel'

This year's nativity will take place at 1.45pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Two seats will be allocated per family (no tickets) and if you would like to request extra seats please email the Office ([office@oakington.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@oakington.cambs.sch.uk)). Names will be selected at random at the beginning of December.

### Donations requested!

Please consider if you could donate lego for a new small groups activity that we will be starting in Spring 2020!

