

Newsletter

31st January 2020



Oakington
C of E Primary School

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a great couple of weeks since our last newsletter with lots going on, from Around The World workshops with Perform, to a visiting dinosaur with TeachRex, the children have been very busy. We have also kick-started our BBC Radio 2 500 Words challenge projects and hope to submit stories to this competition at the end of February.

We are pleased to say Oakington has been chosen as the school to represent DEMAT in a visit from a local MP. Anthony Browne, MP for South Cambridgeshire, will be coming to our school from 1pm on Friday 27th March. We are looking forward to showing him around the school and discussing our achievements so far and plans for the future.

As you are aware, next Wednesday the school will be receiving a Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection. The inspection will evaluate progress against the previous inspection's targets which took place in 2014. The inspector, Gill Hipwell is from the Norwich Diocese and has been the Norwich Diocese Schools Advisor for seven years. During the day, the inspector will be taken on a tour of the school by our older pupils where she will have the opportunity to visit every class, observe collective worship, speak to the Foundation Governors and the Chair of Governors, have lunch with the pupils and speak to a group of pupils.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness week in which the children will be doing activities to promote health and well-being as well as gaining an understanding of the importance of looking after mental health.

This year, parent evenings are going to take a slightly different format. All class teachers will be in the hall, and meetings arranged over two nights. This has been done following parent feedback and to make it more convenient for parents with more than one child.

Nathan Clark
Head Teacher

Oakington Diary Dates:

W/b 3rd Feb 2020

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Wed 12th & Thurs 13th Feb

2020: Parents Evening 3.30-7.00pm

Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb: Spring half term

Fri 28th Feb: National Child Measurement Programme for Reception and Year 6

Thurs 5th March: Maths evening for parents/carers at 6pm in the Hall (Years 1 to 6)

Fri 20th March: Mothers' Day Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 3rd April: Easter Service at St Andrew's Church 9.30am, all welcome

Fri 3rd April: Last day of Spring term

Mon 20th April: Teacher training day

Tues 21st April: First day back for Summer term

Fri 8th May: Bank Holiday

Mon 25th to Fri 29th May: Summer half term

Mon 1st June: Teacher training day

Tues 2nd June: School re-opens

Wed 22nd July: Last day of term

REMINDERS:

Gym Club cancelled on 12th February

Sensory Circuits cancelled on 26th & 27th February



Trampette

If you have a trampette at home that is in good working order and no longer used, we would be very grateful if you would consider donating it to the school.

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Governor News

Hi everyone, it seems crazy that this newsletter is going out on the last day of January! Where have the last few weeks gone?!

As you may have noticed we have started to have a regular slot for governors news in the fortnightly newsletter, this is mostly so that we can give you regular updates on the various things that we've been involved with and to give you a better idea of what it is that we do. There have been quite a few changes within the governing body over the last few months so for the next few weeks we'll be taking it in turns to write a little bit about ourselves and to explain our roles within the governing team. We really do value your thoughts and feedback and will be at both the parents evenings on the 12th and 13th February so please come and say hello!

EYFS & KS1 Report - TeachRex



Acorn, Elm and Maple have been learning about dinosaurs this term and we were very fortunate to be visited by Teach Rex this week. The classes had an engaging workshop learning all about the T-Rex and took part in an interactive experience using a green screen.

"My favourite part was when the T-Rex ate Miss Childs." John from Year 1

"It was really fun." Will from Year 2



The PTA are a small but very hardworking team who dedicate a lot of time behind the scenes to fundraising activities and we are very appreciative of all they do for the pupils, parents and staff at our school. Most recently they have funded a storage box to store playground equipment that is used at break and lunchtime, subsidised the wonderful Teach Rex dinosaur that visited this week, they are contributing towards an outdoor quiet area and with helping with our lovely Nature Reserve area.

They are currently planning a quiz night to be held in the Spring Term. We'll let you know the date shortly but please do come along and support our wonderful PTA.

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Girls' Football Team



The girls' football team has got off to a great start and James, their manager, has been very impressed by the standard of the girls already. After training this week James reported back that "there are exciting times in front of us and he's looking forward to seeing what lies ahead in the next term."



All girls from years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to come along and join in.

School CLUBS

Spring Term Summary

Monday	After School	Yrs 5 & 6	Netball
Monday	After School	Foundation & Yr 1	Spanish
Tuesday	After school	All year groups	Artastic
Wednesday	After school	All	Gymnastics
Wednesday	After school	Yrs 3 & 4	Spanish
Thursday	After school	KS2	Dance
Thursday	Lunchtime	Girls Yrs 4, 5 & 6	Football
Thursday	After school	Yrs 4, 5 & 6	Chess
Friday	Lunchtime	KS2	Football

Parent Volunteers - Reading

If you are interested in volunteering at the school through listening to children read, please contact the school as this is an invaluable support for many children.

Maths Evening

On Thursday 5th March we will be having a maths evening for parents giving you an opportunity to find out how we teach a range of different types of calculation appropriate to the different age groups in the school. This will hopefully help you when you are discussing your child's learning and homework with them.

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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/>



Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme is 'Find Your Brave'.

As a school we will be encouraging both children and staff to find their brave in all sorts of different ways and getting them to share their stories in class and assembly.

Do be sharing this with your children and encourage each other to take a brave step to do something out of their comfort zone, try something new or celebrate a time when they were brave in a difficult situation.

We look forward to hearing lots of stories of bravery throughout the coming week!

Water Bottles



Please can you check your child's water bottle and give it a good wash out if necessary. We have noticed a few of them looking a bit slimy inside recently.

Climate Change

On Tuesday 4th February we are very lucky to have two visitors coming into school to raise the awareness of climate change which ties in nicely as part of KS2's 'Life in the Freezer' work. The children will also be involved in the production of posters, poems and general information in support of this and some of this work will be on display at the EAG (Oakington & Westwick Environment Action Group) workshop taking place on 19th February.

If you are interested in finding out more about this, please see the poster at the end of the Newsletter.

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Attendance

We are continuing to monitor attendance closely and writing to parents of children with attendance below 96% (classed as persistent absenteeism).

Please do get in touch if you are having particular difficulties in getting your child to school and would like to discuss this.

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CLIMATE CHANGE DROP-IN WORKSHOP

Join us on Wednesday 19th February 2020
Drop in from 4.30PM - 7.30PM at
St Andrews Church Hall, High Street, Oakington

Come and hear how making little changes to our lives have a big impact on our world.
Free to attend, children's activities and refreshments provided

Organised by Oakington & Westwick Environmental Action Group as a drop-in event for local communities.