



Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week we enjoyed a brilliant visit from author (and comedian) James Campbell. It was thoroughly entertaining and inspiring. His energetic and hilarious workshops set the foundation for some super writing and a fantastic World Book Day.

We have recently purchased new playground toys and equipment which the children have been enjoying when it's been dry enough to be outside at lunch time!

Following weeks of wet weather, our caretaker has extended the patio area in the playground, giving a larger hard surface area for the children to play on.

You will see from the diary dates that the PTA have added a new date for a Quiz Night. All are welcome to come along and we look forward to seeing you.

I hope you have now had the opportunity to read our SIAMS report! We were delighted to be graded as Good across all areas.

Thank you for coming along to our maths workshop last night and supporting your children's learning. We hope you found it useful.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Andrews Church for the Easter Service on Friday 3rd April at 9.30am.

Nathan Clark
Head Teacher



Oakington Diary Dates:

Fri 20th March: Mothers' Day Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 20th March: Sports Relief Skipathon

Fri 27th March: Anthony Brown, MP, visit to school

Fri 27th March: PTA Quiz Night

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



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It's not too late to sign up, simply go to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oakingtonprimary> before shopping online or install the app - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/easyfundraising-app/>.

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them..." Romans 12: 4-6

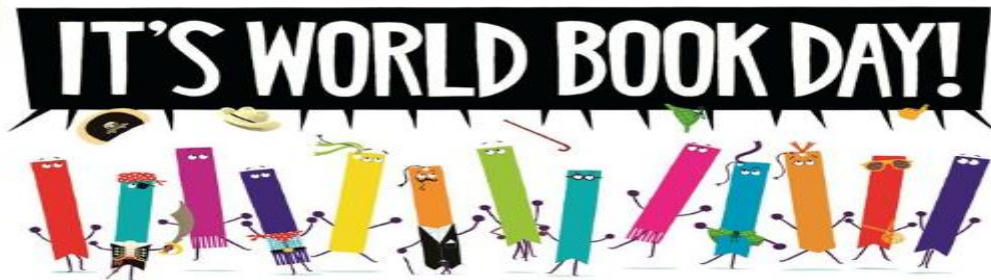


Who are the Governors at Oakington CofE Primary School?

My name is Helen Bryant and I am the Co-Chair alongside both Ben and Edmund, although the LGB is really more of a cooperative of people with differing skills and strengths working together in order to make Oakington the best school it can be.

My children are both at the school in Year 4 and Year 2 and so I've seen the impact and changes that have taken place during this time. I do hope you feel as I do that the school is forging ahead in a really positive direction. The areas that I am responsible for are Safeguarding and also RE and Collective worship. I currently teach Religious Studies and Philosophy at ages 11-18.

Please make yourself known if you ever see me in the playground or at any of the events.



We've had a wonderful week celebrating World Book Day this week from sharing fairy tale stories with books brought in from home in Acorn Class through to acting out Hansel & Gretel in Maple Class. See if you recognise any book characters from the photos below.



We actually counted in school 14 Harry Potters, 3 Wallys, 6 Spidermen, 5 Little Red Riding Hoods and 6 T-Rex!

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New Online System Payment Service

We are delighted to be able to announce that at the beginning of the Summer Term we will be accepting payments online using a secure website called ParentPay. You will be able to pay online using a debit/credit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores (eg Histon Co-Op store). ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to our school as we look to become a cashless school.

So what happens next? In the next couple of weeks we will be sending out Account Activation letters which will allow you to set up your account. If you already have a ParentPay account, as we know IVC currently use this online payment system, instructions will be provided on how to add your child to your account.

ParentPay is an easy to use online system that is available to use anywhere 24 hours a day.



Chess Club



Our Chess Club is now firmly established for our year 4's and 5's thanks to Ranko Pinter who runs the club after school on a Thursday. Each term the players learn more about the strategies of the game and put their new found skills to test in championship competitions. At the end of last half term Ranko reported there was an interesting outcome where the first place was shared by three people! As they ran out of time to resolve it the final table was not available until after half term but all through the matches great sportsmanship was shown by all.

School Office & Breakfast/After School Club

Please be advised that the school office is not staffed on a Wednesday after 10.00am.

We currently have places in both Breakfast and After School Club and at the moment in the case of emergency, children can be sent without prior notice. Please just drop Alison an email as confirmation for our records – akitching@oakington.cambs.sch.uk.



Skipathon



Don't forget to practice skipping ready for our sponsored skip coming up in March. All donations received will go towards Sports Relief.

Keep skipping!



If you have any spare clean socks, Acorn class are looking for donations for their spares box.



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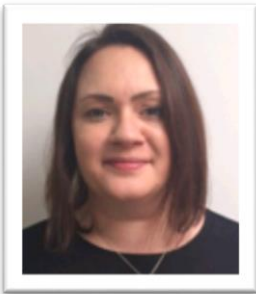


Spring Term 2 – Collective Worship

The theme for our assembly after half term: Hope



We will be introducing this theme and explaining that the Bible says there are three important things in life: love, trust (faith) and hope. Hope is the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in His faithfulness and we will be exploring this in further detail during our Collective Services.



New Member of Staff

We would like to introduce Selena Pratt to you as our new Middy Supervisor.

Mrs Pratt will be working four days a week with the children in our dining hall and we are delighted to have her join the team. Please do introduce yourselves and say hello as you will often see her in the playground.

Guitar Lessons

We are looking into the possibility of providing guitar lessons to children in year 2 and above.



If this sounds of interest to you, please can you let the School Office know. This is just so we can gauge initial numbers with no commitment on your side at the moment. There would be a charge for this provision.

Lunchtimes

Our focus this half term has been how to make lunchtimes and playtimes a more positive experience for our children and to ensure that we have a calm dining hall experience for all. Our staff have recently attended a morning workshop and we are brimming with ideas as to how to really make this work. Each week there will be a different focus that midday supervisors will be helping children with, it might be using both pieces of cutlery or good table manners and we will be continuing to help initiate games outdoors.



Oakington CofE Primary School Vision

We strive for excellence, encouraging all children to reach their full potential and make accelerated progress through high expectations, ensuring we know each child as an individual. We endeavour to provide safe, stimulating learning environments, promoting collaboration whilst being immersed in a broad, dynamic curriculum and inclusive Christian ethos.

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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/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Information & Advice

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are following government advice and guidelines. We have explained to the children the importance of washing hands thoroughly and how it is also important to sneeze into a tissue to help stop the spread of the virus.

For further information, please see the information sheet at the end of the Newsletter.

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CENTAUR

1104



GRIFFIN

1183



PHOENIX

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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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Cambridgeshire County Council - Government Coronavirus action plan

On Tuesday, March 3, 2020, the Coronavirus action plan was launched. This document sets out what the UK as a whole has done to tackle the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and what it plans to do next.

The action plan can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

Action plan overview

The action plan sets out a four phased approach in response to the Coronavirus – Contain, Delay, Mitigate, and Research. An approach designed by world leading experts.

As there are already cases in the UK, the current emphasis is on the Contain and Research phases, but planning for Delay and Mitigation is already in train.

As part of the Contain phase, we have been providing advice about educational settings in England, which can be found on Public Health England's website. We also launched a DfE helpline to manage the flow of increasing queries, from providers parents and young people.

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes – also help in delaying the peak of the infection.

The action plan is a framework that outlines the types of options open to government in each of these four phases. But this document is only a list of the types of measures we could consider – not those we are planning to implement.

Current advice remains in place: No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The importance of hygiene

On Wednesday, March 4, 2020, the Department of Health and Social Care launched a public information campaign that focuses on the importance of handwashing. Washing hands for 20 seconds is central to prevent and slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/public-information-campaign-focuses-on-handwashing>

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

On Monday we launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Where to find the latest information

Updates on COVID-19:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Guidance for educational settings:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Latest Department for Education information:

- <https://twitter.com/educationgovuk>
- <https://www.facebook.com/educationgovuk/>