



Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done, everyone, on reaching our half term holiday so positively! The first half term of the academic year is always a tough one, readjusting to school routines and familiarising with new teachers and classmates. Needless to say it has been more the case this year than ever before! We are very proud of how our school community has supported each other through the weeks so far.

Congratulations to all of our stars of the week this half term. Well done for your hard work and setting a great example to those around you.

Kittles have informed us that the School Photograph Portal has now gone live and you can now view both individual and sibling photographs on line. Orders and payments will be placed directly through the Kittles website.

Just a reminder that the clocks go back one hour this weekend!

I do hope you are all able to enjoy a break and relax in some way over half term. Let's hope the weather is nice and we can all get out for some beautiful autumn walks.

Nathan Clark - Headteacher

Oakington Diary Dates:

- 22nd Oct:** Last day of school
- 23rd Oct:** Inset Day
- 26-30th Oct:** Half Term
- 2nd Nov:** School opens
- w/c 2nd Nov:** parent/teacher consultations
- 13th Nov:** Children in Need day
- 27th Nov:** Flu immunisation
- 30th Nov-3rd Dec:** Yrs 5 & 6 Bikeability
- 11th Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day
- 16th Dec:** Christmas Lunch
- 18th Dec:** Last day of school
- 4th Jan:** Inset Day
- 5th Jan:** School opens

Harvest

Thank you for supporting Harvest Festival in school. All donations will be passed on to Jimmy's in Cambridge supporting the homeless locally.

We hope you enjoyed watching our Harvest Festival assembly with your family.





The theme for our assembly this half term:

Respect

In order to respect everyone, believers must be conscious that God has created all people in His image, regardless of whether or not they believe in Christ. We should show people proper respect because their souls are of more value than anything else in the world.

A Day in the Life of Chestnut Class....

Chestnut class worked really hard this half term to fill their pom-pom jar. As a reward for all their effort, the class chose to have a class pyjama party and bring in a cuddly toy. We also ate popcorn and played games.

Lots of fun was had by all and we hope that next half-term will be just as successful.



Keep working hard and well done Chestnut Class!

Mrs Griffiths and Ms Merriman-Brown



Golden Leaf Awards

At the end of each half term we like to celebrate the achievements of our children in school with a Golden Leaf award. We are very proud of our children and were delighted to be able to congratulate the following people.

<u>Acorn</u>	<u>Elm</u>	<u>Maple</u>	<u>Birch</u>	<u>Chestnut</u>	<u>Oak</u>
Everyone in Acorn class for settling in so well!	Alfie Harry Liliana Mason Phoebe	Ben Blossom Emily Oscar Theo	Emily Harry Rowan Ruby Tey Will	Daniel Emily Emma Levi Roxie	India Max Samuel Shakira Thomas Zoe



Our lost property is kept in Reception and the cupboard is now overflowing. If you believe you have lost an item of clothing please do have a look and any unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of w/c 2nd November. **Please remember to name all items of clothing so we can return them to their owners.**



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/>

COVID-19

Please see the 'Quick Guide for Parents' at the end of the Newsletter for an easy reference for what you should do if unsure.

Following the government's update:

Just a reminder to parents/carers to say goodbye at the school gates of a morning. It is really helpful if you can arrive on time, rather than too early, to prevent a build up of people.

Can we also remind our families that they should leave the school site immediately at the end of the school day. Children are not allowed to play on the field. In addition, parents/carers should not walk around the back of the school to collect siblings.

We would encourage all persons over 16 to download the new NHS COVID 19 App onto smartphones and to use the new contact tracing system.

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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.



Covid-19 Related Absence – a Quick Guide for Parents

What should I do if?	Action needed ...
<p>My child is feeling ill with Covid-19 symptoms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back • a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours • a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. <p>Most children with Covid-19 have at least one of these symptoms.</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THEIR SETTING/S</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate. Your child will need to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms; the rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>You should book a test for your child using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p> <p>Please note - <u>only</u> the person with symptoms should be tested and there is no need for others in the household to have a test, unless they also have any of the symptoms mentioned.</p> <p>Make sure you tell the setting/s immediately about the result of the test.</p>
<p>My child is feeling ill with other symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose or a headache.</p>	<p>You should act in the same way as you would have done before the pandemic. This may involve sending your child to their care setting or keeping them at home, depending on the nature and severity of symptoms. Of course you should seek medical advice via your GP or NHS direct on 111 if you would normally do so.</p> <p>Please note – if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this, as is normal policy.</p>
<p>Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THEIR SETTING/S.</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate and the person with symptoms should book a test using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THEIR SETTING/S.</p> <p>The whole household should isolate for 14 days. The person who has tested positive must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours.</p>
<p>Someone in my household with symptoms tests negative for Covid-19</p>	<p>Your child can return to their setting, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any further Covid-19 symptoms.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO THEIR SETTING.</p> <p>Your child must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours. The rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.</p>
<p>My child tests negative for Covid-19 (test done when the child had symptoms)</p>	<p>Your child can return to their setting, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any Covid-19 symptoms.</p>