



# NORTH KIDLINGTON SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER No: 1

*North Kidlington School inspires and develops every individual to enjoy, achieve and succeed*



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back!

I hope you had a fantastic Christmas with your family and I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

### ATTENDANCE

If your child is ill please inform the school office on the first day of absence, either by telephone, e-mail or ParentMail. Any child whose attendance falls below 85% will automatically receive an attendance letter. **Expected attendance is 96.00%** because good attendance will help to improve your child's learning.

### PUNCTUALITY

The school bell is rung at 8.45 a.m. and children are expected to be on site ready to go into their classes to begin early morning work. This work involves consolidation of a wide range of key skills in reading, writing, work corrections, play activities, timetables and spelling revision.

### UNARRANGED MEETINGS WITH CLASS TEACHERS

Please do not hold unscheduled discussions with Class Teachers at 8:45am when the school bell is rung. If you need to talk to a Class Teacher about your child please arrange to talk to them before 8:45am or after 3:15pm.

Talking to your child's Class Teacher at 8:45am **IS NOT** the correct time as the children need to go into class immediately to start their learning for the day.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM AND COATS

Please make sure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat/jacket, as well as the correct uniform.

### SEPTEMBER 2018 PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES

Applications need to be completed by post or online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) by Monday 15th January 2018. Places will be allocated and issued by Oxfordshire County Council on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2018.

### SAFEGUARDING USING CLASSROOM TOILETS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN-BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL

Please do not use any of the classroom toilets, for young children, before or after the school day unless you have asked a member of the school staff.

If, as an adult, you do need to use the toilet then the only one that can be offered to you is the toilet in the School Reception. Thank you.

### HEALTH & SAFETY SCHOOL PARKING

Please take extra care when dropping and collecting your child at school by adhering to the Highway Code signage and road markings.

Please park in areas away from residential driveways (so that our neighbours can easily enter or exit their property), in areas with no restrictions or use the car park behind Tesco. Thank you.

### HEALTH & SAFETY CYCLING TO SCHOOL

If your child wishes to cycle to school please ask the office for a cycling permit. If your child is riding their bicycle to school then their bike **MUST** be in a road worthy condition and they **MUST WEAR A CYCLE HELMET**. Thank you.

### HEALTH & SAFETY OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

Due to the increased number of incidents of children being injured on outdoor play equipment outside of the normal school day across the County, ALL schools have been instructed by Oxfordshire County Council to tell parents the following message:

**PLEASE DO NOT USE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BEFORE OR AFTER THE SCHOOL DAY.**

### SPRING TERM OVERVIEW FOR PARENTS

The Spring Term overview of topics to be taught during the Spring Term can be found on the School web-site. If you wish to have a paper copy then please contact the School Office.

### KEY DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM 2017

Key dates of events taking place during the Spring Term are in the process of being compiled. These dates will be published on the School Web-site as soon as possible. As always additional events may take place and I will let you know about them as soon as I can.

### YOULBURY RESIDENTIAL TRIP – JULY 2018

We still have four places for the residential trip to Youlbury on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The cost of the 2 nights / 3 days visit is £152.00. If you are interesting in sending your child please contact the school office.

### KIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Kidlington Parish Council are planning their next village clean up on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 10am 2 pm. If you are able to help please meet at Exeter Hall for refreshments and litter picking equipment. Please confirm your attendance to [community@kidlington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:community@kidlington-pc.gov.uk)

Gary Kemp  
Head Teacher

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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